

Sackville News

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Dear Parents,

As we draw close to the half term break it is good to reflect once again on the busy life of the school and all that is being accomplished.



On Tuesday of this week, the Department for Education made its first release of limited **national 2018 examination data** into the public domain. We are delighted to see confirmed the **outstanding results** of our students last year, placing our **progress as very high in local and, indeed, national comparisons**.

Our national percentile ranking as a school hasn't been released yet, but we know by looking at these figures that it will be tremendous – and certainly **in the top 15%**! Our **'Progress 8' figure of +0.4** means that **almost half of the grades achieved at GCSE were above ambitious government expectations** – and Progress 8 is the headline figure on which schools are now assessed.



Our year 7 students have settled in very well and enjoyed a **team building evening** last week which helped them get to know each other even better! It was also good to welcome new parents and others to our first **observatory evening** of the year which was very successful. Our **space education** status continues to be much cherished and is a great feature here.



It was good to meet so many **year 11** parents again at our **parents' evening with subject teachers** this week. The **timing of this evening is significant** as discussions are able to reflect on how well the start to the year has gone together with advice ahead of the November mock examinations. It also allows time to implement strategies sufficiently early in this crucial year. As ever, I am both struck and deeply grateful for the support you all give to your children and to the school. Such **strength of partnership** is an essential ingredient of success and also helps our young people face the inevitable pressures of 2018-19. We were delighted that **over 95% of parents** were able to make the parents' evening!



Our sporting activities and fixtures are well under way now and as extensive as ever.

Our new **sports leaders** were involved in an **academy launch day** last week and have also helped run a **primary school basketball tournament**.

We have several important memorial matches around this time of year, three of which I was privileged to be present at.



Sackville and Imberhorne U14 players

On Friday 28th September we hosted the annual **Paul Keenor Memorial Rugby Game**, as reported in the last Sackville News.

On Thursday 4th October, in a reversal of last year's results, **Sackville rugby teams won both the memorial games against Imberhorne** held at East Grinstead Rugby Club. The U16s play for the **Barry Newman Cup** and the U14s for the **Chris Cooney Cup**. Barry

Newman was a longstanding head of PE at Imberhorne. Chris Cooney was a sport-loving Sackville student who sadly passed away in his final year at school.



Rugby was Chris' passion, and both the efforts put in by all four teams and the spirit in which the games were played would have made him proud. Whilst I feature in the photo here, I would like to point out that I take no credit for the fine victories; it was just great to support our teams!

Finally on Thursday of last week East Grinstead Town FC hosted the annual **Adam Dabell Memorial Football Match** between Imberhorne and Sackville. A decent crowd saw a high quality game, which

this year **Imberhorne edged 2-0**, despite a number of chances for Sackville.

The point of the game of course is to commemorate Adam Dabell, an ex-Sackville student, who died suddenly after playing football due to an undiagnosed heart condition, and to raise awareness of this possibility in all young people.

It was a privilege for those present to watch the **players from both schools approach the game in the right spirit**. Sackville will be back in 2019 keen to win back the trophy.



Our students recently took part in the annual Sussex swimming gala and performed extremely well. There were over 500 students taking part and our teams came out with some impressive positions including:-

Team	Medley Relay Placing	Freestyle Relay Placing
Intermediate Girls	3 rd	2 nd
Intermediate Boys A	2 nd	4 th
Junior Boys A	1 st	1 st

The **junior boys' freestyle and medley relay** and **intermediate boys' medley relay** have made it through to the national finals on Saturday 17th November which is magnificent!

In addition to this, we **won the East Grinstead Senior Schools' Cross Country** at East Court last weekend which was a great achievement.

Girls' race:- **Gracie Beatty** 1st, **Jess Greenwood** 5th, **Beth Currie** 8th, **Katie Smyth** 10th and **Yasmine Noble Christian** 18th.

Boys' race:- **Rhys Hunt** 8th, **Max Aubrey** 9th, **Staten Beynon** 10th, **Jordan Harvey** 11th, **Angus Canepa-Anson** 15th, **Robert Taylor** 17th, **Archie Kessell** 19th, **Jamie Scriminger** 20th, **Freddie Mabey** 21st, **Matthew Mogg** 22nd, **Sam McManus** 30th and **Ben Swarbrick** 32nd.

Well done to all, especially considering the weather and conditions that day!



At the **Netball Nationals** in Brighton last Saturday, our **U19 netball team finished a commendable 4th** in their group and played very well considering most of the squad were playing up 1 or 2 years.

Our **U14 team** did magnificently, winning 4 matches which saw them **defeat Ardingly College** in the quarter finals. In the **semi-final against Brighton College** there were only ever 2 goals in it but unfortunately after a Brighton turnover at 8-9 they went on to win 9-12. The team finished **3rd overall** and were the **only state school to make the semi-finals** – congratulations!

Continuing the sporting theme, our **2018 Gym and Dance**

Evening this week was its usual excellent standard with a **great number of participants and parental supporters**. It is tremendous to see so many of our younger students taking part and particularly our **year 7 students** who are only a few weeks into their Sackville lives. This reflects confidence and also the **supportiveness of our community** in helping new entrants settle in quickly and enthusiastically.



This half term has been busy for our **health and social care** students. Firstly our **year 9 students** have benefitted from a visit from **two wonderful toddlers** (relatives of the students which brought the topic of child development alive!).

Secondly, our sixth formers have been back at the amazing **Chailey Heritage School** where their work with the students forms part of the level 3 assessment for the course.

It's safe to say that these **real-world experiences** are what make the subject so popular. We'd like to thank our local community for their support in making health and social care the success that it is.



Two hundred of our year 8 students had a true outdoor learning experience on Tuesday 2nd October, when they visited the coast between Seaford and Hastings for their **geography fieldwork day**. A primary focus was **coastal defence**, which is hardly ever out of the news along this stretch of coastline. Students also looked at the different shapes of pebbles and stones on different beaches, and filled in **fieldwork booklets** explaining the processes that had created them. One highlight of the day was the walk down to the estuary of the Cuckmere River, allowing a comparison of the now-abandoned **meanders** with the canalized route to the sea.



It was a very successful day; well done to all of the students involved and, of course, to **Mr Latus** who once again donned his yellow geography jacket to lead the way!

As the **centenary of armistice day** approaches, our **librarian Mrs Rose** has been looking at the topic of remembrance and the First World War with all of our year 7 classes this half term. Mrs Rose is seen here in front of our **silhouette soldier**, signed by everyone with a relative who fought in the Great War.



I will be accompanying our Head Girl Grace de Souza and Head Boy Will Roberts-Percy to the **East Grinstead remembrance parade** on Sunday 11th November where we will lay a wreath on behalf of the Sackville community.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank-you to **Mrs Rigg** who is leaving us after more than ten years as a cover supervisor. We also welcome former student **Hannah Collins** back to Sackville as our new **performing arts technician**.

I would like to wish everyone a relaxing half term break. The next half term up to Christmas promises to be somewhat of a marathon!

Best wishes

Julian Grant
Headteacher

Student news

As usual there is a lot to share about students both present and past.



First up, **Charlotte Duffield, Y13 Photography A level**, was successful in having a piece selected for an exhibition commemorating 100 years since the end of WWI (left).

Her evocative photograph of a soldier (taken at Duxford Museum) is currently displayed alongside twelve other selected artists' works at **East Grinstead Museum**.

Ms Buckley also has a piece in the show (right).



Cambridge student Bonnie Samuyiwa, who came to our excellent sixth form for a year to improve her A levels, has been selected by Powerful Media to appear in its yearly *Future Leaders* magazine as one of the UK's top 100 most outstanding undergraduates and recent graduates from an African/Afro-Caribbean background.

She will also attend a Black History Month reception to mark the UN International Decade for people of African descent, which will be hosted by the Prime Minister at 10 Downing Street next week.



We'd also like to share with you the latest news from Edenbridge, where **the Matt Cox Community Pavilion** is now being built. Matt was an exceptional former student of ours who sadly passed away in 2015. His family and friends have tirelessly raised funds so that the pavilion could be built in his memory at the cricket ground he graced so often as a boy and young man.

So far, a staggering £142,000 has been raised leaving just £8,000 needed to reach the target. The picture shows where the old cricket hut has been demolished to make space for the new build. We'll bring

you pictures of the new pavilion in action next summer, at the annual Sackville-Edenbridge Matt Cox Memorial Game.

BTEC Music students visit The Hawth

Our level 3 BTEC music students enjoyed a visit to **The Hawth Theatre in Crawley** earlier this term. Former student **Alex Wintle** gave the students a two-hour comprehensive tour showing how all the equipment works and what is involved in setting up for a show. The students also spoke with **Harry Holmes**, another former student about how his apprenticeship is progressing and the career opportunities available in the live performance industry.



Make Your Mark 2018

You may remember from the last edition of the newsletter that students have been voting on which issue they would like discussed by the UK Youth Parliament. The results are as follows:-

Mental Health	95
End Period Poverty	82
Votes at 16-UK	32
Put an end to Knife crime	128
A curriculum that prepares us for life	124
Support for Youth Services	4
Equal Pay for Equal Work	101
Let's tackle homelessness	58
Transport	49
Welcome Refugees	19

These votes will go together with those from other schools and thereby have an impact on the discussions in the youth parliament in 2019.

Mental health and wellbeing

Mrs Nibloe writes:-



Coastal
West Sussex

There are a **number of courses** put on by **Coastal West Sussex Mind**, an independent local mental health charity working in West Sussex. They aim to promote good mental health through the provision of high quality services and through campaigning to improve services, raise awareness and understanding.

Other parents within West Sussex have attended Mind courses and found them helpful. If you are interested please click on this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/coastal-west-sussex-mind-8288439768>

Sports News

The sports season is now in full-swing, and alongside set piece occasions such as those mentioned by Mr Grant, there have been dozens of fixtures. Some highlights are below – take a look at the sheer number of games!



1st October: **U14 girls' hockey** beat Lingfield 3-0. Player of the match Emma Smyth



2nd October: **U12 football** first fixtures of the year against Oathall. A's lost 3-2, B's won 4-0, and C's won 7-1.

	<p>2nd October: U12 girls' hockey faced an excellent team from Burgess Hill Girls. A good learning experience!</p>
<p>3rd October: a thrilling U16 football match against Longhill in the cup goes to penalties after a 2-2 draw. Fin Ringer and Harvey Byatt scored our goals, and James Young saved two penalties.</p>	<p>3rd October: U13 rugby beat Downlands 45-5 in the county cup. Harrison Foster-McPhedran scored three tries, Will Bramwell, Matt Crenel and George Sutton two each, and one for Joshua Sparkes.</p>
<p>4th October: U14 rugby won Chris Cooney Memorial Cup 43-0 against Imberhorne. Two tries each for Jamie Davis and Liam Dawes, and one each for Harrison Foster-McPhedran, Joe Walsh and Ellis Beynon. Some faultless kicking too from Noah Roberts.</p>	<p>5th October: U16 rugby beat Imberhorne 44-19 to win the Newman Cup.</p>
<p>8th October: First XI lost to Lingfield 2-5 despite an Ayo Odeyinde goal (and an own goal). Second XI also lost 1-3, with a goal from Joel Hall.</p>	<p>9th October: U16 girls' football lost their first game of the season 1-7 against Oriel. Lucy Plumb scored, with Poppy Nicholls putting in the player of the match performance.</p>
<p>9th October: U13 football lost 3-6 to Durrington in the County Cup, with goals from Harry Stone, Charlie Folland and Oliver Randall.</p>	<p>9th October: U13 girls' hoickey beat Lingfield College 2-0, led by Annie Lyons.</p>
<p>9th October: U15 netball lost 3-12 to Warden Park and 6-8 to Tanbridge House. Player of the match Lucy Plumb.</p>	<p>10th October: U15 rugby lost to Imberhorne 10-48, despite tries from Vincent Turner and Elliott Vincent.</p>
	<p>10th October: U12 football won 6-0 against Holy Trinity in the County Cup. Two goals each from Finlay Carrick and Teddy Pilate and one each for Archie Kessell and Joseph Hill.</p> <p>The latest names in a couple of Sackville sporting dynasties there!</p>
<p>10th October: U14 Netball beat Oathall 13-5 and Warden Park 19-7. Abbey Hall was player of the tournament.</p>	<p>10th October: Sussex Schools Swimming Gala Intermediate boys A 2nd, 10th. Intermediate boys B 4th, 12th. Junior girls A DQ'd, 20th. Junior girls B 2nd, 23rd. Junior boys A 1st, 1st. Junior boys B 12th, 12th.</p>
<p>10th October: U13 rugby beat Imberhorne 55-0, with four tries from (you've guessed it!) Harrison Foster-McPhedran, four also from Connor Madden, and one each for Izaak Shimizu, Matt Crenel and Ben Iljin.</p>	<p>11th October: U14 rugby drew 0-0 with Imberhorne, lot 0-10 vs the Weald and lost 0-15 against Warden Park. A great tournament!</p>



11th October: **U14 girls** drew 3-3 with Oathall. A goal for Freya Ohta and two for Lily Walker.



11th October: **U12 girls' hockey** won a tournament beating Millais 1-0 and The Weald 1-0. Player of the tournament Katie Smyth.

13th October: **U19 netball** team finish fourth in group at Nationals. Player of the tournament Bethan Healiss. **U14 netball** finish top Sussex state school at Nationals. Players of the tournament Lottie de Turriss and Abbey Hall.

14th October: another great **weekend fixture** as Sackville became the winners of the **East Grinstead Senior Cross Country Competition**. A great weekend all round.

15th October: **U14 girls' football** lost 1-4 to St Richard's College in a cup game. Player of the match Vicky Majda.

15th October: **U13 football** lost 2-8 to Tanbridge House



17th October: The **U14 Rugby** team competed at a rugby tournament held at Hurst. Player of the day was Ellis Beynon. Drew with Warden Park 15-15, beat Downlands 25-5, beat Oathall 20-10. Great day of rugby!

17th October: **U15 netball** team 1 lost 2-3 to Imberhorne and drew 4-4 with Oathall; team 2 lost 10-11 to St Pauls and won 10-7 against Downlands

18th October: **U12 football** three teams went to Imberhorne, with the As narrowly losing and the Bs and Cs winning.



18th October: **U16 rugby** beat Beacon 24-7 with a great attacking performance.

Match reports from Miss Offler

Thank-you to Miss Offler for these reports and to both her and all of the PE staff for the amazing number of extra-curricular fixtures this half-term.

U16 Football League Match

Our U16 girls' football team had their first league game against Oriel. We had a depleted team for this game with just 10 on the pitch. The girls worked hard throughout but we were no match for a full squad. Lucy Plumb and Skye Caffyn-Baptie tested Oriel's keeper a number of times and were unfortunate to not find the back of the net. In the second half Lucy managed to score an excellent goal but unfortunately our fitness started to show with the final result being Sackville 1 – Oriel 7.

The team: Lucy Plumb, Poppy Nicholls, Ellie-Mae Taylor, Ella Devine, Rhianna Major, Eloise Bassett, Emma Smyth, Shannon Feeney, Skye Caffyn-Baptie, Freya Ohta.

U14 Football League Game (picture above)

Our U14 football team played their second league game against Oathall. The girls made a determined start to the game which unsettled the Oathall players. Whilst Oathall were trying to settle into the game a key pass from Lily Walker in midfield out to Freya Ohta proved to be a key move as Freya slotted the ball into the back of the net.

Oathall started to settle into the game and responded with a goal of their own after the ball got lost between players in the box. The match was proving to be an end to end game with the ball rapidly moving down to each end. Lily made the best of a corner which Oathall didn't cover in the box, allowing her to score Sackville's second goal.

After a small break at half time, the girls were excited to be 2-1 up. They started the second half very positively, with some excellent chances on goal which were repeatedly denied by Oathall's keeper. We were caught on the back foot after we made a great attacking play and our defence were left short. Despite Dilyn Arro's best efforts she couldn't keep the ball out of the goal making it 2-2.

The ball was travelling everywhere on the pitch and it was building to be an exciting finish after Lily managed to score her second goal, making it 3-2. Despite critical saves by Dilyn, including a penalty, Oathall once again managed to level the score, resulting in a 3-3 draw. Both teams did very well throughout the game and it made a very exciting game to watch!

The team: Emma Smyth, Freya Ohta, Scarlett Green, Shannon Feeney, Skye Caffyn-Baptie, Keira Drewry, Ella Kessell, Lily Walker, Louisa Orme, Dilyn Arro, Ella Kosifou, Vicky Majda, Orla Humphrey, Eve Kendall, Emma McManus.

U14 Football Cup Game

The U14 travelled to Bexhill-on-Sea for their first cup match of the season. The team had an excellent game and despite being 0-1 down at half time, spirits were high and determination was rife. I wouldn't be able to give just one player of the match as the whole team did incredibly well. Shannon Feeney was very unlucky to have her shot cleared off the line. Brilliant attacking play came from Lily Walker, Vicky Madja, Louisa Orme and Shannon to create some excellent chances on goal but we just kept being denied! An excellent corner kick from Emma Smyth led to Vicky Majda scoring Sackville's only goal of the game. The final score; Sackville 1 – St Richards 4. The score really didn't reflect how close the game was nor how well the whole team played. Player of the match: Dilyn Arro.

The team: Emma Smyth, Scarlett Green, Shannon Feeney, Keira Drewry, Ella Kessell, Lily Walker, Louisa Orme, Dilyn Arro, Ella Kosifou, Vicky Majda, Eve Kendall, Emma McManus, Annie Lyons.

Sussex Schools Swimming Gala

On Wednesday 3rd October a number of swimmers went to Horsham Pavillions to take part in the English Schools National Swimming Relay Championships for Secondary Schools. This gala is a qualifying stage for the Nationals, which this year is due to be held at the Olympics Aquatic Centre in London. We are incredibly lucky at Sackville to have a high number of pupils who take part in swimming outside of school across a range of clubs. Having such talented swimmers has allowed us to take both A&B teams to the event. Sackville pupils had the challenge of competing against a range of schools – more so than normal as we also had teams from across Sussex, Kent and Surrey. Everyone involved showed fantastic enthusiasm, teamwork and support for each other throughout the day. There was a lot of competitiveness with approximately 500 students on poolside!

Team	Medley Relay Placing	Freestyle Relay Placing
Senior Girls	7 th	10 th
Senior Boys	9 th	12 th

Intermediate Girls	3 rd	2 nd
Intermediate Boys A	2 nd	4 th
Intermediate Boys B	10 th	12 th
Junior Girls A	DQ'd (early takeover)	2 nd
Junior Girls B	20 th	23 rd
Junior Boys A	1 st	1 st
Junior Boys B	12 th	12 th

Thank you to Mrs Rigg, alongside parents who came to watch and support the squad at the event.

The squad: Chloe Grantham, Ellie Parkes, Freya Walsom, Jess Greenwood, Phoebe Moles, Callie Devlin, Mia Carew, Carlie Curlew, Ella Kessell, Nicole Noakes, Abbey Hall, Sophie Taylor, Heidi Crowther, Lucia Gomez-Darder, Laura Howson, Erin Harnett, Theo Stenning, Cameron Wrapson, Robert Taylor, Freddie Mabey, Oliver Tindale, Faris Webb, Connor Madden, Oscar Morgan, Danielius Tuma, Adam Lawrence, Sam Wiles, James Randall, Max Morgan, Archie Mabey, Jamie Young, Isaac Lancaster, Ed De Barra, Joe Lancaster, Nathan Randall, Luke Waddell.



Disability access in East Grinstead and Lingfield

We have been contacted by **Paul Johnson, Chairman of Disability Access - East Grinstead Area** with this message.

*Advice has been received from the Sussex Community Rail Partnership that Network Rail are preparing to put both **East Grinstead and Lingfield Stations forward for priority funding from the Government's second tranche of 'Access for All' granting 2020-2024. Disability Access - East Grinstead Area** have been campaigning for proper access for the mobility impaired to and from platform 1 at East Grinstead (and to and from platform 2 at Lingfield) since 2005. We have also been calling for better access to and from the Worth Way and upper station car park. This would be better accomplished by replacement of both the platform bridge and the Worth Way bridge with a dual purpose bridge, with lifts to the platforms and graduated ramping to the station forecourt.*

In order to back up the application it is required to supply as much evidence of support as possible, this is to be submitted together with the application to the Department of Transport by 19th November. This will then be considered for feasibility study and announcements will be made as to successful stations in April 2019.

The present advice from Network Rail for any disabled person arriving on platform 1 is to attract the attention of a member of station staff, who then has to ring the supervisor for permission to escort the person over the tracks, which in itself is a violation of Health & Safety rules. There is no suggestion for those without physical impairment but with buggies, bikes or heavy loads to get over the bridge.

So, what is being requested is a simple statement supporting Disability Access - East Grinstead Area in its call for proper access, etc.

Please forward this to paul@egaccess.co.uk, or deliver/post to East Court as below.

We will welcome as many individual messages as possible and we do have the vital support of Sir Nicholas Soames, MP.

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