

Sackville News

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Dear Parents/Carers



As we approach half-term, it is pleasing to be able to look back on a few weeks which seem **much more normal** than what we have experienced since early in 2020.

A highlight for me personally has been to see so many parents and students come in for our **year 11 and year 9 GCSE information evenings**. Year 9 parents were introduced to how we support their students through the next three years, whilst for year 11 it was focussed practical advice about the final exam year.

The return of **assemblies** is also extremely welcome. This term has seen presentations on **school standards**, the **environment** and **Black History Month**.

Assemblies are part of our wider **Learning for Life (L4L)** programme, much of which is delivered by tutors. We are now setting aside two de-timetabled lessons each half term for whole-school L4L. The first of these was on Tuesday. The **sixth form** had sessions on **safe driving and personal finance** (pictured). **Key stage 4** students participated superbly in sessions exploring **relationships and consent**, and for **key stage 3** students the focus was **growing up and puberty**.



It was especially pleasing to see how well the **new year 7s** engaged with these sessions. This group of young people are rapidly creating a very positive impression in the school. On Friday last week over 200 of them stayed late on Friday to enjoy an **activities evening**. Students had the chance to take part in a number of activities, including

benchball, dodgeball, basketball, orienteering, an inflatable session and Head of Year 7 Mr Endersby's own patent game 'buses'. The noise could be heard on the other side of town!

In between the students were treated to an **evening snack** by our canteen staff and Mrs Mustard and I were delighted to be able to support them serving the students.

Thanks to Mr Endersby for his tremendous hard work, to the other staff who supported the event, and of course to the students who entered into the spirit of the evening with such verve.

With the return of fixtures, we have been able to play the **three autumn memorial games against Imberhorne**. Honours were even between us in the rugby last week with the **U14 Chris Cooney Cup** won by Imberhorne, and Sackville returning with the **U16 Barry Newman** silverware. Both matches were played in an impeccable spirit, which would have pleased Chris Cooney, a tremendously keen Sackville player who sadly passed away in year 13.



On Wednesday night the school first 11s played for the **Adam Dabell Memorial Trophy**. As usual the game was keenly fought with a year's bragging rights at stake. This year Sackville ran out deserved winners, with five outstanding goals, two from captain Ben Aubrey, two from Harvey Burgess and one from Matei Cumpatescu. The cup was presented by **local MP Mims Davies**.



Dark evenings do not just mean floodlit football games though; our **observatory open evenings** are back! Mr Bush writes about this later in the newsletter.



STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) remain a real strength of the school, and this year we are delighted to have secured a record **three Arkwright scholars**. Congratulations to **Sienna Mogg, Max Goddard and Freya Ohta**, the latest in a long Sackville tradition.

Competition is always fierce for these awards, and the students not only had to demonstrate their engineering credentials, but also life skills such as leadership and creative thinking. Fewer than

three hundred scholarships have been awarded so far this year, which shows just how well our team have done.

The students can look forward to a two year working relationship with their **partner companies** and a strong headstart to a career in engineering.

The next generation of young engineers is hard at work in our year 8 technology lessons learning to use the online **computer aided design** tool *OnShape* to create designs that can then be created by our computer-aided manufacturing machines.



School trips are gradually returning. Our year 11 geography students visited the East End of London on Tuesday 5th October. This trip supports the part of the curriculum they are now studying. Students looked at the impact of the **Olympic developments** on the area, considering the pros and cons of the major building work that has occurred.



Thank-you to the geography teachers for making the subject even more alive than usual!

Mrs Valentine and Mrs Bush accompanied four year 13 students to **Oxford University** to meet admission tutor Ken Amor and discuss ways we can support more Sackville students to succeed with Oxbridge applications.

This was the first in-person meeting Mr Amor had had with prospective candidates since before the pandemic, and the information we gained will be very useful this year and beyond.



Virtual trips are also still very much part of the new normal. At the end of last month, **year 12 law and politics students** attended an online talk given by Parliament's education department. The students took part in a **law making and debating workshop** where they considered whether tuition fees for university should be scrapped. The students were joined by **local MP Mims Davies** who kindly answered their questions about how she started her career in politics.



Another highpoint for me this week was **thanking our tremendous year 8 open morning guides** who were so positive and helpful showing prospective parents round last month. **Mr Pearson** served them all a mug of hot chocolate by way of thanks. A very impressive group of young people.

There is more tremendous news this week about year 13 student **Amber Titchener** – she's going to star on **CBBC's Saturday Mash-Up** tomorrow (Saturday). Amber will sing her new song 'Get Me' live, and will no doubt get involved in all of the fun of the show.



You can find 'Get Me' and all of Amber's songs on [Spotify here](#). The great news just keeps on coming! Well done Amber.

Meanwhile former student and current music technician **Michael Hoelters** also has a single out. *Fake Ordeals* will feature on *BBCIntroducing* this Saturday. Michael's tracks are also available on Spotify [here](#).

With that news of the talent we have at Sackville, I will sign off with my best wishes for next week and the half term holiday in a week's time.

Julian Grant
Headteacher



Fantastic first post-pandemic observatory open evening

Mr Bush writes:-

Over 60 students and parents attended last week for our first post-pandemic observatory open evening and the skies could not have been better. Saturn put on a great show as usual with its rings and largest moon Titan clearly visible. Jupiter was also stunning with its cloud belts visible as shown by this photo taken with our 200mm telescope. Guests also viewed the beautiful double star Albireo and had laser guided tours of the skies.

Thanks to observatory friend Steve Pond along with Max Goddard (y12) and Mr Shave for their help. Our next event is on 17th November – check our [facebook](#) page for more information.

We received this lovely comment from one of our parents present – thank-you!

Can I just say a massive thank you to everyone who ran this session last night! It was absolutely surreal to see Saturn, Jupiter and the double ★ Your knowledge of the sky is to be admired. 🍊🍊🍊 Thank you so much. Looking forward to the next session 😊



Sports News

We're back and the fixtures keep coming! Here are a few highlights.



Year 8 boys returned to **football** competition with a narrow 4-6 loss to Downlands. Goals from Ellis Hepburn, Sean Mosley, Finley Wigmore, Lewis McDonnell. Players of the Match Nathaniel Eaton and Josh Curlew.

Year 7 boys' football A team lost 3-6 to Lingfield. Scorers Stefan Gallagher, Ben Cherry, Jacob Meads. **B team** won 3-0 with goals from Morris Kane (2) and Louis Mendy Mendy. **C team** won 10-2. Louis Mendy Mendy also scored 3 in this game, alongside Romario Jeal-Scott (2), Dan Carroll (2), Jakub Bizukowicz, Harry Hughes, and George Price. All of the players were making their **Sackville debuts!** Well done!



Year 8 B boys' football team beat Lingfield 3-1. Scorers were Joseph Hone, Alfie Wakefield and James Spink. Player of the Match was George Edwards. **C team** won 7-2, with players of the match Noah Abajo, Gabriel Nix and Johnny Denbigh

Year 10 boys' football against Lingfield saw the **A team** win 4-0, with goals from Ryan Hill (2), Emilio Malsem-Cela and Adam Wheeler. **B team** won 9-1 with a squad of 19 players. Players of the Match Aiden Pritchard and Callum Worth.



The **year 7 boys' football** team lost 3-8 to a strong (as ever) Warden park team. What is it about Warden Park? We played really well until the end when tired legs got the better of us.



Meanwhile the **B team** lost 0-8 to the Warden park B team.



We took a strong team to the Sussex Schools' Relay Swimming Gala, and some very powerful performances were the result!

Meanwhile, back at Warden Park, our **year 9 football team** lost a thriller 5-6. A good first game back capped by a superb hat trick from Mason Saunders



Our **year 9 rugby team** lost the Chris Cooney Cup to Imberhorne 2-4 tries, after a superb fightback in the second half. Outstanding were William Blackburn (year 8) Oscar Pye, Ben Darch and Tristan Simpson. Player of the Match Charlie Seal



Meanwhile the **year 11 rugby team** beat Imberhorne to win the Barry Newman Cup 46-7. Player of the Match Logan Joao



The **year 10 netball team** came second in the Mid Sussex versatility tournament, winning four out of five games. Player of the tournament Evie Stone

Year 9 boys' football A team unlucky to lose 1-2 against Lingfield. Mason Saunders the Sackville scorer. The **B team** won 4-1, with goals from Oscar Pye, Max Cowley (2) and Saxon Swan. Player of the Match Max Cowley



Our **year 11 netball team** won the Mid Sussex Versatility Tournament – a very strong year!



The **year 8 girls' hockey B team** beat Burgess Hill Girls 3-1. Player of the match Hannah Nuth. The **A team** lost despite a strong second half. Good defence from Rachel Nathaniel linking well with Immy Porter and Jemima Birt. Player of the Match Charlotte Hodges.



Finally, as reported by Mr Grant, the **boys' football first 11** beat Imberhorne 5-1. Player of the Match Olly Ally



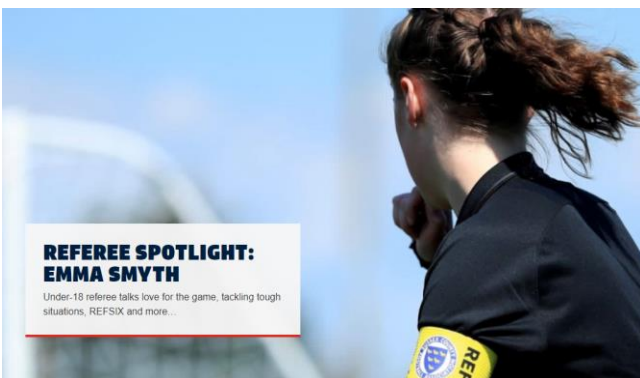
Some individual achievements to mention this month too. **Connor Madden** has been selected to play in the Welsh Exiles squad, playing his first game last weekend.



Orla Humphrey has been selected for the **U16 Sussex Football Squad**, playing her first game in a 3-3 draw against Hampshire Schools.



Rhys Lewis has been selected for the **Kent and Sussex Climbing Squad**



Year 12 student **Emma Smyth** is a level 7 soccer referee as well as an accomplished player. She ran the line at the Sackville-Imberhorne Memorial Game (above) and refereed last month's TCT charity game at the school.

You can read more about how she got into this and how much she enjoys it on a case study on the [Sussex FA website](#).

Lost Property

We are getting an increasing number of unnamed items handed in. Please can you ensure that all items brought into school re named. There are a lot of very similar PE kits, school jumpers and pencil cases!

After school pick-ups

Please when waiting for students after school on Bourg de Peage Avenue, turn your engines off in fairness to our local residents. Thank-you.

Maths anxiety

Ms Jeffcoat writes:-

Earlier this week I sent a message to parents about resources to help with maths anxiety. These are created by Eedi, an on-demand maths resource.

One that might be of particular interest is the **free webinar for parents to support the maths-anxious child**.

Using both the latest research and her vast experience in this area, Rachel from Eedi will give practical advice on ways parents can help their children with their maths, whether they are struggling with maths anxiety or stuck on their homework. And they'll learn tips for keeping their own maths anxieties at bay too!

The webinar takes place on Wednesday 3rd November at 7:30pm.

Use the link below to access the webinar:

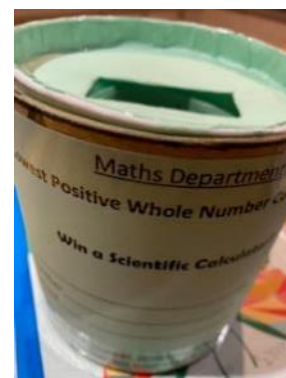
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RaZtoO11RIGk7HzuDRVYMA

There is also an online course for [maths-anxious parents](#) and a course for [maths-anxious students](#).

Open evening calculator winner

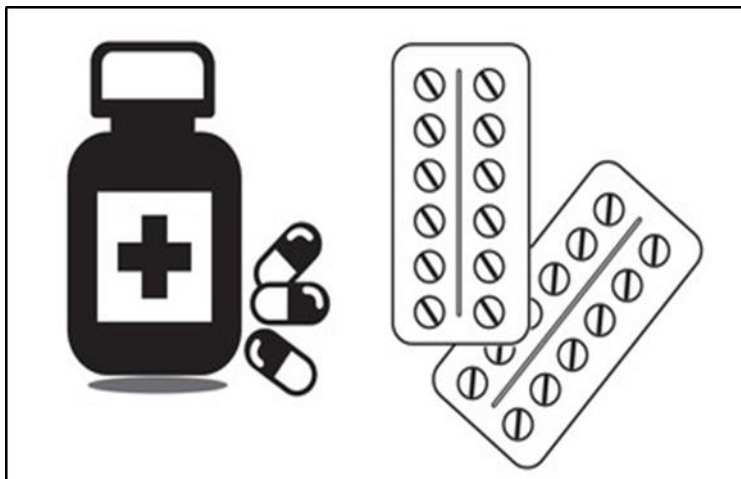
Speaking of maths, at Open Evening last month we had a competition in which prospective students had to guess the **lowest positive whole number** (1, 2, 3 etc) **that no-one else had guessed**. This is more than a maths puzzle – it requires thinking about how others would behave.

We are delighted to say that the prize, a calculator, was won by Harry from Copthorne Juniors. Well done Harry!



Half-termly medical reminders

Mrs Nibloe writes:-

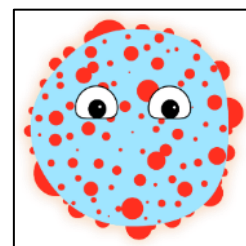


To ensure that we continue to support students when they are unwell, **we need to make sure our records are up-to-date**. As a school we will continue to administer ad-hoc medication as per the consent slip you have completed. If you wish for this to change, please contact the relevant year team. Should your child be diagnosed with any new medical condition please contact us. In addition, should your child's medical condition change (i.e., 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.

In order to keep the more vulnerable members of our school community safe, a **reminder to inform the school if your child contracts any of the following**: Chickenpox, Shingles, Measles or Mumps. Please call the relevant year office, thank you in advance.





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Free courses from West Sussex MIND

There are lots of courses for parents on the West Sussex MIND website. Please click the image for more details.

Upcoming events

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Supporting your bereaved child (for parents and carers)

📅 Tuesday, October 19, 2021

🕒 12:00pm-2:00pm

🔗 Eventbrite

⌵ Show more

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Self Harm Learning Network (Secondary Schools) -

📅 Tuesday, October 19, 2021

🕒 3:30pm-5:30pm

🔗 Eventbrite

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Self Harm Parents and Carers Network

📅 Wednesday, November 3, 2021

🕒 6:00pm-8:00pm

🔗 Eventbrite

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Social media and your child's mental health (for parents and carers)

📅 Monday, November 8, 2021

🕒 9:00am-11:00am

🔗 Eventbrite

⌵ Show more

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Online Adult Mental Health First Aid

📅 Mon, Nov 8 - Tue, Nov 16, 2021