

Sackville News



7th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are keeping well at these challenging times.

There has been much speculation in the media this week about **students returning to school** in some shape or form this summer, but headteachers have received no news as of yet. As mentioned before, I am in various discussion groups, including with the Director of Education for West Sussex, and they are awaiting any information. It is possible that we may hear more from the Prime Minister on Sunday when he announces the nature of the next phase of lockdown. Whatever the situation, we will manage this with great care and keep parents fully informed of any plans. Such plans will always be underpinned by maximising your child's safety. If any national announcements regarding schools are made, please wait to **hear directly from us** what the proposals will look like for Sackville. As I am sure you will understand, such proposals will take a while to be formulated; we would not wish to rush into quick announcements that could end up being erroneous and unhelpful.

As well as offering us a road map back to some form of normality, the announcement focusses our attention on **how important remote learning has been and is likely to remain**. As we reach the end of the fifth week of school closure, I would like once again to thank students, parents and carers for the high levels of engagement with the work being set by our staff.

Parents in years 10 and 12 will have received our new **school closure monitoring grades this week**. We are aware this is an unprecedented situation and there are certainly new barriers for students to overcome, but we still feel it is important for parents and carers to be aware of how students are engaging with remote learning. Grades for other year groups will be sent out before half-term.

Subject	Engagement with Remote Learning	Standard of Submitted Work
Art	A	A
Biology	A	A
Chemistry	A	A
Drama	A	A
English Language	A	A
History	B	A
Mathematics	A	B
Physics	A	A
Spanish	A	A

Year 10 students will also be pleased to learn this week that the Department for Education has agreed to issue a grade for their **GCSE religious studies** exam based on teacher assessments. We think this is a very helpful move, and indeed had made a submission to the government supporting this approach. It means that the students will be rewarded for their preparations for this qualification through years 9 and 10, and will not have to worry about an additional GCSE exam sometime in year 11.



Earlier today I joined a live tutor session celebrating the **75th anniversary of VE Day** with **Mrs Pope's form**. Being a history teacher I am supposed to have the ability to travel back in time... I was able to talk to the class about the celebrations that day in **Trafalgar Square**, especially as my mum was there, having walked from Croydon and then returned on foot in the middle of the night! It was great to be able to talk

to the students in real time.

Alongside remote learning it is good to hear of students using their initiative to make a difference in the current situation. **Mac Lloyd-Skinner (10JMR)** has spent some time washing and valeting cars whilst respecting social distancing requirements in order to raise money for **NHS Charities Together**. As well as raising nearly £400 Mac has realised that this is not a career for him!



Mrs Beeny is busy leading a staff group to raise money for this group of charities. Some staff have signed up to a physical challenge for the month of May such as a target number of steps, kilometres walked, run or cycled.

Getting that daily exercise is something which has come to mean a lot to us over the last seven weeks, and you can see what some of our community have been up to on the [Sackville PE Instagram page](#). **The Grantham sisters Amy and Chloe** cycled nearly 600 km in April for example!

Chloe G and Amy G have cycled 574km in the last 30 days!



With the approach of the three-day weekend, **Mrs Smeaton** is challenging us to come up with a VE day meal for Friday (page 3). We are also attaching a **bank holiday quiz** which has been written by **Mrs Fleming** and her team. Two weeks ago our staff, students and governors had a great time with Mrs Fleming's previous set of questions. Now we are sharing another one for families to do over the bank holiday weekend. No prizes or entry fees for this one – just a bit of fun! Answers will be sent out early next week.

A number of our families will have **students in year 6 who are coming to Sackville in September**. Mr Street writes below about how we plan to handle the transition process this year.

Thank-you once again for everything you are doing to support your children's learning during the ongoing school closure. As we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the end of the war in Europe, I know I can look forward with confidence to how our remarkable community will emerge from this current challenge.

With best wishes for a safe and healthy week.

Julian Grant
Headteacher

Year 6 transition 2020

Given the many challenges we are facing with the Coronavirus epidemic, we are working hard to adapt our plans to ensure we have a socially distanced solution for our transition programme this year, but at the same time ensuring it is as robust and effective as previous years.

In the next few weeks parents of year 6 students will receive the '**New Parent Information Pack**', which gives lots of information about starting Sackville.

Our aim is to hold **personalised transition interviews**, and ideally we would also like to visit students in their primary schools if feasible. We also plan to run our transition days in July, although this is likely to be on a reduced basis.

We are liaising closely with primary schools and we are working together to adapt our normal procedures with the aim to give children the very best start to their secondary school life here at Sackville.

I wish you and your family all the very best at this challenging time.

Take care and stay safe.

Paul Street
Deputy Headteacher



VE DAY FOOD

Create your Menu

What can you serve for your VE Day Celebration?

Ideas

Scones and jam
Lord Woolton Pie
Ginger Beer
Eggless Cakes
Spam Sandwiches
of course a lovely cuppa

This recipe for VE Day Condensed Milk Cake is a slightly adapted version of the original recipe which was published in The Ministry of Food leaflet 21, "Making the Most of Sugar" from December 1946. It's a very easy cake recipe and uses condensed milk in place of sugar, with very little fat added to the cake too.

It's a light fruit cake which is very moist, and is also lovely when sliced and buttered. Condensed milk cakes were very popular during the Second World War, as they took the place of sugar, and sometimes eggs and fat, although this cake recipe does have eggs in it.

Please send us any pictures of your creations!



VE Day Condensed Milk Cake

INGREDIENTS

- 3ozs (75g) Margarine (or Butter)
- 8ozs (225g) Self-Raising Flour, OR
- 8ozs (225g) Plain flour with 4 teaspoons Baking Powder
- 3ozs (75g) Raisins or Sultanas
- 1 tablespoon Marmalade
- 6 tablespoons Condensed Milk made up to 1/4 pint (150ml) with water
- 2 eggs, beaten, fresh or dried

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rub the margarine or butter into the flour and add the baking powder if using.
2. Add the dried fruit and mix to a soft consistency with the marmalade, milk and beaten eggs.
3. Spoon into a greased and/or lined 6" (15cm) cake tin and bake in a moderate oven (180C to 190C/350F to 375F/Gas mark 4 to 5) for 45 minutes.
4. Cool on a wire rack and serve in slices when cold.