

# Sackville News

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Dear Parents

The new school year is well underway now and I am pleased to share that the students have settled back into their studies with **confidence and positivity**.

**Year 11 have impressed us already** with their conscientious approach and this is a good time to commend them on how well they did in their **first GCSE – Beliefs and Values – which they took last summer**. They achieved a good set of results which has set things fair for this year! By sitting one public examination early, they have benefitted from the experience of taking a GCSE before the many they face in 2019 and, of course, they also now have **one in the bank!**



We have also been so pleased to see our **year 7 students blossom over the last month**. They are full of enthusiasm and have been well supported by their **tutors** and their **year 9 buddies**. Their participation in the **'interform' sports competition** after school last week was a delight to see and I am grateful to the large number of parents who came along to cheer them on. Such events are a very important part of the **transition process**.



Our biggest event of the term so far – and arguably one of the biggest events of our year – has already taken place: **open evening**. Together with the **open mornings every day this week**, they help to give the local community a real flavour of what **Sackville has to offer** and we were pretty overwhelmed by the **marvellous number of people** that came along! Visitors seemed genuinely struck by the warmth and enthusiasm of our staff and students and, on the open mornings, by the **calm and purposeful nature** of the school.



This week has also seen other important events including a visit by **Dr Emma Thompson from Southampton University** who came to talk to our year 12 students about launching the **EPQ (Extended Programme Qualification)** programme at Sackville. This will give many of our students an opportunity to research a topic of interest at a high level and, alongside their A level studies, prepare them well for university. The talk was very well received and a number of staff have kindly volunteered to support the students in a **supervisory** capacity.



Emma Thompson  
Learn with US Transition Leader



Over the past few days, we have also begun to focus on preparations for our **2019 school show**, which will be **'Back to the 80s'**. Our shows are well known in the local community for their excellent standard and Mrs Beasley was delighted to have so many eager students along to **auditions** which were held this week. The excitement is building!

On Friday, Mrs Thomson in our finance department together with several sixth formers ran a **Macmillan Coffee Morning** to raise money for Macmillan cancer support which is a very worthy cause indeed. An array of cakes were prepared and, needless to say, sold quickly! An amazing total of £450 was raised.



Also on Friday the annual **Paul Keenor Memorial Rugby Game** was played between our first XV and a team of old boys. This match is always a competitive one, befitting the young man in whose memory it is played. Firefighter and ex-student Paul lost his life in a road accident responding to an emergency call three summers ago. He would

have been pleased that the old boys, made up of so many of his friends, won the game again this year. Pictured here are the players and Paul's sister Poppy, who organised the BBQ and raffle to raise money for Paul's two young sons.

Our governors have been active in supporting us this term, scrutinising our examination results and helping us at the open evening and open mornings. I am pleased to include here an update from our Chair of Governors David Hoare:-

*"A group of governors helped at the recent excellent open evening for prospective parents to come and look at what Sackville is offering. It is another milestone in the school year and a reminder that the academic year has really got underway. The governors shall be scrutinising this year's exam results at the next meeting of the Teaching and Learning Committee, but the figures would suggest that a strong majority of students who took their GCSEs this summer have left with really commendable grades which will give them more choices as they head into adulthood. The governing body thanks all at Sackville for the effort they put in to help these youngsters achieve.*

*The governing body is also pleased to welcome Anna Kilpatrick who became a parent governor this year. Anna brings a wealth of experience and works in education, so will be a valued member."*

With best wishes,

Julian Grant

## News from the LRC

Mrs Rose writes:-

### LRC Report by Mrs Rose

As I wrote in May's Sackville News, I have been inviting students into the LRC to write a name of a relative, who has served in any conflict, onto the "unknown soldier" which I made to commemorate the ending of the First World War. Year 9's (previous year 8's) have now completed signing and this term year 8's will be studying the first and second world wars, so will be coming in, in conjunction with their history class, to sign a relative's name. I think we may run out of space before we get onto the year 7's signing!

Also, Toby Castle was off to the GP90 (Great Pilgrimage) to World War One battlefields. His report is included in this issue. He obviously had a fantastic experience.



There were also 3 new library monitors who passed their training and were presented with their certificates by Mr Grant at the end of last term; Bella Dunsdon 9PAS, Bailey Granger 8DGN and Izzie Galloway 8JFG. They are now in place to help in the LRC which is extremely helpful for the LRC staff. Bailey has just made a new poster to promote becoming a library monitor. Do look out for this around the school! If you are interested in helping out in the LRC please come in and find out more.



This term we are letting students play board games at lunchtime. So if you want to bring a friend along for a game of Chess, Scrabble, Operation or one of the other many games we have available then pop in and see what we have available. Of course these need to be played quietly! We will see how popular this is and may buy different games, suggested by students, if this proves a successful change.

## Great Pilgrimage 90 (GP90)

As Mrs Rose mentioned, **year 10 student Toby Castle** took part in the GP90 pilgrimage to the World War One battlefields. Here is his account

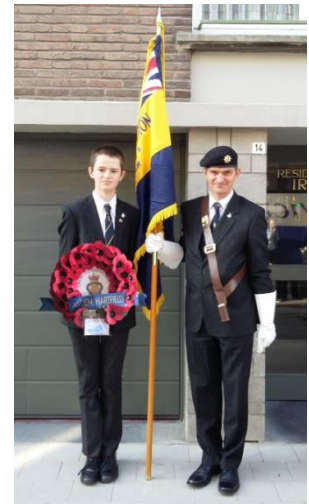
GP90 was probably the biggest event I will ever take part in and I was thrilled to get the opportunity to do so. I was honoured to be chosen by the Cowden, Hartfield and District branch of the Royal British Legion to be their wreath bearer for this event.

On the first day, we went to the Somme Valley, a day which included many memorable moments whilst going around memorials at Thiepval and Arras. We also went around several trench systems used in the First World War at Delville Wood, Thiepval Wood and Vimy Ridge. However, the latter two have both been cleaned up so I don't think either really shows what the trenches would have really been like during the war. The danger of life on the front line was constantly shown by the fact that even now you cannot step off the paths because you could be blown up.

At Thiepval Memorial the sheer number of unknown dead soldiers was shocking. The 72,000 unknown British and Empire soldiers who were unknown just shows how brutal the fighting must have been to render so many men unrecognisable or still unbound.

On the second day we were in the Ypres Salient going around museums, memorials and the battle sites (Passchendaele and Hill 60). Whilst in Ypres we went to both the Flanders Field Museum and the Menin Gate. Like Thiepval the number of unknown soldiers, amounting to 54,000, was astonishing. Afterwards when we went to Tyne Cot and we learnt that the wall there, engraved with so many other unidentified soldiers' names, was the overflow, because there was not enough space on the Menin Gate. Tyne Cot is also the biggest Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery in the world with 11,900 graves, yet only 1/3 of them were identified. Going back to Ypres, the Flanders Field Museum was an incredible collection of memorabilia, including clothing, letters, weapons and many other pieces of equipment, from both sides of the Front.

Later that day we went to the Passchendaele Memorial Museum where there was a huge selection of memorabilia, including weapons, trench art and personal stories from the front. We also saw trench replications of both British and German frontline. At 'Hill 60' we also saw how close the trenches were at some points on the front line, being 8 metres distance between the two trench systems. When we went to Messines, we also saw a statue commemorating the 1914 Christmas truce and another statue commemorating the New Zealanders. At Messines we went to the church where Corporal Hitler was probably given medical treatment during WW1. In the crypt where he would have been treated was the grave of William the Conqueror's mother-in-law.



On the final day, the march through Ypres took place in which I took part in as a Wreath Bearer for the Cowden, Hartfield and District Branch. Being able to take part of this parade, amongst the other 2,250 people as we recreated the parade of the original 1928 Pilgrimage, was an incredible experience. The route we took not only replicated the original pilgrimage but also, the route which was taken by soldiers on the Ypres Salient when they were

heading to the front. Whilst under the Menin Gate laying the Branch wreath, I was reminded of the sheer numbers of people who were affected both psychologically and physically. The fact that there were Branches from all over the world not just from Britain, Branches from Hong Kong, Brazil, South Africa and other countries from around the world (Mainly Commonwealth and European).

It was a wonderful experience to share this trip with other branches from Sussex, Surrey and Kent, and in particular being with representatives from East Grinstead, Ashurst Wood, Forest Row and Crowborough. I will treasure the memories of being able to represent my Branch, community and my country, made even more special by knowing that at 14 years old, I was the youngest in the Parade. Who knows, I may live long enough to make the next one.

**Thank-you Toby** for this excellent write-up. We will be marking the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War One with a series of assemblies after half term. Our senior students will also accompany Mr Grant to the East Grinstead wreath laying ceremony.

Perhaps fittingly, there has been a theme of **democracy** in **assemblies** over the last fortnight. Last week **Mr Feist** talked to each year group about **democracy and suffrage**. This followed assemblies the previous week about the **UK Youth Parliament**, and its annual '**Make Your Mark**' ballot, in which students from all schools get to vote on what issues they would like the parliament to talk about. This year issues included **mental health and wellbeing, equal pay for equal work, knife crime and how we receive asylum seekers**.

## World Challenge 2018

A number of our intrepid year 13 students spent four weeks of the summer holiday in Nepal with World Challenge. They were re-routed at short notice from Costa Rica and Nicaragua because of political instability in the latter country.

The trip involved volunteering in a school in the Kathmandu valley, exploring some of the extraordinary sights around the country, and trekking in the Himalaya. On their return one student declared it 'the best month of my life'.

Thank you to Mr McMillan and Mr Forsyth for giving up so much of their holiday to take this fantastic trip.



## Business studies enjoy a workshop led by IGD and Future First



Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> saw the IGD return to Sackville to run another workshop brokered by Future First, the charity that runs our alumni network. We were fortunate to have volunteers visit from KP, Brakes, Tesco and Kerry Group.

Our year 12 level 2 BTEC Business students were asked 'What are my skills and how can I sell them on paper?' They were also introduced to the diverse range of jobs in the grocery industry, as well as picking up some interesting facts. These included the fact that the average person

in the UK does 26 shops a month, and the UK has the second highest turnover for food and grocery online shopping in the world.

We were particularly pleased to welcome back **Natalie Exley**, class of 2006 (Mr Latus), who now works in human resources for Tesco. That's her trying to get out of the photo on the right!

## Students past ...

It's always nice seeing our former student making a success of their lives. This month we have heard that **Zara Williams** class of 2009 (Mrs Turk) broke the European record in the 50m mannequin carry in Germany. Zara just goes from strength to strength.



Also this month **Catherine Booth**, class of 2011 (also Mr Latus) appeared on BBC News talking about the lack of diversity in engineering, and some of the challenges she has faced.



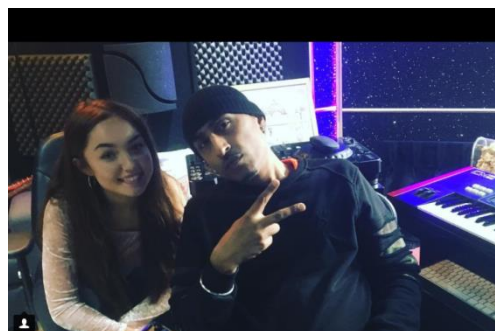
Only about 1 in 5 science, technology and engineering jobs are female.

## ... and students present

Meanwhile our existing students continue to do newsworthy things! At the start of the summer holiday year 13 student **Sky Bollom** decided to 'Brave the Shave' to raise awareness and some money for Macmillan. Here you can see him before, and after with fellow student **Nuha Diaz** (who looks like a good candidate for a shave himself!).

Sky raised about £150 for his efforts.

Year 10 singing star **Amber Titchener** made the first ever acoustic performance at the top of the **Shard** over the summer holiday. The PA system failed, and none of the other artists were willing to perform.



She made such an impression that she was asked back to perform with a working PA. She has also found time to work with Dr Zeus one of the biggest producers in the Bollywood/British & Urban markets. Amber co-wrote two songs with him and will be continuing to work with him. His latest video has 9 million and he has 53 million views on a track with Snoop Dogg on YouTube

As Dr Zeus says himself, one to watch.

*Note to students: I am aware I have come across like a real dad writing that; as if I would have heard of Dr Zeus.*

## Medical information

Mrs Nibloe writes:-

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.

## Sports news

The new sports season is well and truly under way. The Indian summer afternoons are alive with the sound of our sports teams and the victories have started to appear.

You can find all of the results as they happen by following @SackvilleSport on Twitter. Or you can visit our website to see all of the tweets in one place [here](#). Results so far are below with pictures on page 7.

- ❑ Our **U13 rugby** team lost 0-45 to Warden Park, a tough first game with some good tackling by **Harrison Foster-McPhedran** and **Connor Madden**. These boys went on to enjoy a great training day at Hurst, managing to beat the hosts 20-0 during the day.
- ❑ The **U14 rugby** team beat Heathfield 12-7.
- ❑ The **U15 rugby** team meanwhile lost 10-24 to the same opposition, not being helped by only having 14 players.
- ❑ The **U16 rugby** team lost 14-33 to a large Forest team, despite tries from **Fin Lee-Fisher** and **Will Roberts**. Player of the match was **Jack Morrison**.
- ❑ The **U14 rugby** team beat the same school 35-31 in an incredible game which included three year 8 players. Try scorers were **Liam Dawes** (2), **Harvey Burgess** (2) and **James Knott**. All five were converted by **Noah Roberts**, the third in the Roberts rugby dynasty.
- ❑ **U16 football** saw a loss to Warden Park 1-4, despite a goal from **Joe Stone**.
- ❑ **U14 football** saw a win 3-2 against Warden Park for the A team, with a goal from **Harvey Burgess**, and two from **Lucas Sewell**. Player of match **Aaron Du Feu**. The B team meanwhile lost 3-1, with **Will Dackombe** scoring.
- ❑ Our **first XI** lost to Reigate College 2-6, despite goals from John Cave and Dan Harding.
- ❑ **U13 A footballers** lost 2-3 to Forest despite dominating the game. The B team lost 1-5, despite **Theo Price** opening the scoring.
- ❑ **U16 footballers** lost 1-2 to Tanbridge House, with a goal from **Finley Ringer**. Always good to have a 'ringer' in the team! Players of the match were **Fin Gadd** and **Jake O'Hara**.
- ❑ Our **U14 netball team** came second in the area versatility tournament in difficult windy conditions.
- ❑ Both the A (30-6) and the B (13-6) **U14 netball** teams beat Oathall.
- ❑ The **U15 netball team** did one better, winning their versatility tournament.
- ❑ The **U13 netball team** came third in their versatility tournament.
- ❑ Girls' football started with the **U14s** losing 1-3 to Hazelwick, with our goal scored by Freya Ohta.



U16 rugby



U14 girls' football (some a little laid back)

### 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.**



**U13 netball**



**U15 netball**



**U13B football**



**U13 rugby**

## U14 girls football league match

We have one sports report from Miss Offler this month.

The U14 girls' football team had their first league game of the season vs Hazelwick. Sackville were caught on the back foot during the first 10 minutes of the game and Hazelwick quickly took advantage, resulting in a goal. This woke Sackville up and the girls started to drive forwards. Eve Kendall was set up with an excellent chance on goal and was unfortunate not to slot it past the keeper. Hazelwick had a quick response to this and battled relentlessly at our defence who fought hard back. Towards the end of the first half the girls started to get tired and Hazelwick managed to slip through our defence and slip the ball back into the net again.

The second half was a much stronger half. Annie Lyons' goal kicks were moving the ball back into Hazelwick's half. Orla Humphrey did well to control a number of these goal kicks and distribute the ball out to Louisa Orme and Lily Walker. The girls were pressing against Hazelwick's defence, but unfortunately were caught short when on the attack. Hazelwick intercepted a key pass and took advantage of our higher positioning on the pitch resulting in Hazelwick's third goal. This didn't deter Sackville at all and gave them the spur they needed to carry on with their attack. A brilliant passing play from Lily and Eve ended with Freya Ohta being set up for Sackville's first goal of the game.

Whilst the girls lost their match 1-3, there were some strong performances throughout from a lot of the team and the score didn't reflect how close the game was.

The team (pictured on page 7): Eve Kendall, Louisa Orme, Emma Stefanescu, Annie Lyons, Emma Smyth, Freya Ohta, Scarlett Green, Shannon Feeney, Ella Kosifou, Skye Caffyn-Baptie, Ella Kessell, Dilyn Arro, Lily Walker, Orla Humphrey.