

Dear Families

As the first half term of the year draws to a close I would like to say a huge well done to all of our students and staff for everything they have achieved this term. New relationships, friendships and working partnerships have been forged through our Community system and across year groups, as well as long-standing ones cemented further.

Our students continue to astonish us with their accomplishments and engagement in lessons and across a wide range of activities. Our PE department continues to maximise opportunities for students to compete across a variety of sports and you can see some of these highlighted below.

There are a few other highlights from the term in this edition of Sackville News with many more activities to follow in the lead up to Christmas.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a pleasant half-term break.



Jo Meloni
Headteacher

Town Mayor Meets A Level Photography Students

East Grinstead's Town Mayor, Cllr Frazer Visser, visited our A level photography students on Tuesday 10 October. He spoke to them about his work as a photographer, from how his career started as a teenager, to his current work in hospitals as a medical photographer. He showed students some examples of photos he has taken over the years and answered questions from our year 12 and year 13 students.



Art Scholar - Window Design Project

On Wednesday 18 October 12 of our new Art Scholars met with Michael and Darren from Greenaway Residential/Foundation. We discussed our upcoming plan to design and make the window display for their shop in East Grinstead High Street. The plan is to have the window ready for the "Big Reveal" on Saturday 18 November.

The students are very excited and have already been discussing their ideas for the window. The students received their Art Scholar badge and first project of the academic year. Future projects will involve mural painting, art competitions and events.

It would be great to see as many of the Sackville Community there as possible for the Big Reveal!

<https://www.visiteastgrinstead.com/events/christmas-lights-switch-on-and-the-big-reveal/>

Mrs Sarah Stirling

Curriculum Team Leader of Art & Photography



Positively You!

Students' in year 11 were treated to a special revision skills workshop earlier this term by a company aptly named 'Positively You'. The morning very much focused on a 'can do' approach to revision and success. It was fascinating to see just how much students had retained in their memories just by practising a few tried and tested revision techniques throughout the morning. With Year 11 about to embark on their mock exams after half term, what better timing to put this to the test. We wish them all the very best of luck in their forthcoming mocks.



Mental Health Awareness Theatre Production

Our year 9 students had a thought provoking special event last week when a visiting theatre company came to deliver a performance based around mental health awareness. The production was aimed specifically at their age group and was both interactive, informative and thought provoking. This is just one of the ways in which we continue to provide important education and support in school.

You can find more information about how we support our young people via our website by following this link

<https://sackvilleschool.org.uk/wellbeing-2/> it also has links to external organisations should anyone need support over the half term.



STEM Challenge Launch Event

Last week 6 of our budding STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) group attended the Mid-Sussex STEM Challenge launch at the Mid-Sussex District Council offices in Haywards Heath. They listened to inspirational talks from the STEM Ambassadors as they set off on their new challenge this year. Our team, made up of six girls and two boys will be tasked with powering a model hovercraft this year.



The task will take them through many months of planning and preparation as they follow the STEM Engineering steps outlined below:

1. ASK – Define the problem
2. IMAGINE – Brainstorm solutions
3. PLAN – Consider how to best solve the problem
4. CREATE – Construct your solution
5. TEST – Determine how well your solution works
6. IMPROVE – Make your solution better

The team will come up against many challenges but the skills they will develop along the way will be priceless. Teamwork, resilience, communication, problem solving, budgeting to name a few.

We wish the team all the best and will keep you updated on their progress.



Year 7 Surgeons!

Year 7 became surgeons for the lesson as they put together their bones. It was part of their skeletal systems lesson! Some brilliant designs and work! Best skeleton goes to **Daisy!**

Mr Alex Jones
Teacher of Science & PE



Yousafzai Community Fundraiser

Yousafzai had their first fundraiser of the year. The community system is in full swing and giving positive leadership opportunities for our students'

[#thesackvilleway](#) [#community](#)



SIXTH FORM

The autumn term got off to an exciting start for KS5. The sixth form team had a busy time enrolling our new students into year 12 at the beginning of September, as well as welcoming back our new year 13 students. We are happy to give a particularly warm welcome to students who have joined us in year 12 from other schools.



Our students were fortunate to come back to a newly painted and refurbished sixth form area. We are grateful to the premises team who worked so hard over the summer to help facilitate this.

The term kicked off with **'Positively You'** providing an interactive workshop on bridging the gap from year 11 into year 13. This was followed up by a futures morning - students enjoyed presentations from Cardiff and Portsmouth Universities, along with a **'Prepare for Employment and Apprenticeship'** session run by our own sixth form team and Futures Leader, Mrs Helen Smith. Many students have taken the initiative to follow up this session already by looking at possible programmes of study and pathways for life after

their time at Sackville. Students are now busy planning relevant work experiences, helped by our **'Find it Out Thursday'** career sessions.

Our **student leadership team** did a fantastic job at the year 6 into 7 open evening. **Mia** and **Matt** played lead roles in speaking at the open evening, whilst other community student leaders and student ambassadors worked in front of house roles as tour guides and helped in departmental areas. Thanks go to **Veronyka** for her piano playing in the main hall at the event.

We are really delighted to announce that 10 of our KS5 students have trained and qualified as **Anti Bullying Ambassadors** and are putting themselves forward to work with younger students in the school in a supportive role. We also have a rolling programme of **student mentor training**; our sixth form students enjoy working with younger students helping them to navigate the challenges of KS3 and KS4. We are grateful to our students for giving the benefit of their wisdom to our students. Our **reading buddies** are looking forward to being paired with younger students to offer support with their reading skills. We should not underestimate the importance of the mutual benefits that both the sixth form students and the younger students gain from this work.



It has been a real highlight for us to have students offering to take part in **community assemblies** and playing a proactive role in doing this and presenting the findings of their **anti-vaping** research. Thank you to **Jess, Sadie, Holly, Elodie, Ellie and Peggy** for doing this. We are aware how daunting it can be to address a large gathering of students, but we do know that our younger students really value hearing from these students.

The final big event of this half term was the **Adam Dabell Annual Memorial Football Match at East Grinstead Football Club**, which took place on Thursday 19 October. Our sixth form students look forward to taking on their counterparts at Imberhorne - let the battle commence!

We return from the half-term break looking forward to welcoming many parents at our **sixth form open evening**, which takes place on Thursday 9 November - this event is specifically designed for year 11 students to find out about becoming members of our sixth form. Please do ensure if you are a year 11 student that you book ([via the website](#)) to come to this important event.

Helen Valentine, Assistant Head & Head of Sixth Form

SPORT



Worcester City Ladies

Former student, Issey Lee Fisher, picked for Worcester City Ladies team and U18 Assistant Coach.

<https://www.wcwfc.co.uk/post/worcester-city-women-fc-confirm-coaching-staff-for-23-24-season>

Primary Netball Festival

Year 9 sports leaders helped run my year 3 & year 4 primary netball festival recently! They

were amazing. We had 10 schools participating, over 150 children learning how to play the game in the sunshine! A great day had my all.



U14 Boys Football

B team U14 Boys beat Lingfield College 2-1 in September. **Louis M** scored for Sackville first before Lingfield equalised. Then **Oscar D** got in behind the Lingfield back four to tuck the ball in the corner for the winner.

Man of the match was **Ethan J** for his tireless running in midfield and quality passing.

U15s Girls Cricket

Well done to the U15s Cricket team. They finished 4th out of 8 teams in the Sussex Chance to Shine Cricket finals. Excellent talent in bowling and batting from **Immi H**, **Charlotte H** and **GiGi C** also displayed great fielding skills in making catches and taking wickets. Superb batting from **Amber B** and **Savvy S-Y** enabled us to beat Millais 3rds and Hastings. A great team effort from everyone. Well done!



National Schools Swimming Qualifiers

We had a great day at the national schools swimming qualifiers. Some superb performances across the board as well as some gutsy swims from some of our youngsters and senior boys. Now to just wait and see if our senior girls, who won both of their races, and our intermediate boys, who won their medley relay, have made it to the national school finals...watch this space!

U16 Girls Football

U16 girls were knocked out of the cup despite their gutsy performance and four cracking goals. Across the field, we had some dominant performances but unfortunately, we fell short at the final whistle. Two players of the match went to **Harriet F** and **Amber B**. We go again in the league over the next few weeks' time.



U12 Boys Football –B Team

U12 Team B football team lost 4-0 v Lingfield. Our ten-man squad was up against it when their PE teacher said he was going to replace his entire team at half time!

Great performance from **Josh M** in goal and relentless running from **Regan F** were the highlights for Sackville.

U12s Boys Football- C Team

The U12 C team won 7-2! 6-0 at half time! Then Lingfield introduced some of their B team players in the second half! Scorers **Charlie H**, **Harry D**, **Ethan B** x2 and **Jona J** x3. Players of the match were **Charlie L** in defence and **Kyla G** in midfield! They did not stop working and kept the team organised.



U15s Boys Football – A Team

The U15 A team drew 1-1 and the B team drew 0-0, against Lingfield College. Sackville went a goal down in the first half to a long range shot from one of the Lingfield players. They worked hard to get back into the game and scored via an own goal! It was a scrappy game with few and far chances. The B team worked hard across the pitch and had many chances but just could not find the back of the net. Close games all round.

U13 Boys Football

U13s beat TBHA 4-1. Two goals each for **Rohan P** and **Mason M**. Great performance from the entire squad. Excellent all round centre forward play from **Charlie T** with **Toby B** dominating the midfield in the second half. Well done!



U12s Boys Football

On Tuesday 10 October, U12s Team A lost 4-3 in a tight game against Lingfield College. The boys played very well for their first game together. Mentions for **Ollie S** (two goals) and **Dylan L** for playing in goal. Sackville were great on the ball.



U15s Girls Netball League

U15s Netball league got off to a rollercoaster start, drawing 8-8 with Warden Park, a loss to Millais 5-3 and then a high to win against the Weald 14 - 9. Well done to **Charlotte H** and **Scarlet E** for great defending throughout. To our shooters **Gi**, **Sophie N** and **Molly**. **Savvy Y** gets the 'Miss Motivator' award! Well done everyone.

We have had so many great sporting experiences this half term it is impossible to include them all within this edition of the Sackville News.

To keep up to date on all we have been up to please follow us on our Instagram page @sackvillepeandsport.

**Kind regards
PE Department**