

Sackville News

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Dear Parents

The summer term is now well under way and we seem to have experienced all four seasons of weather already so far!

Over the Easter holidays, scaffolding was put up around the main school block to enable some **re-roofing and window replacements** to take place. We are delighted about this upgrade to our environment, not least because we secured substantial funding from West Sussex in difficult times to enable this to happen. The windows being replaced are on the inner facing sides of the block and the contractors have agreed to undertake extra work such as external stair rail replacements as well. The canteen already has brand new windows installed, so we are getting there! I would like to thank our premises manager, **Nickie Clapson**, for her hard work and dedication towards this project which will benefit us all in so many ways.



Much else was taking place over the Easter holidays including an excellent **trip to Nepal** and an extensive range of **year 11 revision classes** which were well attended.



Our **year 10s** returned safely from their **two-week journey to Nepal** at the start of term. Their arrival at Heathrow saw emotional reunions with parents, the students tired and inspired in equal measure. And the car journeys home were full of the experiences the students had just left behind.

The fortnight began with a flight into Kathmandu followed by a **long coach journey to Pokhara**. An even more exciting bus journey followed to the **start of the trek in Gilung**. Here the coach climbed about 1000 metres on a dirt track barely wider than the vehicle itself. The students stayed in the homes of the villagers in 'homestays'. The village Mothers' Group then prepared a

meal over a small open fire for all 22 in the party.

The following day saw an **11-hour trek in temperatures north of 30 degrees**. This challenged the mettle of all involved, and the encouragement and support the students gave each other was noteworthy. At the end of this day-trek, the group arrived at the village of Singdi where they spent **five nights under canvas**.

At Singdi, **students worked with the local school, painting some classrooms, laying out a new science lab** (in a room with no electricity), **lining out the soccer pitch and new volleyball court**, and best of all **teaching the students English**. These students were on holiday for the Nepalese New Year, but nonetheless came up to the school each day to take part in the lessons, and play sport with our students. A highlight was when the **local villagers put on a cultural display for Sackville and gave our students a tour of their own homes**.



The final four days of the trek saw the group pass through some stunning scenery in the foothills of the Himalayas, with the high tops coming into view. Each evening students stayed in 'homestays' again. Often the food was cooked by the porters who travelled with the group. On the last night of the trek, the group were invited into the houses of several families in the village and ate the food the locals had prepared over open fires. There is no gas and little electricity in the more remote Nepalese villages.



The journey back to Kathmandu was delightfully punctuated with a **two-hour white water rafting expedition**. A day sight-seeing and buying souvenirs followed. As the flight left Kathmandu for Delhi, the team were treated to unbroken views of the high Himalayas, and were able to reflect on a fortnight which had given them a year's worth of new experiences.

I would like to thank **Emma Mitchell** from **True Adventure** for leading the trip, and particularly **Mr Johnson, Miss Garrison** and **Mr de Souza** for accompanying the team.



Our **year 11** and **year 13** students are busily preparing for their **GCSE, Btec** and **A level** examinations this term. Last week we held a **revision evening for year 11 parents** and students offering what were hopefully helpful strategies for support and also going through the **individualised timetables for the examination period**. From 14th May, the timetable for year 11 is **completely rewritten for each student** to ensure that, as far as possible, the lessons are relevantly timed for the appropriate exams. This is a major undertaking but has proved to be good in the past, so it was particularly helpful for the architect of all of this, **Mrs Beene**y, to be able to explain the thinking behind it all on the evening. We are deeply grateful to her for the work she puts into this.

We have had a lot of **positive feedback** including the following:-

"We attended last night and are blown away by the lengths that the school are going to support students through this stressful and demanding time. Having had two other children go through the process previously we genuinely believe that this support has continued to improve, year on year. The individual revision timetable is superb and the approachability shown by all last night is so incredibly reassuring, both for parents and pupils."

Wishing you all the very best for the weeks ahead and for the results which deserve to reflect the professional and thorough attitude that the staff at Sackville continually show."

I am delighted to mention the success of one of our year 11 students, **Lily Kendrick**, who has been attending **'Bright Med'** – the **University of Sussex Medical School** – several times per year. All students who attended the programme were required to give a 5 minute lecture on a topic related to the National Health Service and Lily rose to the challenge by delivering a presentation on the treatment of opioid addiction in the NHS – and **she won!** Congratulations on this marvellous achievement Lily.



It may have been the holidays, but there is no rest for our elite sportspeople. First up, **Heidi Crowther** continues her purple patch on the trampoline. On 7th April she achieved a **silver medal** in the **English Championships at Gillingham**, and then with her Sky High training partner Luca, she achieved the **gold medal in the synchro event**. This means she has qualified for the English Final in Sheffield in October.

Meanwhile **Callum Stone** has won the **Brighton Mini-Mile** for a third time, in a time of 4:56. He has two more years to win the event again, and so beat the record of Olympian Charlie Grice.

Congratulations also to **Joe Sheridan** (fourth from left, back row) who, as a member of the Under 16 Surrey Academy

cricket squad, spent 18 days at Easter on **tour in South Africa**, based in Cape Town. The team played 3 two day matches and 2 one day matches (50 overs). They played very strong opposition who were much older U18/19 district teams and acquitted themselves well in all games. They won 1 match, drew 1 match and lost 3 matches.

Joe has also just played in the football **quarter finals of the national cup** with Crystal Palace against Wolves, so his talents are in much demand!



Last weekend, six intrepid teams of year 10s completed their **practice Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition**. By 10.30 on Saturday the teams were deep in the heart of the **South Downs National Park**, making progress over the whaleback humps of the downs to the **Cuckmere Valley** beyond.



Arrival later at the campsite at **Wick Street Farm** was quickly followed by making camp and cooking dinner. A brisk and very fresh wind made the evening and night a cold one.

An early reveille from Mr Langford on **Sunday** morning ensured that the teams had departed by shortly after 8am, this time **making their ways unaccompanied back towards the coast**. Despite navigational difficulties where footpath signs seemed to have been removed, the groups completed day two in around

the six hours specified. Some tired students gladly jumped into the minivans for the journey home, glad to relax but very **pleased in the knowledge that they had risen to the challenge of the weekend magnificently**.

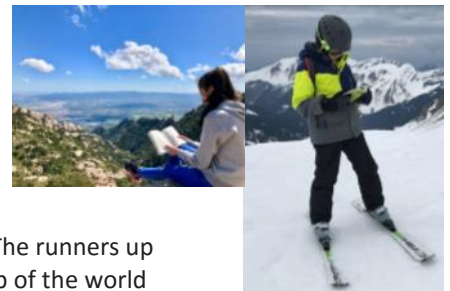
Special thanks to **Mrs Rawsthorne** and **Mr Langford** for piloting the Duke of Edinburgh Award at Sackville this year, and to **Mr Langford** for running the weekend so effectively.



We have been running two enjoyable and significant competitions over the past two weeks with winners now announced for both.

Firstly, our **Extreme Reading competition** invited students to send in unusual reading photographs.

The winner was **Ella Brown 8KOR** with her very bendy photo! The runners up were **Emma Nathaniel 8LWM** and **Theo Price 7LRS** for their top of the world photos. Let's keep this enthusiasm for reading alive and well!



Secondly, our **"This Girl Can..."** competitions saw **Callie Day-Williams (7JWO)** emerge as the student winner and **Helen Luxton**, Attendance Secretary, the staff winner. Well done to both!

Finally, I would like to thank **Christopher Russell** at the **East Grinstead memorial fund** for its **generous contribution of £6000** this year to benefit student learning at Sackville. Such kindness and dedication to the education of young people is striking.



With best wishes,

Julian Grant
Headteacher

Free school meals and the pupil premium

Mrs Nibloe writes:-

Taking into account the ever rising cost of living and changes to tax credits you may have had a change of financial circumstances. If this is the case your child could now be entitled to free school meals (FSM) and the Pupil Premium (PP) grant.

Please use [this link](#) to access a letter which explains more.

LRC Report

Mrs Rose writes:-



April saw the arrival of the **Scholastic Book Fair** in the LRC. Scholastic delivered three book cases filled with over 200 titles and all at half price! This meant there were some great bargains to be had. From Harry Potter to gritty young adult fiction, a super selection for all students.



Students from years 7-9 were allowed to view the books during their English lesson and anyone could visit during break and

lunchtime. There was some real excitement over the selection and also the stationery items and posters *Scholastic* also delivered. Another successful *Book Fair* which allowed the LRC to get 16 new books absolutely FREE! I would like to say a big *Thank You* to everyone who came along and supported the fair and to all the wonderful library monitors and trainee monitors who helped run and supervise the event with myself and Mrs Wogan. We couldn't have done it without you!



As Mr Grant has written above, the LRC ran an **extreme reading competition** during *Reading Week* and in the weeks before the *Book Fair*. The winner of this was **Ella Brown 8KOR** with her very bendy photo and the runners up were **Emma Nathaniel 8LWM** and **Thoe Price 7LRS**. They all received a £5.00 voucher to spend at the *Book Fair* and Ella also received a bag full of lots of goodies. Well done to all the students who entered.

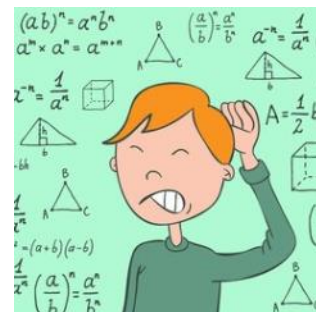
Maths Challenge

Mr Hatton writes: -

In February many of our finest mathematicians in years 9, 10 and 11 took the **UK Maths Challenge**. A large number got certificates and we had a record number (7) who qualified for the following round - Jodie Southon, Danica Douglas, Joe Sheridan, Sam Parsons, Jamie Stoner, Luke Waddell and Matthew Botten.

The magnificent 7 was reduced to 6 due to Luke's participation in the Crest Award presentation but the others all had a go at a harder paper in March. Matthew (who is actually in year 8) and Sam achieved placings in the top 25% of their age group and the others all did well too.

The Junior Maths Challenge for years 7 and 8 was at the end of April and we await the results from this.



Hospitality students put their skills into practice

Our year 12 hospitality students have been hard at work in the community since the start of term. Firstly, parents and toddlers were invited in to a party in the school hall. The students catered for the toddlers and parents, and arranged for play equipment to be available.

After this, the group attended the Little Stars Nursery in The Jubilee Centre, where once again they took copious amounts of food prepared at school to ensure that the youngsters were fully charged with energy when they were being entertained by the team.

Students pictured here from left to right are Michael Lloyd Wilson, Annie Dilek, Hannah Sands, Max Heath, Aydin Mevlit, Casey Nichols, Hayley Barber and Rebecca Philp.



Rotary Young Leader Award

Over Easter Chloe Newbury and Tom Mooney from year 10 spent a week at High Ashurst Outdoor Centre participating in the **Rotary Young Leader Award**.

Chloe and Tom had to complete a number of outdoor challenges including high ropes, kayaking, climbing and raft building. Earlier this week both students gave excellent presentations to the local rotary group in East Grinstead, full of humour and enthusiasm.

They both feel their leadership skills have developed significantly, and are looking forward to being able to use these in the community.



Harambee update

We have recently heard from some of the students sponsored in Kenya by monies raised by the students and staff at Sackville.

Hello.



It's my pleasure to again write to you. I am really doing very well and whenever Lesley and Jacky come to Kenya they say I have grown taller than before which I think is going to stop. My schooling has been great especially since I joined university. It has been a great adventure in my life reaching a point that nobody expected. I really believed in the impossible to make it possible. With your efforts I am grateful to have you making it possible to me. I really love you all (the year that moved on) and Sackville School in particular. Send my greetings to all of them. Thanks a lot for what you have really done in my life and what you will be doing for other people's lives.

Carlos

Hi.

I am passing my hot greeting to you. I hope you are doing well. Here I am doing well. I take this nice moment to say hi. Here is my life history and it goes like this. When I was about two years old I was mistreated by my brothers. Most of the time I was there, there was trouble between me and my brothers. So one day I decided to run from home to street. On my way to street I found Denis Kennedy who is now my best friend and I spend more time in street with him in Myamira County and then moved to Inisii County where we stayed for about two years. Fortunately we were adopted by Mr Andrew and we were brought to Harambee for Kenya and now I am enjoying to be a Harambee boy and going to school. I take this chance to inform you that we have closed school and now we are on April holiday. However, before closing the school we did an exam and I was position 44 out of 220 and mini grade of D+ but next time I am going to work hard to come with good grade in term two. Thank you so much.

For loving son John Bosco

Hi!

How are you all? Hope you are doing good and well wherever you are. Mine is to thank you all for sponsoring me and may God bless you all. Another thing is that I have missed you so much since I went to high school and now we have closed down for 1st term. Shortly I want to write about my life history. As I remember there was a day when my mother was sick and she was taken to hospital for medication. She stayed there for four weeks. That time I was staying with my grandmother because there was nobody I could stay with in my home. Now my uncle was the one who was taking care of my mother at the hospital. Now my mother asked his brother who is my uncle to bring me because my mother wanted to see me because it was the last day she was in hospital. Now when I was brought we stayed there with her that night. When the day she was supposed to be released from the hospital arrived, the money that was supposed to be paid was not enough so the doctor told my uncle that the money that was paid was enough but there was some money needed for medicine that she was supposed to take while at home so that she would be better. Now my uncle decided that she would be released so that she would go to stay home while they look for money needed for those described medicines. Now after we went home my uncle from there did not do anything he just went to his home and stayed there. Again my mother started to get sick again. Now that time is the time I went to the street so that I can beg and bring some money for medicine until my mother got well but I was engaged in drugs and whenever I was home I sneaked and went to street to abuse the drugs until I was completely a street boy. That is the time when I got saved and brought to Harambee for Kenya Nyakoe safe house. I fitted here and realised that going to school is to build my own future and be somebody in future and help my family. My vision is that if I will succeed in life in returning that fever that I have got in this project I will help those who are still in streets.

From your lovely son Brian Mose

Sports News



Ahh ... summer sports. The lovely sound of leather on willow, raindrops on umbrellas ...

The weather denied our U13s a victory against Worth. We were 23-1, chasing 80, when the heavens opened. Great performances from **Jake Lingard** and **Liam Dawes** in particular. The U13 B team were also well on their way to a win at the same time, not least thanks to performance from **Max Aubrey** and **George Sutton**.

The U15s meanwhile convincingly beat The Weald by six wickets, with great performances from **James Young** with the bat, and **Caspar Arthur** in the field. James has also opened his Sussex rugby career recently, pictured here.



Finally, a dream start for our U12 cricket team, who made 100-1 against our local rivals on Windmill Lane, thanks to an opening stand of 78 by **George Sutton** and **Rhys Hunt**. Max Aubrey stepped up with the ball, getting three wickets and a run-out in a convincing victory.

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The second hand uniform shop is now in place – all items £1 each.....

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Sackville School Exhibition

Private view 5-7.30pm 27th June

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Mon 25th
Tues 26th
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Tuesday 8th May 2018
 10am to 3.30pm (Doors open at 9:45am)
 at Manor Green College,
 Lady Margaret Road, Ifield, Crawley, RH11 ODX



| Workshops and Presentations Available | Times |
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| <p>We are proud to present AUSTIN HUGHES as our GUEST SPEAKER</p> <p>Austin will be speaking on 'A Different Corner - Why I Struggle To Comfortably Stand Beside You All'</p>  | 10am—11.00am |
| <p>Amaze EHCP Guidance & Support for Parents</p> | 11.15am – 12.15pm and 1.30pm – 2.30pm |
| <p>Autism and Social Communications Teams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls and Autism Interoception | 11.15am – 12.15pm 1.30pm – 2.30pm |
| <p>Dr Sebastian Gaigg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop 1 Managing Anxiety – focussing on Mindfulness Strategies Workshop 2 Managing Anxiety – focussing on Emotion and Attention Regulation Strategies | 11.30am – 12:30pm 1:30pm – 2:30pm |
| <p>Sensory Spectacle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop 1 – Understanding Sensory Processing Disorders Workshop 2 – Supporting Students with Sensory Processing Disorders | 11:30am – 12:30pm 1:30pm to 2:30pm |
| <p>Reaching Families</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Handling Stress and Building Resilience E-Safety | 11.15am – 12.15pm 1.30pm – 2.30pm |
| <p>Jigsaw OT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop focussing on Motor Skills/Dyspraxia including diagnosis | 11.30am – 12.30pm and 1.30pm – 2:30pm |
| <p>Nicole Goodman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visual Communication – Why is it so important? | 11.15am – 12.15pm |
| <p>Home from Home Care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transition into Adult Services – sharing a parents' perspective | 1.30pm – 2.30pm |

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