

Sackville News

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Dear Parents,



The **exam season** began in full swing for year 11s on 13th May, and 20th May saw the **exams for year 13 students start in earnest**. I am delighted to share that the students have been really excellent in their approach and I am so grateful to you, the parents, for the wonderful support you are offering. The staff are working very hard in their various roles to ensure that the students feel encouraged, well prepared and cared for. I cannot thank them enough.

In light of this focussed time of year, Sackville News might look a bit thinner than usual!

On Friday 17th May, **Mr Whitehead** held his **final assembly for year 13s**, with another cohort successfully finishing their seven years at Sackville. This group have been **fantastic students**, role models and ambassadors for the school. We wish them the very best not just for their exams but for exciting times beyond Sackville.



Mr Whitehead says goodbye to year 13



Just before Easter five of our **best mathematicians** attempted a challenging follow-on round after finishing in the **top 5%** in February's **Intermediate Maths Challenge**. **Luke Waddell** (year 11), **Sophie Larkin** (year 10), **Emma Stefanescu** and **Samuel Baker** (both year 9) sat a "Kangaroo" paper, while **Matthew Botten** (year 9) qualified for the **prestigious Olympiad**, by virtue of being in the **top 500 nationally for his age group**.

These students spent time answering some demanding questions and did very well. In particular, **Luke gained a Merit for being in the top 25%** for his paper and **Matthew also gained a Merit** - and not far off being the first Sackville pupil to receive a medal. Congratulations to them all!

This week saw a number of our year 8 and 9 students attend an **anti-bullying workshop** at Imberhorne School organised by the **Diana Award team**. These students, along with others in the locality, will now become **ambassadors** who **educate peers** and **lead** anti-bullying campaigns. This is an excellent initiative.



Finally, I hope you all have a relaxing bank holiday weekend and half term break.

Best wishes,

Julian Grant
Headteacher

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.

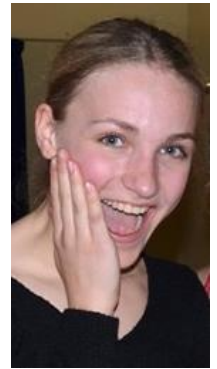
Is your child now too big for the shirt you bought 6 weeks ago? Please give it a new home at the second hand shop, all clothes donations to reception gratefully received.

Student news

As Mr Grant says the school machine is very much tilted towards supporting our students through exams at this point in the year – but that does not stop our students continuing to achieve some amazing things in and outside school.

Not content with working extremely hard for her GCSEs, year 11 student **Maddie Wrigley** has continued to dance with the Gielgud Academy in Haywards Heath. She is now their first student to obtain full-marks in a dance exam, **scoring the perfect 100 in her Grade 6 Modern exam**. She also scored a distinction in her intermediate ballet exam.

An amazing performance – well done Maddie!



Dance is a big part of the lives of a number of our students. **Ella Devine, Molly Putner, Ella Brown, and Callie Devlin** are part of **Division** who have worked with national acts such as *Diversity* and *Flawless*. This week they have performed at the Hawth in Crawley.

They are also performing with **Amber Titchener** at her concert at Chequer Mead and at **East Court Live**. Details of the Chequer Mead concert are later in Sackville News.

Division perform under the auspices of **Urban City**, a street dance troupe which trains at Sackville, often inviting professional dancers in to work with the students.

Year 12 student **Georgia Wilkinson** recently returned from a gruelling charity event supporting the charity **Walking With The Wounded** whose beneficiaries are military personnel returning, often from harrowing experiences, into civilian life.

The charity event was their **Cumbrian Challenge**. Georgia (right, with her dad) tackled their **flagship toughest route** in the mountains of The Lake District, a journey of 30km with 2000m of ascent, including several brutal climbs, completed in around 10 hours.



The team she was in has currently raised nearly £3,000, with Georgia and her dad raising nearly £500 of that. A number of Sackville students kindly supported Georgia with sponsorship.



Fellow year 12 student **Lucia Gomez-Darder** (left) meanwhile has become a star of **BBC Bitesize**, telling her story of being a lifeguard at the King's Centre in town. You can read all about it [here!](#)



for *Sackville News*. He writes:-

I started a group called The Allergen Group, "TAG".

TAG is a group for students, years 7-10, with allergies to talk to other students in the group about their allergenic experiences. It will be on the second and fourth Thursday of every month. On the second Thursday of each month, we will watch videos and talk about experiences. On the fourth Thursday, we will play board games and have fun.

Thank you for this article Kieran. On the next page you can also see the poster for his group, and the fourteen main allergens.

Year 8 student **Kieran Colvill** (right) has been busy recently setting up **The Allergen Group**. He has written a few words





The 14 main allergens are:



Finally, this week Mrs Fleming presented the inaugural awards for students who had best embodied the **Business Studies Department value of 'never give up'**. **Chloe Worth, Jasmine Silk, Jessica Holland, Callum Roberts, Tia Holland, Bemna Kusu-Orker, Olivia Johnson** (all pictured), **Alex Ganski** and **Jasmine Brown** were chosen because of the outstanding effort they had put into this half-term.



Sports News

Hot on the heels of her amazing performance in Wales reported in the last edition of *Sackville News*, year 8 student **Sarah Nield** secured the bronze medal for Sparring in the 13-17 category at the Tae Kwon Do internationals in Coventry.

Sarah was the **youngest in her age group** (which would have included students up to year 12) which makes this achievement particularly special.

Many of our students are not just great sportspeople themselves, but also act as strong ambassadors for PE both at Sackville and in the local community. These photos show our students running a stoolball session for Estcots students, and a quick cricket tournament at the East Grinstead Sports Club. Thank-you for all your work!



Sports Results

The fixtures have been coming thick and fast as the weather has improved ...

13th May: **U14 boys' cricket** lost to Warden Park. Chasing 150, Sackville made 188-7, built on an opening partnership of 70 between Jake Lingard and Alec Macey.



15th May: **U12 boys' cricket** lost to The Weald by five wickets. Sackville made 100-6, with **Rafe Coetser** and **Archie Sommerville** making 14 each.

15th May: **U15 girls' cricket** beat Oathall 92 to 63. Player of the Match went to **Hannah Plumb** for her fantastic batting, hitting three 6s.

15th May: **Track and Field Athletics Cup**. Intermediate girls and boys both fourth, junior boys 5th and junior girls 7th. Great effort and attitude by all.

16th May: **U13 boys' cricket** beat Forest by nine wickets. **Max Aubrey** returned figures of 2-9, with **Dominic Newman** outstanding behind the stumps. **Max** then retired on 32 not out. **Rhys Hunt** also retired on 31. **Joshua Sparkes** saw us home with 12 not out.



16th May: **U13 girls' cricket** beat Oathall 85-75. **Annie Lyons** got three wickets, and **Emily Moore** top-scored.

16th May: **U14 boys' cricket** lost to Tanbridge House by 35 runs. Player of the Match **Charlie Snashfold** for brilliant 'keeping and 14 not out.

21st May: **U15 boys' cricket** beat Hazelwick in the County Cup by four wickets with ball to spare. Player of the Match **Jake Lingard** with a fantastic 52 not out.



16th May: **Year 9 Super Six Athletics**. Sackville overall winners ahead of five other schools.



21st May: **U13 girls' cricket** lost 75-99 to Millais. Well done to everyone. Player of the Match was **Annie Lyons**.

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Sackville School Art Exhibition

Private view 5-7.30pm Wed 26th June

A Level Art & Photography

GCSE Art

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Exhibition open
Mon 24th
Weds 26th June



Selected student work will then be on display at
St Swithun's, East Grinstead in July.

Work shown is
by Rosie Baird