

Sackville News

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With the present levels of anxiety nationally, I feel it is only right to commence this issue of Sackville News with reference to the challenging Coronavirus situation.

I would like to reassure everyone that, alongside all West Sussex schools, we are carefully following the government guidelines on dealing with the coronavirus, and receive updates on a daily basis. Current advice remains that schools should remain open as normal. We are aware of the possibility of some disruption as the government response enters the 'delay' stage, and are planning to ensure that learning and assessment continues in the optimum way possible should such disruption occur. We will keep in close touch via email of any further developments. Thank you.

Since the half term break, our **year 11s** have sat their **second set of mock examinations** this year over a two week period and their approach throughout was excellent. I could not have been **more proud of them** and would like to take this opportunity to **thank you, the parents**, for all of your unfailing support. The final GCSE year is challenging and we are absolutely committed to helping our young people achieve their very best through **standing beside them the whole way**. Our second **parents' evening** with subject teachers is held next week, a schedule of **Easter holiday revision classes** is currently being put together and an **exams preparation evening** will be held at the end of April at which the individualised summer timetables for the students will be explained.

Our **sixth form students** are also preparing hard and this year we have further refined our support and monitoring process following their mock examination outcomes. They are an **impressive year group!**

I can now report to everyone that the school is **once again heavily oversubscribed** with first preference choices from year 6 parents for **entry to year 7 in September 2020** following admissions letters being sent to parents on 1st March. This is a **significant vote of confidence for the school** from the local community for which we are very grateful. We are also conscious that there are many disappointed families at the current time; it is likely that the local authority will hold **appeals for Sackville places** in June.



The **year 10 history visit to Berlin** can be a pivotal moment in the GCSE course, as students see first-hand the historical places which play such a large part in the Germany component of the course. Sights visited this year included the **Bundestag**, the **Holocaust Memorial**, the **Story of Berlin Museum**, the **Sachsenhausen concentration camp**, **Checkpoint Charlie** and the **Topography of Terror**. It's a packed, informative and very moving itinerary, but one which makes the subject come alive. I am

very grateful to **Alison Vance**, **Hayley Garrison**, **Laura McLeod**, **Sophie Odell** and **Neil Feist** for organising the visit and accompanying the students.



Congratulations to **Matt Tomkinson** in year 13, who has been selected for the **England U18 reserve squad**. This small group of young men support the National England Counties U18 main 23 player squad, for which Matt narrowly failed to be selected. Matt has played a season for the **Sussex County under 18 team**, and his impressive performances with them led to selection for the **England Rugby – London & South West Divisional team**, and finally to the selection weekend for the national side. As he prepares for his A levels in the early summer Matt will remain on standby for a call up to the forthcoming matches against **Ireland** in April.

Staying with sport, our amazing champion kickboxer **Cecece Cashman** in year **10** took a weekend away from her studies at the end of February to travel to Dublin and collect **yet another gold medal!** You can see how much this means to both her and her coach from the picture – even though she has so much gold on her trophy shelf already.





Sackville is a strong supporter of **town twinning** and it was a genuine pleasure to entertain a large party of college students from **Mindelheim, in Bavaria**, on Friday 28th February as part of their lightning visit to the UK. They were entertained to a **traditional 'full English' breakfast**, superbly prepared and served by **Sue Smeaton** and her **year 13 hospitality students**. The students talked of their excitement to visit East Grinstead and London over the next couple of days, as well as share information about their home town. The visitors were not afraid to pitch in to help **Olivia Burton** and **Grace Holmes** with the washing up, as can be seen from the picture.

Thursday 5th March was **World Book Day** and, as usual, our **English department** did not disappoint us with their enthusiasm towards celebrating it in style. On top of a heavy marking load from the year 11 mock examinations, their energy is extremely impressive!

Finally, Year 10 student **Ollie Tomkinson**, a keen drummer now learning the bass guitar, was invited to attend the **Stereophonics** concert in Brighton last week by **bass guitarist**

Richard Jones. Richard arranged for him to watch the sound check and then join him on stage to meet the band, and in particular **Jamie Morrison** the drummer. Richard (pictured here) showed Ollie around the set and talked through how the sound and lighting equipment was arranged and set up before himself testing out Ollie's bass guitar and signing it for him. Jamie then appeared with a set of sticks and invited Ollie to play his drums on stage.



Ollie then watched the show later that evening before meeting up with Richard again for a tour round the crew area, practice studio and band lounge. What an amazing experience!

With best wishes,

Julian Grant
Headteacher

Sackville debaters

Ms Wernham writes:-

On Thursday 27th February the formidable year 13 debate team visited nearby Lingfield College to take part in the MACE South East Regional Finals. The competition was fierce involving five other schools (St. Edmunds School, Brighton College, Sevenoaks School, The King's School, Canterbury and Lancing College) debating a range of topics including: ***This house would introduce a Universal Basic Income*** and ***This house believes that tech companies must hand over users' personal data to law enforcement agencies if requested to do so.***

Pitched against Lancing College, our superb team of **Imogen Gaines**, **Ellie Smith** and **Aminah Rahman**, spoke for the opposition on the motion: ***This house would abolish the House of Lords.*** The speakers delivered engaging arguments, offered on the spot rebuttals to Lancing College's interjections and summed up with a strong finish.

The girls worked incredibly well as a team and were commended for their polite debate style, use of humour and excellently structured speeches – skills honed under the expert guidance of Mrs Stuart.

The judges took a long time to deliberate and only one team could go through to the national finals in London in March. Brighton College were the overall winners of the night but our Sackville team were highly praised by the judges and given very positive feedback as well as some constructive points to focus on in future. As the only state school left in the competition we think they did an outstanding job and are extremely proud of them – well done Team Sackville!



Intermediate Maths Challenge

We'd like to offer our congratulations to **Matthew Botten** in year 10, who has qualified for the **Hamilton Olympiad**, open to the best 600 mathematicians up to the age of 16. He also took part in the **Senior Maths Challenge**, open to sixth-formers as well. Here he writes about his experience in the challenge.



The UK Maths Trust (UKMT) Senior Maths Challenge (SMC) is open to all students under the age of 18 in the UK (Year 13). The SMC is a series of questions that increase in difficulty and are made to be challenging and to stretch the most able students.

The paper consists of 25 multiple choice questions and you have 90 minutes to answer as many as you can. Everyone starts with 25 points and a further 4 points are added for each correct answer and 1 point is deducted for each incorrect answer (excluding answers left blank). Consequently the maximum mark is 125 and the minimum is 0.

The questions were very challenging- here is one of the latter questions:

- 21.** In a square garden $PQRT$ of side 10 m, a ladybird sets off from Q and moves along edge QR at 30 cm per minute. At the same time, a spider sets off from R and moves along edge RT at 40 cm per minute. What will be the shortest distance between them, in metres?
- A 5 B 6 C $5\sqrt{2}$ D 8 E 10

In the SMC I got a result of 88, I am very proud of this result as I am only 14 (Year 10). In the SMC the 2019 thresholds for certificates were: Bronze - 49; Silver - 61; Gold - 76. As a result I have earned 3 certificates: Gold, Best in Year and Best in School!

The people who do well in the SMC (score over 76) qualify for the Senior Kangaroo and three people from Sackville qualified. This consists of 20 questions in 60 minutes with 5 points per correct answer starting at 0 points. These questions are even more challenging and all the answers are 3 digit numbers ranging from 000 to 999 with no multiple choice. I am very pleased with my result of 35 which means I was in the top 40% of people who qualified for the SMC nationally along with Luke Waddell in Year 12 who got the same score.

Anyone fancy a go at that question? Well done Matthew.

Sports news

25th February: **U14 boys' rugby** lost 26-35 to The Weald. Player of the Match **Jed Defriend**



26th February: **U12 netball** played nine back-to-back games at the Christ's Hospital tournament. Great determination from GK **Evie Horrod**. Good shifts to from **Adriana Howard** and **Nattie Lane**.



27th February: some great performances on a blustery day's cross country. **Gracie Beatty** 25th, **Bella Kilkenny** 154th, **Callie Devlin** 155th, **Staten Beynon** 65th, **Archie Kessell** 115th, **Freddie Mabey** 120th, **Jake Walters** 139th, **Albert Holroyd** 146th. **Jack McGregor** 48th, **Alex Nuth** 124th, **Seth Young** 92nd, **Tristan Simpson** 147th, **Freddie Walsom** 155th, **May Sippetts** 88th, **Sarah Tyler** 144th, **Livvy Roche-Motuel** 162nd, **Liberty Beynon** 166th, **Holly Sippetts** 189th, **Ella Whibley** 190th.

27th February: **1st XI boys' hockey** lost 0-2 to Worth. Player of the Match **Nathan Randall** for his work rate and **James Knott** for making a couple of excellent saves.



2nd March: **U12 girls' football** lost 1-5 to Hazelwick. Great first half with the highlight being **Harriet Fanner's** run down the entire pitch before passing to **Nattie Lane** to score. Player of the Match **Lily Churton-Sharp** for her fantastic defending and **Harriet Fanner** for being everywhere!

2nd March: **U14 boys' football** lost 0-6 to The Weald. Players of the Match **Dominic Newman** and **Oscar Bushell**.



3rd March: **U12 basketball** beat Forest 24-8. Excellent performance from the whole team, with special mentions to **Titu Mendy Mendy** for his strong interceptions and **Dylan Lingard** for his consistent scoring from lay-ups.



4th March: **U13 boys' hockey** lost 1-2 to Oathall. **Alex Nuth** had a great game in midfield, linking up well with **Freddie Mabey** and **Matthew Mogg**. **Barnaby Chappell** was effective in his centre back role, and **Archie Sommerville** at right back.

6th March: **U12 basketball** beat Imberhorne 14-12. Special mentions to **Caleb Wescott** and **Aaron Mukasa-Akehrst**.

10th March: **U14 netball A's** beat St Paul's 14-12, Player of the Match **Mia Carew**. B's lost 6-8, Player of the Match **Dominika Molnar**



10th March: **U12 boys' rugby** beat TWBGS 35-15. **Benjamin Darch (4), Aaron Mukasa-Akehurst, Logan Sewell and Frankie Harris-Ward** with the tries.



10th March: **U13 boys' indoor cricket** (pictured) lost narrowly to both Downlands and Imberhorne.

Well done to the U15 team who are through to the finals day at the County Ground in Hove.



11th March: **U18 netball** lost to Christ's Hospital 16-30. Player of the Match **Freya Healiss**.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

The second hand uniform shop is now in place – **most items only £1 each**

We have shirts, skirts, trousers and PE kits all waiting for a new home!

Please visit reception to ask to see the stock or ask your child to visit at lunchtimes.

We ask that you are patient if Reception is busy at the time you visit.

Is your child now too big for the shirt you bought 6 weeks ago? Please give it a new home at the second hand shop, all clothes donations to reception gratefully received.

Focus 10k for Chailey Heritage Foundation Sunday 31st May at Borde Hill Garden near Haywards Heath.

New for 2020: Run for my School!



We have an exciting competition for young people who are partial to a challenge! Take part in the Focus 10k (choosing from any of the following distances: 10k, 5k or Mini Mile) and you could win one of many exciting prizes! All distances are cross country, with the course taking in breath taking park and woodland, with just a couple of hilly sections to keep runners on their toes!

How does it work?

When you register a place for a child, select when prompted that you are 'running for your school'. (If you don't do this please email fundraising@chf.org.uk as soon as possible after registering to let us know which school you are running for).

What can you win?

- We will have a trophy donated by our event sponsor, Focus Group, for the fastest boy and fastest girl running in each distance (10k, 5k, Mini Mile).
- The winner of each category will also win a goody bag full of treats!
- We also have a prize for the school that has most runners taking part (you must all be registered as running for your school). You and your classmates will have the opportunity to have a session on Patchwork Farm - our brilliant therapy farm which is home to pigs, donkeys, sheep and many more friendly animals!

Who is eligible?

All runners must be aged between 5 and 18 on the day of the run (31st May 2020)

So round up a team and [Enter Now](#)

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