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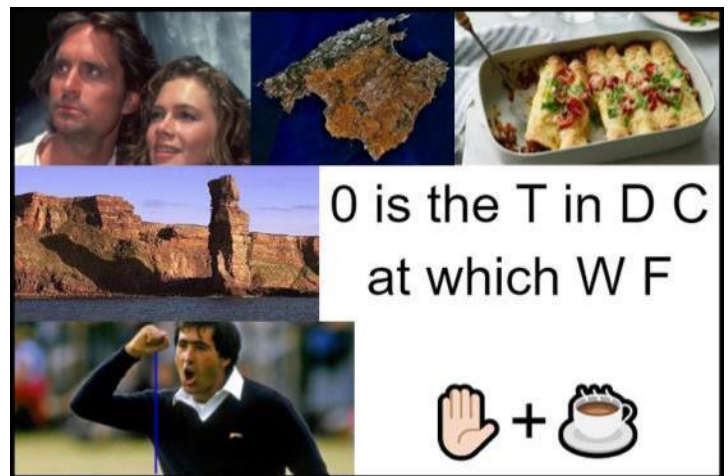
Dear Parents and Carers

Last week ended for many sixth formers, staff and governors with **Mrs Fleming's** quiz. Although these days every evening is pretty much the same, last Friday evening felt different for those of us who settled down to this perfectly pitched test of our wits. With 100 photo questions on categories as varied as wild flowers and music, there was plenty of challenge.

Could you have identified the film, the island, the dish, the landmark and the famous sportsman? Participants also had to solve riddles and emoji clues – what country is that?

Congratulations to the winner, our governor **Alison Brown** with a weighty 96.5 correct answers. She was closely followed by **Alice Knox** and **Anna Keen**.

This excellent evening's activity raised over £500 for the **East Grinstead Foodbank** and **NHS Charities Together**.



In this 'new normal' we are living in, one of the challenges for every household is finding activities in which everyone can join. I am glad to say that Mrs Fleming's quiz fitted this bill. Indeed it was so much fun that she has agreed to create a **new quiz for everyone in the Sackville community next week**, to be released in time for the bank holiday on Friday – keep an eye on your inboxes.



Last weekend, **Michelle Hollins** (mother of John and Rebecca) was due to complete the **London Marathon** in aid of the Queen Victoria Hospital. Instead Michelle was forced to run the 26.2 miles on a treadmill at home. In the end in fact she may have run some distance further than this due to a smart watch malfunction.

Sackville student leaders had decided that money from one of our **non-uniform days** would go towards sponsoring her efforts, and I am glad to say I signed a cheque for £500 this week for this worthy cause.

Our **DT team** have been in again this week to support the hospital, making another **200 face visors**, bringing the total up to nearly 500. They were joined by one of our parents, **Alison Larkin**, this week and also by Year Assistants **Mrs Smith** and **Mrs Mustard**. As you can see from the picture, this work has reached

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Teachers Kerri Pope (L), Kevin Treen (2R), Richard Martin (2L) and parent Alison Larkin, pose for a photograph wearing safety visors that they have created at Sackville School in East Grinstead (AFP via Getty Images)

the [Evening Standard](#)!

Below you can read how year 13 student **Ruby Morgan** is helping support the senior members of the local community. It is a moving read, made all the more remarkable by her own recent experience: Ruby missed much of year 11 after being offered vital surgery on her back in spring 2018. Thus Ruby shares with our current year 11s the frustration of missing the opportunity to sit her GCSEs, but in her case she received no grades at all. It's testament to her mettle that she did not allow this setback to stop her, instead returning to school in year 12 all the more motivated to succeed in both her GCSEs in maths and English and her level 3 studies.

I also am delighted to announce that **Evie Stone** (8SOL) has been selected for the **British Junior Women's Gymnastics Team** to compete at the **European Championships**. Evie is extremely modest and has been prompted on a number of occasions to share her amazing successes with us.



Each week I have been involved in quite a few virtual meetings and phone calls with **West Sussex** and with **headteacher colleagues** which are very helpful in terms of exchanging ideas and keeping continually up to date with the national picture. Our **Soft Federation** (Downlands, Imberhorne, Oathall and ourselves)

has been a particularly frequently-visited forum. I also serve on the **West Sussex Secondary Headteachers' Executive Committee** and we will be meeting again next week.

Needless to say, we are watching the situation very carefully and will keep you posted promptly about any developments.



In the meantime, I would like to express my **sincerest gratitude** for all of the support you are giving your children and the school at the present time. It is deeply appreciated. We continue to be dedicated to giving the best education possible in the circumstances and are always grateful for your feedback.

With best wishes for a safe and healthy bank holiday week.

Julian Grant

Headteacher

Proud to call her part of Sackville Sixth form

Mrs Valentine has recently asked our sixth formers to share their stories of what they are doing to help in the current crisis. This week she writes a profile of frontline student worker **Ruby Morgan**.

Ruby (a year 13 student) worked part time as a care assistant this year, alongside studying. This job has been ideal for her vocational studies, making her an outstanding student of Health and Social Care. Covid-19 has made Ruby unquestionably one of our frontline student workers.

Care work, especially in the era of Covid-19, is not glamorous - you will all be aware of the difficulties care homes and care workers are facing. Ruby has continued unquestioningly with this job throughout the pandemic, in spite of considerable personal risk to herself and indirectly to those she lives with - she continued quite simply because, she says, "I loved the job from the start". There was no question of Ruby stopping her job at this time, in spite of limited PPE at the beginning of the outbreak. She recognised she was needed all the more.

Ruby starts her shifts in the early morning, taking over from the night



shift. She updates herself on cases that may have arisen in the night such as residents falling ill, being taken to hospital or the very real occurrence of residents dying.

Her days are busy, fulfilling and worthwhile with duties including personal care (washing, feeding and cleaning patients), dressing wounds, and tending to the general wellbeing of the residents. She makes judgement calls on what issues she needs to refer to her manager and spends a good deal of her day talking to residents, responding to their frustrations and needs. She is on the receiving end of their praise as well as their anger and depression.

Ruby celebrated her 18th birthday this month - the same month in which she has sat by residents' beds, holding their hands as they have been frightened about how the illness will take its toll on them and sadly, in several cases, as they passed away.

In school, we do not always realise the amazing work some of our students do and their tremendous commitment to service of others.

In typical fashion, Ruby did not push herself forward for us to share this information, but we thank you Ruby for letting us share with others the incredible work you do. We share your parents' sentiments, when they say they are very proud of you - we too are very proud of you and proud you are part of our Sackville community.

To the rest of the sixth form, Mr Watson, your form tutors and I ask: please do let us know if you too are contributing to your community - we will not publish anything without checking with you first.

The Parents' Guide to Coping with School Closures

Attached with this newsletter you will find a document we have been sent to support families with navigating this challenging time as families. We hope it is a helpful document.

The document comes from '[The Parents Guide to](#)' website.

Sackville PE department on Instagram

Head over to our [PE Instagram page](#) to see some of those great photos of students (and some staff) getting physically active during lockdown.

Submitting remote learning for marking

Please can we ask that where students have completed an assignment using a computer, the document itself is **submitted onto Google Classroom or Show My Homework as requested**? Photos of work on screens is much more difficult to feedback on.

Of course if the work has been handwritten a photo is fine!

Thank you for your help and support with all the remote learning.



If you are Cabin Crew, hospitality and catering or retail employees and are looking for short term or long term employment (part time or full time), why not look at becoming a carer and being an essential part of the community!

Littlefair Care home is an independent family run Care home in the heart of East Grinstead.

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