



# **SACKVILLE NEWS**



## Community News

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## **Community Points Roundup**

How the Achievement points added up!

31301

32315

33098

29833

27534

Angelou

Attenborough

Holmes

Turing

Yousafzai

#### Headteacher's Message

It is wonderful to see this sample of things our brilliant students have got up to during this final half term.

Looking at the photographs and reading about students incredible achievements makes me feel incredibly proud to be Headteacher of this school.

Please take some time over the summer to flick through the pages of our latest addition of the Sackville News.

Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Happy reading!

Jo Meloni Headteacher

## A few goodbyes...

It is that time of year in schools where we have to say goodbye to colleagues and celebrate all they have contributed to our community, as well as welcome new people to the team.

This summer, we are saying goodbye to a few members of support staff Ms Foxx, Ms Hutchinson and Ms Lay who have been fabulous Learning Support Assistants for us over the last few years; Theo Dawson who has been helping to cover within our site team this year; Mrs Flude who moved from being our school Governor to working in our safeguarding and attendance team and has been lured back to working with the Police. Mr Lucas, science technician; Mrs Kurtzeman, catering assistant and Mrs Hill, welfare officer, who are all retiring after dedicating an astonishing 20, 17 and 18 years of service respectively to Sackville School.

A few of the teaching staff are off to pastures new including Miss Wooley in DT; Mrs Bureau, Assistant Head and B&V teacher; Mr Dupoy, Deputy Head of Sixth Form and business teacher; Mrs Liu and Miss Perkins in maths and Mr Moriarty in English. All of whom are moving on to new roles and opportunities and in Mr Moriarty's case, he decided that as much as he loves working at Sackville, the commute from Yorkshire is going to be a stretch too far!

After 28 years at the school, we are also saying goodbye to Mr Wilcox, Head of physics who has taken up an offer that was, in his words, too good to refuse (and included free lunches)! We thank him for his long-standing dedication to the school and wider community.

As I say each year, as one door closes, another opens and I am delighted that we have made some excellent appointments to start in September. Recruitment and retention in teaching continue to be a challenge nationwide but we go into the new year with much greater stability in our staffing and having managed to fill the small number of vacancies we have had this year. We are fully staffed across all departments and I look forward to introducing our new colleagues to you in September.

Jo Meloni **Headteacher**  Community Celebration
Day

## **Community Charity**

First Place - Angelou £1246
Second Place - Yousafzai £590
Third Place - Holmes £435
Fourth Place - Attenborough £370
Fifth Place - Turing £356

Total Raised This Term - £2997
Total Raised This Year - £4113.61

# Achievement Points (average per student)

First Place - Attenborough (137.43) Second Place - Angelou (136.39) Third Place - Holmes (134.65) Fourth Place - Turing (127.99) Fifth Place - Yousafzai (116.05)

## **Overall Community Cup**

Summer Term

First Place - Angelou
Second Place - Turing
Third Place - Attenborough
Fourth Place - Holmes
Fifth Place - Yousafzai



## **Community Attendance**

First Place - Turing
Second Place - Yousafzai
Third Place - Attenborough
Fourth Place - Holmes
Fifth Place - Angelou

## **Community Competitions**

First Place - Turing
Second Place - Angelou
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## **Community News**

# **Angelou**



Our second year as a community is nearly finished and it has certainly whizzed by! We have made fantastic progress this year leaping up to third in the achievement points table as well as being competitive across community competitions (special mention to the Angelou staff rounders team for their winning contribution!).

A massive well done to our year 11 cohort who worked so hard throughout the GCSE period. They made us all proud and it was fantastic to celebrate with them at their prom where they all looked amazing and shared a special night.

We have continued to collect money for the East Grinstead Foodbank this year. Our latest event saw cakes sold and water balloons thrown at the Angelou team where there were far too many takers for my liking, but all for a good cause!

I am looking forward to ending the year with our celebration assembly this week and to continuing our Communities' journey next year. I hope you have a safe and relaxing summer break.

Paul Turner **Community Leader** 





# **Attenborough**



#### Celebrating Our Successes This Term!

As we approach the end of term, we are proud to share some fantastic achievements from our students and school community:

- Sports Day Triumph We are thrilled to announce that we secured third place in this year's Sports Day! A huge well done to all the students who took part and gave it their all. Some epic individual as well as relay performances. A huge thank you to all that took part.
- Community Competition Success Congratulations to our students for also earning third place in the term's Community Competitions. Your teamwork and spirit truly stood out.
- Charity Fundraising for Dementia UK Thanks to your generosity and support during our cake sales, Easter Fair, and the exciting flipathon, we have raised nearly £300 for Dementia UK this year!
- \* Sackville Stars Shine Bright Since the launch of our new incentive programme this summer term, students have earned a remarkable 820 Sackville Stars for their positive contributions, behaviour, and hard work.
- Attenborough Graduation It was a delight to give out so many certificates on Thursday morning to students at our Annual Graduation. Lovely to see so many of them excited to share their achievements. We awarded our Outstanding in Attenborough to Phoebe in Year 10.

I would like to use this opportunity to thank the students and families of Attenborough for making me feel so welcome. I have enjoyed working with you and getting to know the students. We will keep the momentum going into next year and look forward to gaining more cups and rewards for the fantastic students we have.

Thanks also goes to tutors, who are the daily link between students and home and they do such a wonderful job of encouraging and supporting those students in their care.

A special thanks to Mrs Perkins who leaves us for pastures new next year, I know her tutor group will miss her, as will we, and we wish her well. We have new tutors joining our Year 7 team and 8ADN will be taken on by Mrs Benjamin in September.

Lastly, I wish you all a wonderful relaxing summer, filled with lots of adventures and memories made.

Sam Ellis

**Community Leader** 

## **Holmes**



Wow, another amazing year for Holmes Community!

Once again, we could not be prouder of our amazing Holmes students. This half term has seen our Holmes students once again fully immerse themselves in the school curriculum and the extra opportunities that the school has on offer. It has been amazing to see some of our students join new sports teams, compete in and excel in the inter-community competitions, and finally win Sackville's first whole-school Sports Day! It is a real testimony to their enthusiasm, teamwork and dedication.

This half term, we also had our first Holmes Fayre, raising money for our chosen charity this year, St Catherine's Hospice. This event was organised and run by our Holmes charity reps under the guidance of Miss Wright. It was an amazing event and it was brilliant to see our Community showing the whole school what we can achieve.

At the Summer Graduation, we celebrated all of our students' progress through this academic year. This included 7ZAA having the best overall attendance in Holmes, Delon M M, Daphney M M, and Samantha N for receiving the most community points this year. We also had the opportunity to hand out our prestigious Kelly Holmes Award to a Year 10 student who has embodied the school values throughout their time at Sackville and is a role model for all of our younger students, with their enthusiasm for learning, dedication, and hard work in and outside the classroom. This year's winner is Chloe B from 10APY!

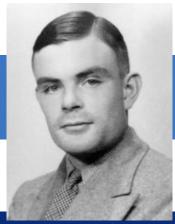
Finally, I would like to thank all of our amazing students, tutors, Community team, and families for making this year a superb one. Our Holmes students have represented Sackville and Holmes Community with distinction, and I look forward to working with and sharing the success of Holmes Community once again in September.

Have a lovely summer holiday!



Mr Beaver, Miss Wright, Miss Turnbull-Allen and Miss Barnes **Holmes Community Team** 

# **Turing**



It has been a truly remarkable academic year for Turing Community, marked by an impressive display of academic effort, community spirit, and sporting prowess. Students and staff are celebrating a year filled with excellent work and memorable achievements, culminating in a strong finish that highlighted their dedication and unity

at our Graduation and Celebration Assembly this week, It was amazing to see students rewarded for their efforts across the year. Special Congratulations goes to this years Alan Turing Award winner, Bea K for her commitment to all aspects of school life.

One of the standout successes for Turing Community was their unwavering commitment to charitable causes. Their charity bake sale and charity tombola were resounding successes, raising significant funds for St Catherines Hospice. These events not only demonstrated the students' generosity but also fostered a vibrant, collaborative atmosphere within the community. The popular Easter 'Guess the Name of the Bunny' competition added an extra layer of fun to their fundraising efforts, engaging the entire school.

Alongside their charity successes, Turing Community truly shone in inter-community competitions. Term 2 saw them achieve an impressive treble, securing the coveted Community Sports Cup, Community Attendance Cup, and the overall Community Cup. This outstanding achievement is a testament to the students' consistent effort, teamwork, and active participation across various school initiatives.

The competitive spirit continued right up to the end of the year with a fantastic sports day. While Turing Community put in a stellar performance and were narrowly pipped by Holmes Community, their efforts and sportsmanship were highly commendable. The day was a true celebration of athletic talent and healthy competition, with Turing students giving their all in every event.

As the academic year draws to a close, Turing Community reflects on a period of significant growth, outstanding contributions, and a collective spirit that has made it a truly special year. The students' excellent work, both in and out of the classroom, has set a high bar for future years, proving that with teamwork and determination, anything is possible and we are already looking forward to next year.

Wishing you all a calm and restful summer break.

Gill Sands **Community Leader** 

## Yousafzai



As the term draws to a close, it has been a pleasure settling in as the new Head of Yousafzai Community. I have been warmly welcomed by the Yousafzai team and students alike, and it has been a joy getting to know everyone.

It has been a busy and exciting term for Yousafzai students! We celebrated fantastic successes on Sports Day, with our relay teams showing outstanding teamwork and determination. We also had the privilege of attending the Year 11 Prom – a wonderful evening filled with celebration and pride for our students' achievements.

Creativity was on full display at the Arts Festival, where our Yousafzai students impressed with their talent, passion and performance. And finally, a huge thank you to everyone who supported our Malala Day Tombola – we raised an amazing £62.50 for the Malala Fund, supporting education for girls around the world. We are incredibly grateful for the generosity of our Yousafzai families and their donations to the tombola.

Students also wrote appreciation tokens to staff members which were delightful to read and were appreciated by staff at the end of the academic year.

We have been overwhelmed with the positivity of Yousafzai students, with over 100 Sackville Stars awarded to our community and over 700 achievement points this half term. We are incredibly proud of all of our students and cannot wait to see what they accomplish in the next academic year.

Wishing all of our families a restful and enjoyable summer!

Eilesh Mance Community Leader



## **Community Competitions**

This term has been an absolute blast with our community competitions. We have had a whole array of challenges and activities for students, and staff, to get involved with which culminated to an overall winning community for the summer term.

We started with some great paper aeroplanes being flown with a superb model designed by Noah W, from the Turing community, who hit the back wall twice, flying his plane over 30m each time.

This was followed by some very impressive Rubix cube completions, with the record being set by Subomi from the Attenborough community, in a time of 14.55 seconds.

The ball swap challenge proved to be very popular with lots of points shared amongst all of the communities.

Hang tough was a challenge that really embodied our Sackville Value of resilience. Ruan R from Turing hung tough for an impressive 2 minutes and 37 seconds; his swim training really paid off in this challenge.

The final tutor time challenge was a simple test of memory and again was well attended with many students remembering more than 15 items in just one minute, however special mentions go to Louis S in Yousafzai and Flo L in Turing, who both remembered 22 items.



Throughout the term we also had some ongoing competitions such as our "pets do the funniest things" photography challenge, which were very amusing to judge. We had some lovely entries in our creative writing challenge, a wonderful Turing cake in our "Great Sackville Bake off" and some fabulous Sports Day reports in our "sports reporter challenge"



#### The Present

Trapped in a box There's nothing to see Darkness,too much darkness It's really creepy

Suddenly a beam of light A face! "Whats this in my sight?"

"It's your new puppy."
A lady said to her son
"She can fetch and play.
You'll have so much fun!"



by Mabel Scott Davis

With lots of student involvement in many of the challenges it was only fair to get the staff involved too so we ended the term with staff rounders before the penultimate event, which was Sports Day. The staff came out in force and played some very competitive rounders, with Angelou taking the victory, in the final match.



The competition leaders chopped and changed throughout the term with students gaining participation points as well as points for placing. However the overall winning community for the Summer Term was Holmes and all students who had taken part in an event or competition were rewarded with a celebration afternoon of garden games, cakes and ice lollies.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the students, and staff, who have got involved this term. It really has helped to bring students together and develop a sense of belonging, resilience, excellence, teamwork and integrity. Providing opportunities that recognise different talents but also the willingness to get involved, be curious and just give things a go for the benefit of your whole community.

More to follow in September so watch this space!

Lisa Richards

Teacher of PE and Community Competitions Leader

## SIXTH FORM NEWS

#### Year 13 Prom - High Rocks, Tunbridge Wells

The Sixth Form team were delighted to celebrate our annual Year 13 leavers prom at High Rocks in Tunbridge Wells. This year's prom did not disappoint. Our students were a credit to us, the sun shone and staff and students alike enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

#### **Year 12 Futures Day**

We have just completed our fifth step in our five part Year 12 Futures Programme. Mrs Bush and Mrs Smith organised a rolling programme of topical events and speakers. It really was a day with something for everyone. We were delighted to welcome back some of our alumni who are both following degree courses or working in apprenticeships and jobs. We have a variety of apprenticeship / degree apprenticeship providers universities to cover a variety of topics, running from advice on how to choose a course and location to how to present your academic and creative portfolio when applying for courses. We welcomed in addition to the more traditional university provider (University of Exeter) we were delighted to welcome the following providers:

NHS - Careers in the NHS

BRIGHTON METROPOLITAN COLLEGE - Technical and professional courses
UNIVERSITY FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS - applying to drama and music courses/preparing
portfolios

#### RUNNING A BUSINESS/CAREERS IN SKYDIVING

We do hope our students are now in a position to begin to make firm choices for their future plans.

### Verbania - Town Twinning trip 2025

A selected few Sixth Form students from Sackville School, accompanied by Mr Dupoy and Ms Mitchell, took part in a town twinning trip to Verbania, Italy, representing both their school and the East Grinstead community with excellence as part of the East Grinstead town twinning group.

The visit featured a range of sporting and cultural activities, including basketball and athletics, and provided a valuable opportunity for cultural exchange. Students connected with peers from twin towns in Italy, Spain, Germany, Austria, Croatia, and France. Their enthusiasm, behaviour, and teamwork were outstanding throughout, making a lasting impression and embodying the spirit of international friendship that town twinning seeks to promote.

We hope you all have a relaxing summer break.



Helen Valentine and James Dupoy **Head and Deputy Head of Sixth Form** 



## Year 12 Work Experience

It was an absolute privilege to visit our students in Year 12 this week on work experience. Thank you to all those in our Sackville community who helped facilitate and secure placements for our students. It was a very successful week for our students. Here are some photos.



Xander at Tiny Tigers



Emily at Soil Instruments



Daisy at Windmill
Nursery



Lilly at Tiny Tigers



Jack at AIG



Chloe at Ockenden Manor



Kimberley at Specsavers



Darcey at Highley Manor



Faryosh at EL and N



Adriana at Borderforce



Lewis at Catalyst Creations

## **SCHOOL TRIPS**

Our Year 12 biologists visited Wakehurst Place and had a brilliant time completing DNA electrophoresis, a technique used to identify rare and endangered species. Fantastic work from all of you.

Matt Tate
Biology Teacher







After all their hard work in the classroom, our STEM club took their drone designs to the National STEM competition at Ardingly.

Our students truly made us so proud. Three teams entered, but they came together as one, supporting each other every step of the way to succeed for Sackville. They never gave up. Each team earned a certificate and, more importantly, showed us the power of unity. When we come together, we achieve great things!

Havva Law **STEM Club Leader** 



Despite it being a very humid 33 degrees in London, the 48 students on the trip to the National Portrait Gallery did us very proud. They took loads of exciting photographs and created many drawings of the work they encountered. The day was nicely finished off with an ice cream on the way home! Well done Year 10!

Sarah Stirling

CTL of Art















Our Year 12 and Year 13 A Level English Literature students enjoyed a trip to The Bridge Theatre London to see a performance of their set text 'Richard II'. Students enjoyed seeing this modern adaptation which allowed them to focus on aspects of stage craft and theatricality. It was a subtle, caustic and powerful performance with Richard II played by Jonathan Bailey of 'Bridgerton' fame. Coffees on the way home added to the adventure!

Jennie Grimes CTL of English

On Thursday 10 July the Year 10 geography students took a trip to Swansea, Wales to collect field work data for the upcoming Year 11 GCSE. Alongside this, the students created many fond memories with friends and classmates like spending time on the beach playing group games or making the long, hot walks bearable.

Daan Gerretsen

CTL of Geography

Here are a couple pictures of the waterfalls we visited on their first day.

We stopped for a short walk while on our way to the university we were

way to the university we were staying in

for the next two nights. We looked at the different forms of erosion and rocks, like soft or hard rock.







Every night we stayed at the University we made our way down to the beach from around 7:30pm to 9:30pm. It was such a fun experience, many played group ball games like volleyball or football while some sat and talked or wandered the coast. Even teachers got involved playing frisbee or in general chatting, it was all very memorable and everyone had such a lovely time! We're all so sad it's over and I hope the next lot of year 10s have just as much fun as us!

On day 2, we made our way around three different locations in Wales to measure the river's width, velocity and depth. In each location we made these three measurements multiple times to get an accurate result. Friday was extremely hot but we had to get roughly knee deep in one of the rivers which was a refreshing cool down and a lot of fun! On Saturday, on our way home, the classes split, some made their way to the Big Pit Coal Museum while others went to a museum. In the Big Pit we got to go underground into coal mines, unfortunately no pictures could be taken as phones couldn't be taken down, but it was an amazing experience and we got to learn some amazing facts.



## **Find It Out Thursday**



# Carbon Management with Southern Renewal Enterprise

This week we had Jon Casey and Lilia Frunzo from Southern Renewal Enterprise and spoke to students about carbon management. Students learnt about how companies are having to think about how they can reduce their carbon footprint, what steps they need to take and the things that they need to consider. We discussed the importance of this work and how it is going to affect our young people and what they can do about it. All students left saying they had learnt something and had a better understanding of the steps companies can take to reduce their carbon footprint. Our thanks go to Jon and Lilia for coming in and sharing their knowledge.

#### **Paramedic**

Angie Phipps is a paramedic. She spoke to students about various opportunities that there are being a paramedic, the various routes that they could take and the required qualifications. Angie not only works for the NHS but also works on film sets. Students were able to have a go at CPR on training dummies, investigate the supplies that are carried, shown how to use a tourniquet, put an arm sling on someone and aspects of bandaging. This was a very informative and practical session and we thank Angie for coming into Sackville.



#### **RAC**

This term we also had a talk for the RAC. Students learnt about the qualities in people that the RAC are looking for and the progression routes from the age of 18. The RAC have invested in a large apprenticeships program and have also branched out into mobile mechanics that will service cars at member homes. Students got to look at the equipment that is carried on the vans and learnt about the events that the RAC supports. Some of the events that they support is the Old Crocks Race and students heard about how RAC mechanics have to be inventive and think on their feet to mend vintage cars to enable them to get them back on the road.



#### Oz vs UK

An ex-student, Thomas Gardner who resides in Australia was on holiday in the UK and offered to come in and speak to students about the differences of working in the two countries. Thomas left Sackville and emigrated to Oz, got homesick and returned to join the UK Army. After leaving he then returned to Oz and joined the Police Force. Students heard about the opportunities in the UK and Oz, giving both the positive and negative points. It was very interesting to hear about the different life styles and opportunities that both countries have to offer.

#### **Police Officer**

Police officer Nick Mangan talked to students about a day in the life of an officer. He explained the routes into the force, the qualifications students need explained the many roles he has had within the force and the pros and cons of each. This session was very much a question and answer session. Nick answered all the questions that students had and gave them a very good insight into the qualities that a police officer needs. Students were surprised at the weight of the jackets that police have to wear on a daily basis and the variety of roles within the police force. A very informative talk, thanks to Nick.

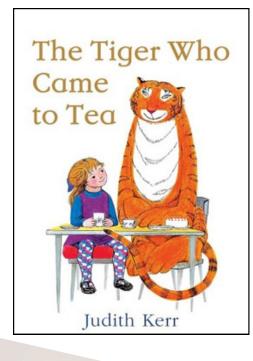


I would like to thank all of our volunteers for coming in and giving up their time to give our students an insight to different industries.

If you would like to be part of our Find it out Thursday program please contact Helen Smith on hsmith@sackvilleschool.org.uk.

Helen Smith **Futures Leader** 

## **SCHOOL EVENTS**





On Monday 7 July, our Year 12 A Level English Literature group enjoyed a workshop delivered by a highly renowned English Professor, Jago Morrison. Jago explored ideas around the critical interpretation of texts and focused on the children's classic 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' by Judith Kerr as a way of encouraging individualised critical perspectives. Jago discussed in particular, postcolonial approaches to text and gave students suggestions for what to focus on for their next piece of coursework. Overall, it was a useful and engaging session!

> Jennie Grimes CTL of English



A group of Year 9 students helped make the food for the A level exhibition that was held this term.

Felix W, Harry A, Alice H, Ethan I, Hollie B, Tinotenda M, Daniel S, Chloe B, Rosie W, Kiera S and Arthur P, cooked up some amazing, tasty dishes.

Vicky Slater CTL of Food Tech























What a busy term we have had in the music department! We started straight after the May half term break with a trip to Oathall for our first Federation Music Day. This was a wonderful event to be part of, with Sackville students enjoying making music with students from our partner schools, led by musicians from Ensemble Reza, and culminating with a concert to headteachers and parents that included Hakuna Matata and 'One Day Like This' by Elbow. Later in the term we were delighted to be invited by St Swithun's to take part in their annual Arts Festival – bringing a small taste of what we do in school into the local community with a concert featuring our KS3 and KS4 bands, along with soloists and small groups, who showed great talent and energy on a blistering hot day and were a credit to Sackville! We followed this up with a visit by students from Estcots, who enjoyed watching the Sackville students and were hopefully inspired to take up an instrument or sing!

The term culminates with our Arts Festival - more details of which elsewhere. At the end of the year I want to say a big thank you to all the students who have taken part in music making over the course of the year, as well as the parents and staff who have supported them, and us, as they continue their musical journeys throughout their time at Sackville. We look forward to lots more exciting opportunities next year!

Alastair Webb

CTL of Music







Criminology in Action...

Year 10 and 12 sociologists and criminologists enjoyed an interactive and immersive 'crime scene to courtroom' workshop, led by former police detective Simon Smith. They were thrown in at the deep end with a 999 call about a suspected murder, examining the crime scene, interviewing witnesses, evaluating forensic evidence, arresting and charging their suspect and putting him on trial. Both groups reached a guilty verdict, sentencing the offender to life for murder. They also learnt about a range of careers in policing and the criminal justice system. As always, Simon was extremely complementary about Sackville students' behaviour and their positive engagement in the workshop.

Mel Porter

CTL for Sociology and Criminology











Our Year 12 geographers were being visited by former Sackville student Madeleine E, who came to speak to the class about university experience, studying geography and all of the interesting things she has been up to. It was lovely to have her back to share experiences and inspire our class!

Dayna Parchment

Teacher of Geography and Deputy Head of Attenborough



Our Year 7, 8, and 9 students participated in the third and final session of our outdoor learning trilogy: an archery lesson facilitated by E3 Adventure Learning.

This session provided a valuable opportunity for students to reflect on their achievements throughout the year and set new targets as they transition to their next year at Sackville. A big well done to all the students who took part, and a huge thank you to E3 Adventure Learning for delivering these engaging sessions!

Andy Parry Teacher of Alternative Provision



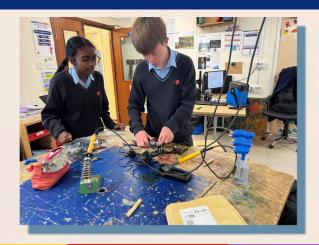




STEM Club 2024/25

Our teams have worked very hard and closely with their drone projects. Planning their presentation and their story board. Go team Sackville.

Havva Law **STEM Club Leader** 











Miss Rowlands, our amazing trainee teacher ran her last art club with the students this term, and they completed the most fantastic animations. Please have a look at the video (the first one is sideways so turn your head) to see their fantastic work. Very talented bunch! The students will miss her very much, as will we. Sackville Art Club Animation Video

Sarah Stirling
CTL of Art



#### **Al in Stem**

Year 7 and 8 each attended a workshop from BAE supported by the RAF and Navy on the use of Al. Students were very excited to meet the robot dog, Fluffy. They learnt how Fluffy is able to navigate obstacles, the types of sensors that he uses and the commands that are required. The students then participate in using AI to create the lyrics for a song, the genre of music, the location of the music video and character in the video. The team demonstrated how this can be put together. The team explained the positive and negative aspects of using AI and the safety measures that students need to adhere to. This was a very exciting workshop with great participation from students who all came away with a new understanding of the wonders and pitfalls of AI, something which they will all be using in the future.



# Beth Curris - Loughborough University Sienna Mogg - Oxford University Elodie Ansell - Uoyd's of London George Valentine - University of Nottingham with placement year

#### **Year 12 Futures Day**

Year 12 are now starting to think about the routes that are open to them after they complete their A Levels. We started the day by inviting back some old students who have taken various pathways to talk about their progress, why they made the decisions they had and if they would do anything differently. Listening to their stories gave our current students some food for thought. Students then had the opportunity to explore the university route, apprenticeships or work. They had workshops on setting up UCAS account and the process they will undertake to complete their applications. Exeter University came in to support with starting to write personal statements and give guidance on how to make them stand out.

Those students who do not want to go to university attended workshops on CV writing, looking for jobs and apprenticeship workshops led by ASK.

The afternoon saw students attending lectures on Creative courses and producing portfolios, opportunities in the NHS, further studies at the Chichester College group and careers in aviation and skydiving. The day has given students the opportunity to start planning for their futures.

On Thursday 10 July the Creative Arts departments joined forces to present our inaugural Sackville Arts Fest. We were lucky to enjoy beautiful weather as students from KS3 and 4 performed to their families and friends with a range of dance, drama and music – including many students performing for the first time from our Super Curriculum classes. In addition to the performances families also enjoyed art and craft activities and community fundraising stalls. We were so proud of all the students who battled through the heat to produce a really impressive show and a lovely way to end the year for our departments. We look forward to building on the event for next year and would like to thank everyone who attended for their support, along with all the staff who gave up their time to ensure the event ran smoothly.

Alastair Webb

**CTL of Art** 











# **Sports Day 2025**



































## **Curriculum Enhancement Week 2025**



























































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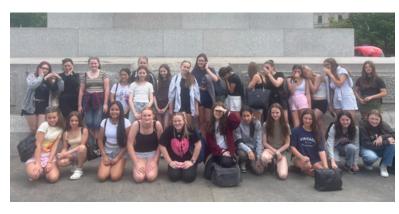






















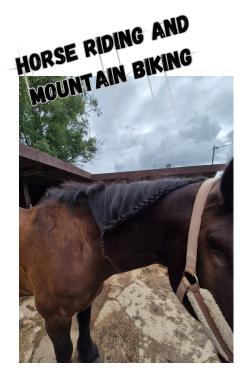










































































































During CEW, Year 10 starts to look at the opportunities open to them next year. On Monday, students attended Sussex University or Gatwick Airport. Students at Sussex saw the campus, the facilities they have to offer and attended a lecture to get an idea of what university life is about. Those who went to Gatwick learnt about the huge opportunities that Gatwick has to offer and the routes in. Their first workshop was based around them building solar paneled cars which they raced. They then built robotic lego which they had to program. Both staff and students came away having learnt something.

On Tuesday, the students sat mock interviews with external people. Each student had been asked to make a CV and covering letter for a fictitious job. They also had workshops on interview techniques and apprenticeships, some team building games, accessed quizzes to highlight their strengths and where they could lead to. This allowed them to see what was available to them next year so that they can start to plan their next moves.

Thanks to all those involved who made the day such a success.

## **SACKVILLE SPORT**

The Under 12 Boys Cricket beat Imberhorne by seven wickets.

Sackville reached their target of 70 off 11 overs. Wickets by Harry, Charlie, Isla, Haydn and Ivan plus a run out showed a great team performance in the field. A quick start by Charlie (nine runs), and Ivan (20 runs), allowed Isla (14 not out) and Harry (five not out) to bat calmly to a Sackville victory. They move onto the next round vs Oathall.

The Under 15 Girls cricket team won by four runs.

They scored 78 for 0 in 12 overs, while Royal Russell were restricted to 74 for five in their 12 overs.

Ami G scored 22 not out and retired. Wickets came from Isla (two), Liv, Elsie and Mia.





**FIELD CUP -** COUNTY ROUND at K2

JUNIOR BOYS - Fifth place
JUNIOR GIRLS - Seventh place
INTER BOYS - Second place
INTER GIRLS - Sixth place

The Under 14 rounders squad came fourth in their tournament today. They came second in their group after winning two games against Warden Park and Imberhorne and losing to Oathall. They then lost narrowly to Bohunt in the third and fourth place play off.

Superb effort across the field with some great fielding and ever improving batting. Players of the tournament were Mya and Lacey for their slick second deep to second base stumpings.





A sorry day for the Under 13
Sackville Boys Cricket team
this term who sadly lost by
eight wickets to a strong
Varndean School.
A massive well done to
Freddie K-B (7BDS) for his
maiden Sackville 50 - must
be something to do with his
new form tutor.

The Under 13b cricket team lost to Worth by seven runs this term. Worth scored 98 for seven, which was as a result of some great bowling and fantastic catches. Eddie R got two wickets with Jona J, Will P, Jack J, Ben F and Freddie M each getting a wicket. A solid batting start from Con W, and Freddie M was entertaining with a decent opening partnership. All batsmen contributed with runs, Freddie M and Jona J both top scoring with nine runs. Special shout-out to Harry D who was playing his first game and scored four runs and batted for six overs. Great team performance!!



The Under 13 rounders team placed in the Millais Tournament this term.

Shout outs to Thomas A and Dan S for their energy, effort and engagement.

Shout outs also to Isabelle, Eleana, Sylvia and Harriet for their first rounders tournament.



The Under 12 Boys cricket team lost by five wickets to Oathall. Sackville scored 72 off their 20 overs, with Harry K playing a captain's innings of 29 runs. In reply Sackville took five wickets against a very strong Oathall team, with three good catches taken.



The Under 15 girls were convincing in their win this term in a match against Burgess Hill Girls School.
They got Burgess Hill all out for 42 in 15 overs!
Wickets came from Emilia, Isla, Liv, Erin and Scarlett!
Time to bat and Sackville chased down the total in 10 overs. Superb partnership from Emilia and Ellie!

The girls did really well in the Year 8 Stoolball tournament, despite only playing stoolball a handful of times. They also held great sportsmanship throughout the whole tournament even cheering on the teams in the final. There was some great bowling from Fion and Flo who demonstrated strong leadership skills by telling the team when they should run or stay.





The Under 14 team lost convincingly to last year's State champions by 70 runs.
Sackville won the toss and chose to bowl with stand out figures from Ethan I.
BACA posted a massive 183 with the openers putting on a 100 partnership (both scoring 50). In return Sackville managed 116 with a fantastic knock from Charlie T (high score of 63).

#### **Sports Federation Sports Event**

We took 13 of our Year 8 students to take part in a whole range of activities on Friday 13 June at Downlands.

The students were excellent throughout taking part in Kinball, Pickleball, Golf and Capture the Flag. Stanley N was awarded the medal for his endless enthusiasm and positivity!! Well done Stanley!





Sackvilles Under 15 Boys cricket team beat Imberhorne comfortably in the second round of the State School Cup. Imberhorne posted 106 with good figures from Felix S-D and Ben V. In reply Sackville chased down the total in the thirteenth over with scores from Ben V, Harry H and Ethan J. Ethan played a well paced innings and won MOTM.

Our Under 13 rounders team had a cracking start to their league matches winning the first one against Millias 10-4 1/2.

Some excellent batting from Bethan L, Sasha D, Josh M and Sahar W, meant we cruised into a dominant lead. Great fielding kept the score down for the win.

Our second game allowed us to try out some new players, Ffion's bowling was on fire and a great duo of her and Sahar at backstop, meant we got a lot of them out. Top catches from Lorena B and Bethan too. We won 71/2-4 vs Downlands.

We then had a break and went into game three vs Oathall. A tight game against them sadly meant defeat 51/2 -7 only losing out with some mix ups on fielding.

Our final game vs Bohunt was close, until we lost a few great hits to some excellent catching in their field. Final score 6-3.

All in all a good set of matches! Well down everyone





Our Year 7 athletics team took part in a participation league event at Imberhorne. All athletes went along with a great attitude and ensured everyone was supported throughout the event from Sackville and the other participating schools. Great job team!!

The Under 14 boys tennis squad took on Ardingly in hot and sunny conditions on this term. The boys played a round robin doubles format, so all pairs played everyone. There were some amazing doubles being played, with some epic rallies lasting over 15 shots! A great afternoon of tennis and lots of experience gained. POM's Carter, Ashton and Toby

for winning all matches.





The Under 13 boys tennis squad took on Ardingly in a singles/doubles event. This was the first time some of the boys have played competitive doubles, and they did great!

There were wins and some losses, but lots of experience gained for all players! Great preparation for the Lancing doubles comptition that was also being held this term.

POMS - Zach W and Harry M

History was made this week with the first ever Sackville team participating in a Volleyball fixture against Burgess Hill Girls School.

They played outstandingly against the Year 9 winning all three sets and then narrowly lost to the Year 10s.
They finished off the last set mixing both schools and it was lovely to see them all working together. Miss Homer was super proud of the squad who have been training hard for this moment!!





The Year 7 Super 6's at Sackville absolutely smashed it this term. Superb performances all round with many winning their events and getting personal bests. They qualified for the Sussex Schools Games at K2, Crawley. Well done team!!

The Under 13 boys cricket beat Oathall by 14 runs. Sackville scored 138 with Freddie KB top scoring with 13. A really tidy fielding and bowling display meant that Sackville bowled out Oathall for 134 inside 20 overs. Ivan D was the pick of the bowlers with four wickets and the team got three run outs which was brilliant. They are now in the semi final of the Mid Sussex Cup!!





Our Year 7 students did amazingly for qualifying for the Sussex School Games at K2 in Crawley! The others schools there definitely put them through their paces but they kept their heads high until the end!

## Year 8 Super 6 - Athletics at The Weald

Sackville won the final relay.

Noticeable performance from

Tom H in the relay.

A good afternoon and evening
was had by all in the sun.



The Under 15 Boys cricket beat Uckfield in a comfortable run chase. After winning the toss Sackville elected to bowl first. Uckfield posted 122 (after a very fast start, 60 off seven overs). In reply, Ben V scored an unbeaten 62 and was supported well by Diam S (24). Onto the semi final against a good opposition in BACA.



A group of Sackville cricketers enjoyed a day at Sussex Cricket ground in Hove this term. They watched England Under 19 vs India Under 19.

Rocky Flintoff top scored for England with 56 runs but unfortunately England still lost the game by six wickets.

Sackville hosted the annual Primary school Area Sports this term on our redgra. We had 12 primary schools with over 200 children taking part! I was lucky enough to have 27 Sackville sports leaders helping me and they were phenomenal!

St Peter's won the small schools event and Estcots won the big schools. A huge thank you to all the PE staff for their hard work and support and the sports leaders for their incredible input! I could not have done it without you all.

Suzanne Currie
PE Teacher and SSCo





# Winners of the primary school stoolball tournament

This term, Sackville hosted the East Grinstead primary schools stoolball tournament at the sports club.

St Peter's won the event.
We had 10 Year 10 sports leaders umpiring and scoring the event.
Without them, events like this could not take place so thank you so much.

## **AND FINALLY .....**

Thank you for all the contributions to the Holmes Summer Fayre and the wonderful student volunteers, which includes our fabulous musician Finn from 8AJS.

**Holmes Community** 



## **HELPFUL LINKS**

## **School Calender**

For all up to date events in the school for years 7 through to 13 - click **here** 

## **Sports Calender**

For all up to date sporting events in the school for years 7 through to 13 - click **here** 

## SOCS - School Online Communication System

(Password RH19Sports)

## **Term Dates and Inset Days**

For all term dates and inset days - click here

## <u>Helplines</u>

Mind - Website access <u>here</u> or call 0300 <u>1233393</u>

Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust - Website access <u>here</u> or call <u>0800 0309500</u>

Samaritans - Website access <u>here</u> or call 116 123

Young Minds - Website access <u>here</u> or text 'SHOUT' to 85258 (24/7)

Childline - Website access here or call 0800 1111

Sleep disorders - Website access <u>here</u> or call 111

Eating disorders - Website access here or call 01444 472670 (Option 4)

**General concerns** - Website access to range of helplines <u>here</u> if you are worried about your child.

