

Sackville News

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Dear Parents,

The summer term has got off to its usual busy start and followed on from an Easter break when many well-attended **revision classes** were offered to our year 11 students. Saturday classes for English and maths are also currently offered and I cannot fault the dedicated approach of the staff, the year group and of course you, the parents. On behalf of the whole Sackville community, I would like to wish **year 11 and year 13 every success in their GCSEs and A levels** over the coming weeks and a special 'good luck' must also go to **year 10 who sit their first GCSE**, Beliefs and Values, on Monday 13th May.



We held two **information evenings** for our higher years (11 and 12) during the first week back and decided to plan them very differently to before, with a more varied approach. The former included **Mrs Beeney** introducing the **individualised timetables** for the exam period, a session on **managing exam anxiety** from Mrs Nibloe and even some healthy '**examination culinary delights**' prepared by our students. At the latter event, we



were pleased to **welcome a number of visitors from higher education institutions** as well as **ex-students** and all were pleased to answer queries from those present about their important choices ahead. I am **immensely grateful** to **Mrs Rooke, Mrs Valentine, Mr Millican** and all of the staff involved in these events.

Whilst on the subject of culinary delights, our **Year 13 hospitality students** gave staff and students a real treat when they created a lunchtime buffet to display '**cuisine of the world**' last week.



Food from every corner of the globe was available, including **India, Mexico, Italy, Greece, the USA** and even from **Nepal**, where some of the group had been with World Challenge last summer. Those present were asked to evaluate the dishes tasted and there were very many five-star ratings given. I have to say that we all enjoyed a very special lunch that day!

Congratulations to our **year 12** students of the **London Institute of Banking and Finance Level 2 Certificate in Financial Education** course. All have achieved a level 2 qualification. Pictured alongside teachers Mr Whitehead, Mrs Fleming and Mr May are students **Sofia Ntouka, Daniel Bowdery** and **Niall Moloney**, who received their certificates at a celebration tea on Tuesday 30th April. This course is specifically designed to give students a springboard either into the



world of work, or to further study. It includes a unit in personal finance as well as one in successfully applying for work. As ever, keeping abreast of new opportunities for our curriculum is crucial in ensuring that our young people receive the best possible support for their futures.



Our sixth form has been excelling itself in many other fields as well.

Congratulations to **Alice Holman** and **Marnie Trewern** who have secured a **bronze certificate** in the **Biology Olympiad**, run every year by the **Royal Society of Biology**. To achieve this, they had to come in the **top 15%** of the **more than 9000 A level students** who participated from over 700 schools. We have never had students achieve such high accolade before – so well done to these two excellent students.

Our **year 13 drama students** have set very high standards as they have progressed through the school, so their final performances (their **devised pieces**) were eagerly awaited by the audience on Thursday 25th April. They did not disappoint. Devised pieces are **completely the work of the students**: they write, produce, direct and, of course, act. Their pieces explored themes of **perspective** and **identity** and were devised in the style of *Frantic Assembly*.



The following Thursday was also a big day in the drama and performing arts block as students from **years 10 to 13 put on their showcase assessed pieces**. There were so many that the

performances started during lesson 1 and did not finish until after 5pm. A variety of pieces were on display including the exploration of split personality disorder, and the impact of a debilitating road accident on a young man's life. The senior students explored life through song, inspired by a Dylan Thomas poem.

For our year 13s, this was their last ever show at Sackville. So farewell and good luck to **Tom Whitwick, Ethan Chapman, Nuha Diaz, Juno Phitidis, and Melissa Turner**.

Well done to all of them, and a special thanks to **Ms Warran, Mrs Beasley and Ms Collins** for inspiring these young people.

At the other end of the age range, our year 7 students were recently delighted to welcome **Steve and Sue Scorer** to the school. They run the charity **Friends of Lindi**. Year 7 students raised money last term through a **'secret Valentine'** and later held an **Easter Fair**. Steve and Sue were in to receive a cheque for the **£450 raised** by the students. Well done to all the year 7s for their efforts!



A group of **year 10 students** visited the **University of Sussex** on a **Physics and Maths trip** this term, the aim being for the university to inspire them to think about taking **STEM** (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) subjects at A level and beyond. They undertook an engaging pilot course on **probability and statistics** which involved hands-on problems, requiring careful thought and working together. The students

were given plenty of stretch and challenge in the work and rose to the occasion. The students were great ambassadors for the school. Thanks to **Miss Medhurst** and **Mrs Jeffcoat** for accompanying and supporting the group.

This science success happened on the back of four year 10 students achieving extremely well in the **Royal Society of Chemistry's 'Chemistry Challenge'**. Congratulations to **Lucas Ryan, Sophie Larkin, Tristan Atkinson** and **Sam Parsons** who achieved an impressive **'Band B' score of 64%**.



On the last Friday in April, we were delighted to welcome **Mr Chris Smith of Rotary International** to present two of our students with awards for their performances in **Rotary-sponsored competitions**.



Readers of Sackville News will be aware of year 10 student **Bella Collins'** culinary exploits. Mr Smith awarded her with a prize (a bracelet) and a certificate for her achievements in the **Rotary Young Chef Competition**. Bella (left) won two heats, and was only narrowly beaten in the regional final.



Meanwhile **Rosie Baird** in year 12 achieved third place in the senior section of the **Rotary Young Photographer Competition**. Rosie's pieces will soon be on display at our annual exhibition of students' work, where you will be able to see the high standards achieved not just by Rosie but by all of our other art and photography students.



A number of our **wonderful singers** were on hand the following day to support **Anna Howie's performance at Trinity Arts** in Tunbridge Wells. Anna is our conductor and choir leader here at Sackville. Our students helped perform **four songs**, two of which were Anna's original compositions. This was a great opportunity to support a professional artist in a commercial performance.

Many parents may already know that our wonderful music technician, **Simon Forsyth**, left us for pastures new in London at Easter and he very kindly gave up his Saturday evening to accompany the students to this event. This is typical of his commitment and kindness and we wish him well.

Musical achievement here stretches far and wide: I am sure many in our community will be amongst the one of the million-plus viewers of year 10 student **Amber Titchener's** debut single **'Tick Tock'** which was released on Radio 1 over Easter. Huge congratulations to Amber on this success!



Sporting achievement continues to be outstanding at the school. Last weekend, **Joe Sheridan** in year 10 played a pivotal role in **Crystal Palace's victory over Wigan** in the **Super Floodlit National Cup**, making this team the **champions of England** in their age group.



Playing Wigan, Palace twice had to come from behind, finally securing a winner in injury time. Joe was kept on the field for the full 90 minutes, mainly because he managed to stop every Wigan player in his tracks!

On the previous weekend, year 7 student **Georgina Kane** completed the **True Grit Challenge**, a gruelling 25-mile walk in the heart of the Peak District. Georgina undertook this



challenge, which involved 700m of ascent, to raise money for [A4D](#) (Action4Diabetics), a **charity that supports people with diabetes in south-east Asia**. She was accompanied by her cousin and a friend who suffers from type 1 diabetes. This certainly was a real challenge, supported by none other than **Sir Chris Bonington**. Many did not finish – 25 miles is a very long way to walk, even without Pennine rain. Well done Georgina!

Congratulations also to **Callum Stone in year 11** who has won the **Brighton Mini-Mile** for an amazing **fourth time** which is more than anyone else has achieved, including athletes who have gone on to represent Britain at the Olympics.



Amazingly he still has a chance to make it a fifth title next year.

Year 8 student **Sarah Nield** competed in the **Wales National Tae Kwon Do Championships** in Merthyr Tydfil at the end of last term. This was her first national outing and she secured the bronze medal in patterns and sparring – a fantastic achievement. Well done Sarah.



Finally, I would like to focus on fine **fund raising activities that are taking place in memory of ex-Sackville students**.

Many of us will be aware that **Hugo Palmer** and **Erwan Ferrieux** were taken by the sea at far too young an age in February this year. These were **fantastic young men**, with an exciting future ahead of them. Both saw life as a great adventure, and devoured what it had to offer voraciously. Their journey down the coast of Australia was typical of this.

Hugo will be remembered above all as a student who was sensitive to the needs and feelings of others. His mature approach to his studies and the wider school life made him a successful and popular student. Teachers regularly commended him on his strong work ethic, his resilience, and latterly his strong set of employment-friendly skills. They were impressed by his modesty and keenness to seek out and act upon advice.

Erwan showed throughout his school career that he was very much his own man. One of his teachers recalls him 'working to the beat of a different drum' and this sums up the young man so fondly remembered by the school. He worked successfully at his academic studies, and was often commended for his industrious attitude. But beyond this he could always be relied upon for an original and interesting interpretation of what he was learning and we often felt we learned as much from him as he did from us.

We are **immensely proud of the fine young men these two became**, and our thoughts are with their families at this time. They will be long remembered by all of us.

I would like to share with you the [link to a crowdfunding page set up by Hugo's mother and Aunt](#). A target of **£30,000** has been set to build **memorial skate-ramps** at the skate park in Forest Row where Hugo spent so much of his time. **All donations are of course welcome**, and we will update our website with news of the project as it

develops. Knowing that the next generation of boarders were honing their skills on his legacy would have made Hugo extremely proud.

At the start of May, Sackville staff took on Forest Row Junior Football Club coaches in a football match in memory of **Luke Power** and **Tom Dawes**, two former Sackville students who lost their lives in a road accident in 2014.



Luke’s brother Lewis played for Sackville and Tom’s brother Adam played for Forest Row. Both the brothers are very strong footballers and improved the standard of play considerably! It was a close game with Sackville losing in the final few minutes to a long range strike from former Sackville student Callum Duckworth. Both Sackville goals came from Alex (‘Darren’) Light.

I am so grateful to the many staff who participated in such a rewarding and meaningful occasion.

26th May sees the opening of the **Matt Cox Memorial Cricket Pavillion in Edenbridge**. Over £150,000 has been raised by Matt’s friends and family in order to build this splendid new building which will be a fitting tribute to a remarkable young man. There will be two tiles behind the bar in the name of Sackville School. [Donations are still needed](#) to get the final trimmings finished and the whole project over the line.



With best wishes,

Julian Grant
Headteacher

Sports News

New term – new fixtures ... the sound of leather on willow ...

	<p>24th April: U15 girls’ cricket beat Oathall. Player of the Match Hannah Plumb for a great all-round performance.</p>
<p>26th April: U13 girls’ cricket lost their first game of the season to a very strong Tanbridge House side. Player of the Match Annie Lyons for her consistent bowling and one huge six!</p>	<p>30th April: U13 boys’ cricket lost to Warden Park, despite a Player of the Match performance by Rhys Hunt, 65 not out.</p>
<p>1st May^t: U13 boys’ cricket lost to Worth, despite making 143</p>	<p>1st May: U13 boys’ cricket Bs beat Worth off the last ball with</p>

for 1. **Max Aubrey** 56 not out, **Joshua Sparkes** 39 not out.
Player of the Match **Max** for his bowling

Jordan Harvey nudging a single to win off the last ball. Player
of the Match **Archie Kessell** for three wickets and 17 runs



1st May: **U13 girls' cricket** beat Benenden 170 to 162, but lost
to Burgess Hill School for Girls 131 to 155. Bowler's award to
Beth Currie for taking a great wicket. Batting award to **Annie
Lyons** and award for fielding to **Emily Moore**. Special thanks to
Mia Carew and **Noemi Molnar** for their support of other
teams. Overall we came 8th out of 18. Not sure what part the
dog played ...

2nd May: **U13 girls' cricket** lost to Warden Park 72 to 108 but
with a much improved performance. Bowler of the Match
Sarah Cotterell, Batter of the Match **Emily Moore** and Fielder
of the Match **Annie Lyons**

7th May: **U13 boys' cup cricket** lost by just one run to ...
Imberhorne! **Max Aubrey** top scored with 31, and shared four
wickets with **Logan Joao**

News from science

Chemistry Challenge

Dr Morley writes:-

'Name 3 of the 4 elements that follow Carbon in the Periodic Table.' This was a question in the recent final of *University Challenge* on BBC 2, and although our year 10 students are not yet ready for this level of competition, they are certainly ready for the Royal Society of Chemistry's 'Chemistry Challenge'. This is a competition for teams of year 10 students, and Sackville entered 15 teams.

The Chemistry Challenge comprises a 60 minute quiz that our year 10 Triple Science Chemistry students carried out back in November. The results only came back just before Easter and showed that all of our teams performed very well, but unfortunately missing out on progressing to the next stage of the competition. This means that together with the 'Chemistry Olympiad' and 'Top of the Bench' competitions, around 70 of our students have challenged themselves and put their Chemistry skills to the test. Chemistry is definitely raising its profile at Sackville!

One team stood out in achieving a 'Band B' score of 64%, so congratulations to them in particular. This team comprised Lucas Ryan, Sophie Larkin, Tristan Atkinson, and Sam Parsons.

By the way, if you don't know the answer to the question then you could look it up for yourself - or you can ask one of our brilliant year 10 Chemists!

Chemistry Experience Day at the University of Sussex

Kezia Augustine, Lily Kendrick and Aminah Rahman, year 12 write:-

On Thursday 25th April, we went to the University of Sussex for a Chemistry trip to see what studying Chemistry at Uni might be like.

The day was composed of many sessions, the first involving the lab. We were able to use their equipment (some of which we had never used or heard of before) and form the crystal compound Dimethyl Fumerate using various methods.

After lunch, we were able to view their complex, graduate level equipment, like the NMR machine, used to determine the content and purity of a sample as well as its molecular structure. From learning about these new

technologies in the classroom, to seeing and using them in the real chemistry world was incredibly insightful. We were able to conduct an Infrared Spectroscopy on the crystals we had all made, which we later analysed to determine its purity by observing its melting point.

Overall, we all thoroughly enjoyed the variety and interaction with the chemicals and high tech equipment that was available. We even stood in the lab that had been home to two Nobel Prize winners, one of which was for the discovery of fullerenes, which is now taught at GCSE!

LRC Report

Mrs Rose writes:-

Following the successful Reading Week at the end of last term, the **Book Face Competition** closed on 24th April, so it was my job to pick the winners. No easy task as there were some excellent entries, as you can see from the winners' pictures. I was able to give 5 students a £5 voucher to spend at the Book Fair and the top 3 winners got a goody bag also. These were Freya Wetherall 7HGN, Charlie Stripp 7SBP and Tiffany Batters 8DMY.



All the winners have now spent their vouchers at the **Scholastic Book Fair** which started on Friday 26th April and ran for the week until the following Thursday. As usual there were lots of bargains to be had as all the items on sale were **half price** which included some items of stationery and posters too. This always generates a lot of interest from students and staff and it's great to see the students discussing the books they want to buy and read.



In the LRC we have been letting students play some board games during lunchtime. This has been quite successful and I decided to bring in a jigsaw puzzle to see how this would be received. Its theme was Posters used during World War II, as the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landing is on 6th June. I thought I would set this as a challenge for the students to complete the jigsaw by this date. However, it has been so successful that several students completed the jigsaw within the week! So I've been hunting the charity shops for more jigsaws to buy.

We have also been busy with the **reading group**; students from year 8 and 9 meet every Tuesday at registration for a chat and chocolate finger! We have been reading a selection of books and enjoying some activities. The group is hoping to meet up with the local library in East Grinstead in an initiative to bring together young and old, suffering with dementia, to read and discuss a good book! More news on this to follow.



To ensure that we continue to **support students when they are unwell** we need to make sure our records are up-to-date. As a school we will continue to administer ad-hoc medication as per the consent slip you have completed. If you wish for this to change please contact the relevant year team. Should your child be diagnosed with any new medical condition please contact us. In addition, should your child's medical condition change (ie they no longer need to use their inhaler) please contact their year team.

We will continue to provide the support and medical assistance you have already agreed to unless we hear from you.

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.

Please can we ask all drivers in the school community NOT to park in the private road leading to Littlefair care home? It has in the past obstructed ambulances in emergencies.



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