

Sackville News

Monday 6th September 2021



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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all managed to get a good break over the summer, even though the weather wasn't particularly kind to us. It is warming up nicely now that we have returned!



Over the summer our students in **years 11 and 13 received their examination results** and I am **so proud** of their achievements! They achieved exceptional grades and, with the careful preparations of the past year, have achieved some great destinations including **Cambridge University, medical schools, veterinary colleges**, and places at a variety of **top universities** together with



careers/apprenticeships in the **armed forces, education, and nursing**. As ever, it is all about being ambitious for every youngster and our young people never fail to impress me.



The **GCSE results were excellent** and one outcome of this is **our very healthy numbers for sixth form study**. We have 211 enrolled for year 12 at the last count and our sixth form cohort now totals **nearly 400 students**. All of this success means that we can offer a **strong breadth of courses to our post-16 students** and this, in turn, has attracted **many entrants from other schools**. We are delighted to give them a very warm welcome!

Overall, the **roll of the school has now exceeded 1700 students** for the first time, which is tremendous. It seems to be a reflection of **Sackville's popularity and the faith which our local community places in us**. We are deeply grateful for this and always mindful that such a situation is, and must always be, hard earned and never taken for granted. A very warm welcome to the 270 year 7s who are starting this week, we are sure you will be very happy over



Year 7s enjoying their introductory assembly on their first day



Staff in their diversity training session on Friday

your seven years here as a Sackville student. I would also like to welcome the parents of our year 7 students to the school community; we look forward to working with you.

As students arrived for their lateral flow tests, staff embarked on two INSET days looking at **re-establishing our excellent teaching and learning routines** and receiving a session on **racism and diversity** from a West Sussex team of advisers. It is lovely to be able to have the staff team meeting together again after so long apart!



Our lateral flow testing team under the leadership of Mrs Hill

Over the summer, we were delighted to hear that **Mrs Rogers** safely delivered a baby boy, **Jake**, on 23rd August which is great news. Staff have also been busy onsite painting and decorating and installing a lot of new **IT equipment**. We have new **water fountains for refilling bottles** at

various points around the school. We have also placed a lot of **new equipment into our fitness suite in P Block.**

We are very pleased **to welcome excellent new specialist staff to the Sackville team.** I am sure everyone will ensure they settle in quickly and enjoy their time here.

Following Mrs Tingley's decision to pursue her studies with by undertaking a Master's degree this year, her year group (y9) will now be led by **Mrs Sands**, who led last year's y11. We have also appointed **Mr Pearson** from The Ashcombe School in Dorking to lead year 8. Mr Pearson was an Assistant Year Leader and Head of Key Stage 3 English at his previous school.

After Mrs Stuart's promotion to the post of Assistant Headteacher at Holy Trinity School in Crawley, the Curriculum Team Leader of English post is now being taken over by **Mrs Grimes** who was Lead Practitioner at Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys.

A bit of a new departure for us sees the appointment of an outdoor education specialist, **Mr Brinkmann**, who will work with groups of our students on a part time basis throughout 2021-22. This is an exciting step forward in terms of curriculum opportunity and the building of character skills.

Parents will no doubt remember that our IT systems were tested to the full during lockdown, not least due to the cyberattack we suffered at the end of February. We have, accordingly, expanded our IT technical team to include the new appointment of **Mr Keeler**, previously a year 13 student. We have an excellent track record of students staying with us in such a role and being great assets to the school.

In addition to these staff, we are very pleased to welcome a number of very strong practitioners who will be starting their teaching careers at Sackville. They all commenced here in early July, so full induction has already taken place and they are raring to go! In geography, we welcome **Ms Parchment**, in Modern Foreign Languages **Ms Palfrey**, in business studies **Mr Belcher** and **Mr Dupoy** and in science **Ms Lindridge**. Some of these are replacing staff departures, with some adding to our capacity due to the expanding roll of the school. We also welcome **Mrs Slater** from Oathall School – one of our parents up to last summer – in the role of Leader of Food Technology.

The support staff at Sackville are second to none in terms of the impact they have on the quality of education of your students and I am delighted to share that we are adding **Ms Thornton**, **Ms Beaven** and **Ms McLeish** to our team of Learning Support Assistants (LSAs), **Ms Johnson** to our team of Foreign Language Assistants (FLAs) **Ms Beaumont** to the science technician team and **Mr Mooney** to our PE team this year.

Congratulations to Ms Warran who got married over the summer! She will now be known as **Mrs Whitmore**.

All that remains is for me to wish you the very best for the start of the new year. Our community is more than a match for any challenge it may present.

Julian Grant
Headteacher

Year team leadership, 2021-22

Year Group	Year Assistant	Year Leader
7	Mrs Newcomb	Mr Endersby
9	Mr Jones	Mr Pearson
9	Mrs Mustard	Mrs Sands
10	Mrs Farrant/Mrs Randall	Mr Thompson
11	Mrs Brignall	Mr Millican

Transition Coordinator (primary to secondary school): Mrs Brown

Futures Leader: Mrs Smith

Sixth Form (KS5) Leader: Mrs Valentine

Sixth Form Deputy Leader: Mr Watson

KS5 Student Support Manager: Mrs Plumb

KS5 Student Intervention Manager: Mrs Barden

Teenage Cancer Trust Charity Football Match

We are delighted to say that after two COVID-enforced postponements, we will be hosting the **TCT charity football match on Thursday 9th September**. The match is between Sackville staff and last year's U16 Forest Row team, for whom it will be their last game together.

There will be refreshments available, and freshly cooked pizza. Both of these should help compensate for the standard of football played by our staff!

There are some fantastic raffle prizes, with tickets on sale this week and on the evening itself.

If you would like to support the fundraiser but cannot bear having to watch the staff play (the boys are very good) you can donate on the just giving page [here](#).



Forest Row U16 FC vs Sackville Staff XI

Thursday 9th September – from 5pm **Kick off 5.30pm**



Come and join us for a fun evening to raise money for Teenage Cancer Trust

Great Raffle Prizes £1 per ticket – including:

£250 BJ Babb Tradesman for the day
£150 JD Sports Voucher
£50 Amazon Voucher
£50 Allan Martin Meats Voucher
Waitrose Hamper
£50 Roochi voucher
Cuddly toy panther & more...

Mostro Pizza van
&
Refreshments



Standards and Expectations

Mr Street writes:-

I hope everyone has enjoyed the long summer break and have managed to get active despite the less than favourable weather.

It was great to see the new Year 7 arrive on Monday with such enthusiasm and looking splendid in their new Sackville uniform. The new academic year is an important time to remind all students and parents about our high expectations.

'Give Me 5' is a simple and memorable way of summarising our high expectations. The poster below clearly displays our five expectations and I hope you will agree these are standards that our community would want from all young people both in and out of school.

Sackville School

Give Me 5



Sackville is a **Rights Respecting School**

Our school has high expectations, in that we:



Display a **POSITIVE ATTITUDE** and try our best



RESPECT the school, one another and use appropriate language



BEHAVE RESPECTFULLY and follow staff instructions



Follow the **UNIFORM CODE**



Are part of a **RESPECTFUL COMMUNITY** and support one another

Sackville School

Together We Achieve



School Uniform

We fully appreciate that school uniform has been more difficult to purchase at times over the last twelve months and that many students have demonstrated their individuality with regards to haircuts and colour during periods of lockdown. I would appreciate that parents assist students in addressing issues regarding uniform and appearance so they are returning to school ready to learn and following our uniform guidelines.

Uniform guidelines are set out in the tables below and can be viewed on the school website by following this link, <https://sackville.w-sussex.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads//2015/04/uniform-website.pdf>

Skirt Uniform

Navy pleated skirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knee length or just above
Navy tailored trousers of a boot cut or straight leg variety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No skin tight trousers • No leggings, jeggings, jeans or jean style trousers, wide flares, culottes or shorts • No belts with a visible buckle
Light blue blouse with revered collar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any garment worn underneath must not be seen at all
Navy V neck jumper with school logo	
White, black or navy socks OR flesh coloured/black tights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No multi-coloured socks • No leggings instead of tights
Black, flat footwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No high heels, decorations or any other colour, boots of any kind or sandal style • Canvas shoes are permitted

Trouser Uniform

Charcoal grey or black trousers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No light grey trousers • No excessively tight trousers • No jeans style trousers or jeans
Navy V neck jumper with school logo	

Blue shirt with collar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The neck must be wide enough for the top button to be comfortably fastened • Any garment worn underneath must not be seen at all
Navy clip on tie with the school logo	
Black shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No different coloured decoration or logo or boots of any kind • Canvas shoes are permitted

In addition to the above it is also worth noting that:

- No jewellery other than a wrist watch and a set of plain stud earrings are acceptable. Any other piercings of any kind will be asked to be removed.
- Shirts must be worn tucked in.
- Nail varnish and acrylic nails are not permitted.
- Extreme haircuts and colours are not permitted. Grade 2 or below and tram lines of any description are not allowed. Hair colour must be natural and dip dyes are not acceptable.
- Make up in year 9 or above must be discreet, particularly eye make-up.

Mobile Phones:

We recognise that mobile phones, cameras and other digital devices are now an integral part of our culture and can be of considerable value to aid learning and for personal safety. They have been a lifeline for many over the last 18-months allowing students to access education and socialise with friends during lockdown periods. However, balanced with this are the need to focus on learning and to safeguard students and staff from cyber bullying, inappropriate use of the Internet and telecommunications, and the misuse of social media such as TikTok, Facebook, Snapchat and Instagram.

Mobile phones are not permitted for use during lesson changeovers and whilst in lessons or registration without the teacher's permission. They can be used responsibly at social times, break and lunch. Although phone use is permitted at these times, students who bring their phones to school do so at their own risk. The school has no insurance in place for mobile phone loss, damage or theft.

This approach allows students to possess a mobile phone during the day and ensures their personal safety to and from school. Students will be expected to use their mobiles responsibly during social times and will be educated about how best to do this through our comprehensive Learning for Life programme. It also allows them to be used as an educational tool/organiser when permitted by staff whilst also avoiding unnecessary distractions to learning at other times. In order to ensure that mobile phones do not disrupt learning, any students using their technological devices in the corridor during lesson change over or in a lesson/registration time when not permitted will receive a mobile phone point. This will be logged on our information system, SIMS. Three or more points in a week will result in that student receiving a phone ban in school for the following week. Parents/carers will be contacted by the relevant year team and in consultation with them one of the following will be apply for that whole week:

1. The phone is confiscated by the parents during school hours (i.e. it is left safely at home);
2. The mobile phone is brought into school and handed into the year office for safe keeping at the beginning of each day and then collected at the end of the school day.

We are asking parents to support the school in educating students with regard to appropriate and responsible mobile phone use by avoiding contact via mobile phone with your child during the school day. Should you need to contact your child then please do through our reception or the relevant year office, where staff are always happy to assist in any way they can.

At Sackville we believe that 'Together we Achieve' and parents can support the school in educating students in how best to behave in a respectful, responsible and appropriate way, ensuring all students uphold our high expectations.

As always, I thank you for supporting us to ensure that all Sackville students can be proud of their appearance, behaviour and conduct. Should you have any questions about the uniform, mobile phones or our high expectations then please do not hesitate to contact your child's year leader or me.



Queen Religioso, Nadia Usman and Rejwana Ahmed of our diversity leadership group, with the religious and cultural display board they created at the very end of last year.



Sackville School



2016 - 2022



- Popular, successful and oversubscribed 11-18 school with large sixth form.
- “Pupils make strong progress across all subjects”. Ofsted Jan 2019
- “Pupils are well mannered, good humoured and very welcoming. They are proud of their school”. Ofsted Jan 2019
- 99% of parents would recommend Sackville to another parent. Ofsted Jan 2019
- “We are blown away by the lengths the school goes to support students”. Parent

Open Evening Thursday 23rd September 2021
Please check our website for further details



EGRFC YOUTH RUGBY GIRLS OPEN DAY

AGE GRADE RUGBY (U12's - U18's)
ALL ABILITIES & EXPERIENCE WELCOME
ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12th

EAST GRINSTEAD RFC ARE HOSTING AN OPEN DAY FOR
ANY YOUNG PLAYER WHO IS INTERESTED IN RUGBY.
FIND OUT ABOUT YOUR LOCAL CLUB'S EXCELLENT
FACILITIES AND MEET THE COACHING TEAMS

U12's to U18's - 11.00 to 12.30
INTERESTED? COME ALONG ON THE DAY or CONTACT US NOW:
Susannah Turner-Girls@egrfc.com



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EGRFC YOUTH RUGBY BOYS OPEN DAY

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U12's to U15's 11.00 to 12.30

U16's to U18's 12.30 to 14.00

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