

Sackville News

25th May 2018



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Dear Parents,

Miss Offler is a winner in the Sussex Teacher of the Year Awards!



I am delighted to headline this edition of Sackville News by congratulating Miss Offler on being selected as a **winner in the Sussex Newspapers 'Teacher of the Year' awards**.

These awards, presented at a grand ceremony in Brighton in June, recognise **outstanding contributions by staff in Sussex schools**, and are based on nominations from students, parents and colleagues. This is very well deserved!

I am also delighted to announce that Mrs Rawsthorne has completed the SSAT Leadership Legacy Project, during which she engaged with a number of activities to shape her vision for education in the future. She is now an **SSAT leadership fellow**.



Our GCSE, A level and Btec **examinations** are in full swing now and I must pay tribute to the **excellent approach of the students** to this. It is an incredibly pressurised period of time and I would like to **thank the staff** for all the support they are giving throughout. We have been grateful for some very kind feedback from parents about this and I know how dedicated you have all been to helping your daughters and sons. Once again, it reflects **our community at its best!**

Parents may have noticed recent media focus on the fact that in nearly half of all schools in this country no girls go on to study **A level physics**. I am very glad to say that this is **not the case at Sackville**, as the photo of some of our female physics A level students shows! We are also very proud of our young women who go on to the challenge of physics at university. Last year's top performer Ciara Nightingale is soon to return to enthuse current students with her tales of studying astrophysics at Bath University. Long may this engagement and success continue.



More success has been achieved recently with two Sackville students qualifying for the **Junior Maths Olympiad** after their exceptional performances in the Junior Maths Challenge last month. **Thomas Salter** (year 7, left in picture) and **Matthew Botten** (year 8) both scored so highly as to both secure a **gold certificate** and proceed to the next round of the challenge, the **Olympiad**. **Matthew even managed to score full marks**.

Well done to these two young men – we look forward to finding out how you have got on. Congratulations also to **everyone who took part** as many other high marks and certificates were achieved.



Parents may recall from the last edition of Sackville News that our **sixth form students organised a talent show** to raise funds for the Base (one of our centres for student support). The show was very successful and the cheques are paid in! Well done to **Melissa Turner** and **Holly Barden** for all of their wonderful work in organising this.

Last weekend saw the **Sussex County Girls' U14 football team win the South-East Region County Cup**. Sackville Student **Lucy**



Plumb played a key part in the team, which won on penalties after a draw in normal time. Congratulations Lucy!



Meanwhile fellow year 9 student **Amber Titchener** has performed her self-penned track entitled **Jigsaw** for the prestigious **Wurd Sessions** channel. We believe that she is the youngest performer to undertake such a recording for their **"One Song, One Take"** series; the channel contacted Amber's father after seeing her play live. Amber is definitely a name to watch for the future!

Our **year 13 performing arts students** have signed off in some style with their final

performance last month. Their piece portrayed the struggles of a young woman facing the challenges of growing up with the usual twenty-first century pressures, but exacerbated by her schizophrenia. Each of the students took a turn to act the central character, as she struggled with her inner demons and the unsympathetic attitudes of some of those around her. Clever use of sound and music, all chosen and arranged by the students, built an intimidating and claustrophobic atmosphere which drew the audience into the inner turmoil of the main character.



Pictured here are **Amy Collins, Imogen Fraser, Tia Bartlett, Catherine Belcher** and **Megan Parsons**. For these students the performance marks their **final contribution to the performing arts at Sackville**, and the end of an involvement that for some of them goes back **seven years**. We are going to miss them!

'An incredible performance'



These were the words of one of the audience after an hour in the company of our **year 12 drama students**. The group had put on a powerful version of **Jim Cartwright's 'Road'** which took us back to the industrial north in the 1980s. All the characters live on the same road, and the piece portrays their sense of desperation in the face of the insurmountable economic challenges of the period. As the ensemble converged on the chorus-like ending, chanting in unison *'somehow, somehow, somehow I might escape'*, the audience were left in no doubt about the power of the piece. There was certainly no room for argument about the talent of the cast. This amazing performance makes us

look forward all-the-more to their work in year 13.

Pictured here are (back) **Ethan Chapman, Melissa Turner, Imogen Hannam, Nuha Diaz, Gabriel Rathbone, Iuri Bennett, Amanda Heather, Juno Phitidis** and (front) **Laura Sizer, Wade Marais**.



When we return from half term, we will soon be **welcoming year 5 students to our taster days** and then, of course, **year 6 students and parents to our induction interviews, induction days and induction evening**. I am finding it hard to believe that this will be the sixth cycle for me! If we add the **year 11 and 13 proms**, the wonderful **Eggsfest** celebration, **Curriculum Enhancement Week** and our **sports days**, we have a busy but enjoyable time ahead. The **examinations** also continue well into June so we will be maintaining that focus for all.

Finally, I would like to say a fond farewell on behalf of us all to **Sarah Hill, Julie Hall** and **Lesley Gogarty** who are moving on to pastures new. Sarah has been a learning support assistant at Sackville for many years and has given fantastic support creating and managing the costumes for all of our school shows. Julie has also been a dedicated learning support assistant and has been kind enough to support many language trips abroad and geography residential visits. Lesley has been a study supervisor supporting lessons for absent colleagues with the utmost reliability. We are very grateful to them all and wish them all the best.

With best wishes for an enjoyable half term break,

Julian Grant
Headteacher

Science news

Mrs Stromfield writes:-

Science Week competitions

Back in March we wrote about our **Science Week competition** that we ran with years 7-10. We challenged them to research the scientific discovery that they thought was the most important in one of four categories. Here are the winners and some comments from the judges.

- **Biggest impact on environment: WINNERS: 8H3K**, Shannon Campbell-Smith and Olivia Bluhm, and Jude Mahoney. Two entries for the same class really covered all the bases on discovering global warming and how population increases impact the environment
- **Biggest impact on space exploration: WINNER: 9H4B**, Charlie Stone - amazing work as he managed to cover every category in his efforts
- **Biggest impact on people worldwide: WINNERS 10Y1**, Will Grange, Adam Lowe and Joe Lancaster- the internet (unsurprisingly quite a common topic, but a nice succinct effort)
- **Most unique entry WINNERS: 7L2U**, Amy Nolan and Phoebe Moles for their work on 'eye tracking' - just loved this, and thought it tied in quite nicely with the theme of the week



If you're interested in seeing their **AMAZING** efforts, all of the winning entries are being displayed on the second floor stairs as you go up to A37/8 and 9 (pictured). The entries all showed excellent effort and some missed out by a very small margin but congratulations again to those winners. They have won a large edible prize for them and their class.

Sackville science flies in the face of Institute of Physics statistics

If you read the news recently you will have seen the statistics from the Institute of Physics in the **BBC article 'How physics gender gap starts in the classroom'**. It states that 44% of schools in England still send no girls at all to study the subject and 'In 2016, 1.9% of girls chose A-level physics'. **At Sackville this simply isn't true!**



Where will these young women take their physics?.....

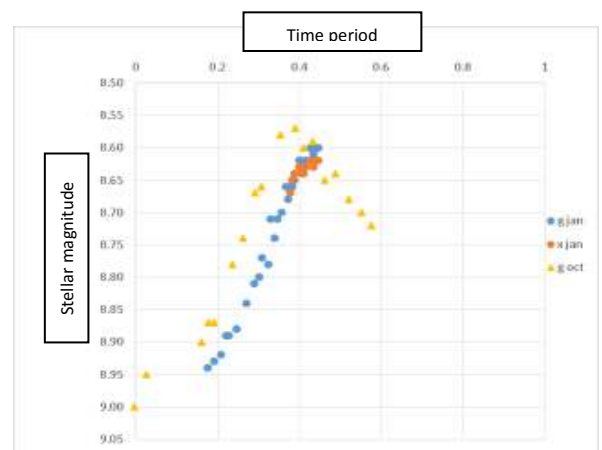
We more than double the national average for girls studying physics in our year 13 cohort with 4.3% of girls taking the subject, and it is quadrupled with 7.6% of our female year 12 students choosing A level physics. Several of our students have gone on to continue to study physics and engineering at university including Ciara Nightingale from year 13 last year who is studying astrophysics at the University of Bath and Dr Heather Driscoll who is currently lecturing in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Sheffield.

We have had a huge push on trying to encourage girls to take physics with interventions such as advertising the subject in year 11 lessons making sure at least one of the students advertising is female. You will have also read Jodie Southon's report from before Easter about a talk to female science students from a female engineer encouraging them to think about it as a career for them.

Year 12 Variable star project – results are in!

Since the autumn, a group of year 12 physics students have been working with astronomers at the University of Sussex to observe and analyse data on **variable stars**. We managed to visit the university's telescope on the Ashdown Forest on two occasions, aligning the telescope and programming the CCD camera to image our target star, the memorably named V2455 Cyg.

On 26th April we returned to the university to process our image data, using analysis software to measure the brightness of our star in comparison to another, known star and plotting the data to form a light curve. Our results are shown below. We also researched the cause for the star's variability and considered how we may improve



our data to complete the curve. We discovered that the star's brightness changes from brightest to dimmest in just over an hour – that's really fast!

We hope the project will continue next year to expand the data set or compare this with another variable star. The project helped prepare students for their astrophysics option in year 13, as well as expanding their experience of practical physics and enhancing their UCAS applications.

Thanks to Mike Hardiman, Mark Sargent and Darren Baskill from the Physics Department at Sussex University, and to Mr Keeble and Mrs James for their help with the project.

e-Safety – Digital Parenting magazine

Mr Lea writes:-

Welcome to this month's edition of e-safety for parents. This month you have the opportunity to order a free copy of Vodafone's **Digital Parenting magazine** which has lots of information on how to keep young people safe looking at topics such as virtual reality and body image in the social media age, to live streaming and tips from online safety professionals.

For details on how to order follow the link below:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/Digital-Parenting-Magazine-order-here>

If you require any more information then e-mail Mr Lea on the link below:

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LRC report

Mrs Rose writes:-

You may be aware that there are many commemoration events being held around the country to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War from The Royal British Legion recreating its 1928 Great Pilgrimage to World War One battlefields. One of our students, Toby Castle 9LST, has the privilege to be one of those chosen and will be reporting on this in September Sackville News. There is also the Silent Soldier Campaign. You may have seen the two placed by the War Memorial in East Grinstead High Street. With this in mind I decided to make my own tribute to the commemorations and have made a life size "unknown soldier" which I am inviting all Sackville students and staff to come and write a name of a relative, who has served in any conflict. Hopefully, by the armistice commemoration, the Unknown Soldier will be full of names and become a *known* soldier never to be forgotten. Watch this space!



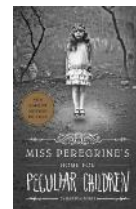
If any student is doing anything for these commemorations this year please let me know as I am also planning other events to show some original First World War artefacts which my brother-in-law, Paul Walsham, has kindly lent and I would love to include all activities that the Sackville community is doing. Contact me at trose@sackvilleschool.org.uk.

Other news... three new trainee library monitors have successfully completed their training and are now able to man the desk unaided. Well done to Carys Atkinson, Lauren Ellis and Louisa Orme all from 8LCS. They are photographed here with their certificates.



As the summer heats up and the exams get into full swing many year 11's use the LRC to revise so we do ask that all students remember to keep quiet around the LRC as well as inside to allow the year 11's to revise in peace. It's a great term to get outside and enjoy the fresh air. Why not borrow a book and read it sitting on the field eating your lunch! You could try **Miss Peregrine's Home For Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs**. It's a gripping supernatural fantasy.

The story is something quite different. It is about a teenage boy, Jacob, who has been told strange stories by his grandfather, of his childhood in a children's home where the children all have strange abilities or powers, like invisibility, the power to create fire in their hands or superhuman strength. After his grandfather's death, Jacob goes in search of whether these stories are true and finds the home on a remote Welsh island; only it has been destroyed by an air raid during World War 2. This makes no sense to Jacob as his grandfather was living there after this time. The story unravels with time travel, strange creatures and very interesting characters. I don't want to spoil it for you so I will say no more!



Speaking of reading ...



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Your local library needs your help to run the Summer Reading Challenge for 4-11 year-olds.

Are you aged 14+?
Can you spare any time over the summer?

All volunteers will get:

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- Experience working with children & families
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www.westsussex.gov.uk/src or ask in your local library.




Energy offer for school parents, carers and staff

Your Energy Sussex, the **County Council's not-for-profit energy supplier**, has launched an offer for parents, carers and staff that will directly benefit West Sussex schools.

Your Energy Sussex was launched earlier this year to encourage more people to switch their home energy supplier and save money on their bills. It offers competitive home energy prices, high levels of customer service and supports residents who are struggling to pay their bills through a Fuel Poverty Fund.

As an incentive to switch to Your Energy Sussex, from 14th May new customers living in West Sussex can nominate a local school to receive a £10 donation per fuel switch. If a new customer decides to switch their home gas and electricity supply to Your Energy Sussex, the nominated school will receive £20. The offer is open to people living in West Sussex only and closes on the last day of the school summer term.

Further information is available at www.yourenergysussex.org.uk/schools or customers can call 0800 952 0001 to find out more or get a quote. If you would like posters and leaflets to promote the offer in your school, please email yourenergysussex@westsussex.gov.uk

Your Energy Sussex is operated by the County Council's Energy Team. It is a partnership between Sussex local authorities, including Brighton & Hove City Council and East Sussex County Council and Robin Hood Energy, a fully licensed energy supplier owned by Nottingham City Council.

Sports news

We are truly blessed with some amazing sportspeople at Sackville. It is always a pleasure to share the achievements of these young people outside school when we learn about them.



First up this week is year 12 student **Georgia Baker**, following in sister Emma's footsteps by being selected for the National Sailing 420 Youth Squad. Georgia's selection for this squad recognises her potential to progress within the British Sailing Team, with the aim of winning selection for our UK Youth Squads or beyond in to our Olympic Development programmes. Georgia has been selected on the basis of performance and commitment to a programme of training and competition over a period of several years, and establishes her status as a UK Squad sailor who now has a chance to represent Great Britain at major international events in the forthcoming years.

Sam Wiles meanwhile has been active setting PBs this month. First, he was part of the team that broke the Sussex County U16 4 x 100 record on 10th May. He followed this up with a personal best in the 50m butterfly, which earned him a silver medal at the regionals.



Sam not only has to fight his opponents and the drag of the pool, but also his diabetes. Sam is highly insulin-sensitive and with the intensive training involved in swimming at this level his achievements are all-the-more remarkable.

Well done to both these young athletes!



Meanwhile the weather has allowed a lot of summer sport since the last edition of *Sackville News*. One highlight is certainly the debut of our U13 girls' cricket team. Though they lost their inaugural match, there is lots of promise in this squad, which they showed this week with a victory over **Christ's Hospital**.

Some of the same girls have also been active in rounders, with our

U13s losing the first game of the season to Millais. On Wednesday they also came out second best to a very well organised pair of teams from Oathall; Molly Sutton and Mia Leahy were players of the match (see report below).



Our U15As meanwhile managed to narrowly beat Oathall, whilst the Bs lost an equally close game. Both teams were a player short; we know we would have won otherwise!



Our U12 rounders team also played Millais, with A team handsome winners and the B team narrow losers with Annie Lyons, Ella Saffery and Tegan Woodward playing big parts.

The closest game this half term though is the U14s 18½ – 18 victory over Oathall.

Boys' cricket has seen wickets tumble and runs scored as the season gets underway. Our U13s narrowly lost in the county cup to Dorset House, despite some strong hitting from Liam Dawes at the end, and Jake Lingard's bowling. They then narrowly lost to (gritted teeth!) Imberhorne, which of course just whets the appetite for the next fixture between the two local rivals.



The U14s fared better against Tanbridge House, with Caspar Arthur leading us to victory with ten overs to spare. Jake Lingard led the same team to a strong victory against Forest in the cup.

The new year 7s have started their Sackville cricket careers, with a strong showing against Forest in a pairs competition. They have narrowly lost to Warden Park and Oathall, but some strong performances from Rhys Hunt, George Sutton and Freddie Beall promise well.

At the other end of the school, our First XI bowed out by throwing away a dominant position against (more gritted teeth!) Imberhorne. We had a number of year 10 boys playing (11s being otherwise engaged). For our year 13s it was a fond farewell to seven years of Sackville sport.



Finally, there is still some boys' football to be played: U14s are through to the Area Cup final this Friday, after beating Tanbridge House 2-1. Player of the match was Jack Sands.

Fixture reports

Thank you to Miss Offler and Mrs Richards for the following reports.

U15 Football vs Worth

Whilst the football season is over for most schools, we were keen to help Worth School who are just starting some of their girls' football fixtures.

As our year 11's were beginning their exams, our U15 team faced Worth's U16 squad. The first half was a sleepy one for Sackville, with a couple of mistimed passes allowing Worth the opportunity to score two goals. As the half went on Sackville's play became stronger and we started to get into the game a bit more.

The second half was a far better one for the girls. Their passing game was better and their attacking play stronger. They started to unsettle the Worth girls with their renewed confidence and broke down their defence for Poppy to score. After this they had a few good chances at scoring and were unfortunate to not put them into the back of the net. The final score was Sackville 1 – Worth 2, a good result as the girls were playing up an age group!

The team: Lucy Plumb, Hannah Plumb, Poppy Nicholls, Ellie-Mae Taylor, Ella Devine, Issy Carrick, Millie Knowles, Charlotte Radley, Eloise Bassett, Emma Smyth, Freya Ohta, Louisa Orme, Keira Drewry.

U13 A & B Rounders Match vs Oathall

Our U13's faced a very well drilled Oathall team. Whilst both teams lost (A team 12-15 rounders, B team 9 ½ - 18), there were improvements throughout the games. Emma Smyth and Ella Kessell both worked well outfield and Molly Sutton along with Maud Kendrick had some excellent hits for the A team.

Mia Leahy and Sienna Mogg did well in their game whilst fielding and Emma McManus and Leah Turner had some big hits. We now need to work on a stronger fielding innings to stop the ½ rounders from building up!

The team: Eloise Judge, Ella Kessell, Maud Kendrick, Emma Smyth, Maddy Rees, Keira Drewry, Molly Sutton, Dilyn Arro, Rachel Tyler, Emma McManus, Ella Kosifou, Mia Leahy, Leah Turner, Ella Crawford, Nolwenn Douglas, Sienna Mogg.

U13/U15 Athletics Meet

On Thursday 17th May our U13 and U15 squads competed in a friendly athletics meet at K2. For some of our students, it was the first time entering an athletics competition, so it was important to gain some experience and most importantly enjoy the event!

The girls were fantastic throughout the event and very supportive of each other. Notable performances came from Chloe Grantham in the Javelin, Nicole Noakes and Charlotte Nield in the 800m and Dominika Molnar in the Shot Put.

We now eagerly await the confirmation of results!



The team: Mia Carew, Sadie Ellis, Sofia Celani, Chloe Grantham, Ella Brown, Rhiannon Kara, Elana Lloyd-Edwards, Carys Atkinson, Gracie Stratford, Samara Bartlett, Dominika Molnar, Ola Adamkowska, Ellie Parkes, Rachel Davies, Emma Nathaniel, Nicole Noakes, Charlotte Nield, Sophie Taylor, Sophie Clark.

Mid-Sussex Athletics Trials

Several students competed in the **Mid-Sussex School Games** and the following were selected to represent Mid-Sussex in the Sussex schools competition on 9th June:

Erin Harnett - 200m Inters

Antonia Deeley - 1500m Inters

Ellen Green - 200m Juniors

Hannah Plumb - Javelin Juniors

Vicki Pellett - Hammer & Shot Seniors

English Schools Track & Field Cup

On Thursday 17th May the Junior and Inter girls competed in the English Schools Track and Field Cup, which is a really difficult competition involving just 12 athletes per team with each athlete having to compete in one track event and one field event.

The scoring is based on times and distances, not finishing positions so it is a really difficult competition. There were some fantastic performances throughout the day with lots of great times and distances.

We finished 4th in the Juniors and 5th in the Intermediates in a very competitive field. The top scoring schools across the region then get selected to compete in the regional finals and we're very proud to say that both of the girls' teams have been selected and hope to be competing on Tuesday 12th June at the Lee Valley Stadium.

Junior Squad: Beth Currie, Annie Lyons, Emily Moore, Eloise Judge, Ella Kessell, Emma McManus, Molly Sutton, Keira Drewry, Sienna Mogg, Rachel Tyler, Rebecca Gibbon, Miah Blackburn, Emma Smyth

Inters Squad: Erin Harnett, Antonia Deeley, Katie Cooper, Ella Devine, Lucy Plumb, Hannah Plumb, Millie Knowles, Freya Healiss, Rebekah Tyler, Lucy Williams, Ellen Green, Millie Davis.



Finally, we would like to say a heartfelt 'thank-you and good luck' to Vicki Pellett who is leaving us after seven unforgettable years as a competitor, student and assistant teacher.


She has shown such hard work and dedication to the PE department over the last seven years, from taking part in pretty much every sport going to helping out in PE lessons, after school clubs, fixtures, inter-forms, sports days and dance shows. She has been a real asset to the PE department and we are going to miss her.

Not strictly sport ... but our year 12 World Challengers enjoyed the weather during a training expedition to Ashdown Forest



We play our matches on Saturday mornings in the Horsham Youth League A Division having won promotion last season.

Training is held on Wednesdays during the season.



Sackville School Exhibition

Private view 5-7.30pm 27th June

A Level & GCSE

Art & Photography

Sackville School
Lewes Road
East Grinstead
RH19 3TY

Exhibition open
Mon 25th
Tues 26th
Weds 27th June

GCSE work shown here
by Rosie Sands,
Kitty Wheeler
& Lily Kendrick

Selected student work will then be on display at
St Swithun's, East Grinstead
30th June-3rd July



Forest Row Baptist Church



Students' budgeting course

9th, 10th and 11th July 2018 at 7.45pm

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CAP Money is a simple, yet highly effective money management course that teaches people budgeting skills and a cash-based system that really works. This course will help students and youngsters to take control of their finances, so they can save and prevent debt. This is particularly relevant as students go to university or college and have not had to budget previously.

Forest Row Baptist Church and Trinity Methodist have partnered with Christians Against Poverty to offer CAP Money courses in our community. The service we offer is completely free.

Call Andrew Clark on 01342 822167 or email clark282@btinternet.com to register for the course. The course will be run at Forest Row Baptist Church, Hartfield road on the above dates.

Visit www.capmoney.org.uk to find out more about the course and to see where courses are running in other parts of the country.

Further details about CAP:

CAP is a UK charity that believes nobody should be held hostage by debt and poverty, however, they are rife in this country. In a society where people live behind closed doors, thousands are desperately poor, unable to feed their children, incapable of paying to heat their homes in winter, the grip of poverty is relentless. It breaks families apart and drives many to think that suicide is the only solution. They are passionate about releasing people in our nation from a life sentence of debt, poverty and their causes.

CAP have designed a personal budgeting course that assists individuals in managing their income and expenditure. This is relevant to all people (not just Christians) whether in debt or not and assists in setting a monthly and annual budget to ensure that you are in control of your money and, money is not in control of you!

Forest Row Baptist Church, in conjunction with Trinity Methodist (Andrew Clark and Fiona Straszynski) will be running the course in Forest Row, starting on Monday 9th July 2018 for three evenings. We will work through the CAP money course in order that you are fully in control of your income and expenditure in future. There will be no cost for attending the course and we will work closely with all attendees to help in each individual circumstance.

If you or anyone that you know wish to learn more about managing their money, you/they can register at www.capmoneycourse.org and search for the course using your postcode. Otherwise, you can contact Andrew Clark on 01342 822167 to discuss.

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