

# Sackville News

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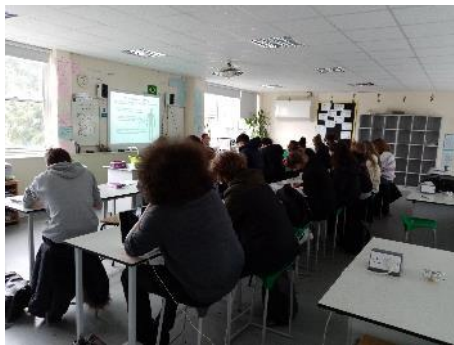
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Dear Parents and Carers

I write to you at the end of a special few days at Sackville. **This week we have welcomed all of our students back into the classroom**; we have our thriving and vibrant school back. As one of my colleagues said to me this week, 'working at Sackville has never felt better'.

We have **high expectations** of our students, and I am glad to say **they have risen to them spectacularly**. Many will be tired at the end of this first week of face-to-face teaching in nearly three months, but we can all look forward with optimism to the rest of this academic year.

These pictures give a brief taster of the path back to normality.



Year 12 biology straight back on it Monday morning



Mr Wilcox shows his year 11s his keyboard skills



Year 9 English analysing poems



Year 7 science first thing on Wednesday morning



Our testers – they lived in the D block hall for over a week!

As you can see from the pictures, **COVID testing** played a large part in the week. We have tested every student with consent twice over the last six working days and have now issued **home testing kits** for students to last until the Easter holiday. We have completed over 2500 tests over the last six days, none of which has been positive. This supports the published figures of the low prevalence of the virus in this area at present. Mr Bush writes later in Sackville News with some guidance on the use of the home testing kits.

The year **8 options process gathered pace this week**. On Tuesday, Mr Street and Mrs Tingley delivered [several virtual presentations](#) on this year's process. This was followed on Thursday with **parental interview slots** with Mrs Tingley, Mr Endersby. The options form is now available online.

Before signing off, I would like to **thank parents and carers** for helping make the transition back to face-to-face teaching as smooth as it can be. It is lovely to see evidence in our classrooms of all of the learning that happened in lockdown, and I am convinced that our students are really well-placed at this point in their studies, and a future full of opportunity awaits.

With best wishes for the week ahead.

Julian Grant  
Headteacher

# Home testing for Covid-19

Mr Bush writes:-

## Why are students being asked to complete tests at home?

Almost all students completed lateral flow tests (LFTs) for Covid-19 in school in early March to check for those carrying the virus but with no symptoms. Now students have learned how to take a swab, testing is to be completed at home. This reduces the risk of transmission into school.

## Who should take a test?

All students should take a test if a parent consents to doing so. However, if the student has tested positive for Covid-19 in the last 90 days from a PCR test need **not** be tested, as they may generate a 'false positive' result. They should wait until the 90 days have expired and then begin testing from day 91.

## Where do we get test kits from?

After their second test in school students were issued with home testing kits (so please check their bags if these have not been handed to you!) Each student has **two packs of three tests and an instruction booklet**. Further kits will be issued as they arrive. If you cannot find the tests, or have run out, please contact the year team for a replacement.

## When do students need to test?

Students should be tested **every Sunday and Wednesday** until further notice.

## Do I need to supervise my child to take the test?

Students under the age of 16 require supervision for the test and reporting of the result

## Once I have the result, whom do I need to tell?

**All results** (negative and positive) must be reported to the **NHS Test & Trace website**. Full details are given in the instructions so please follow them carefully.

Please only contact Sackville if the test is **positive**. If so, email Mr Bush on [sbush@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:sbush@sackvilleschool.org.uk)