



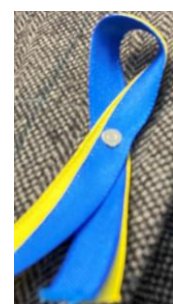
Families' Bulletin

Week commencing Monday 21 March 2022

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

It has been busy this past week with Year 11 students finishing their mock speaking exams for languages, Year 9 enjoying another successful online parent's evening on Thursday, and Year 11 participating in a workshop this morning helping to bring Shakespeare's Macbeth to life in preparation for their exams.

I am most proud this week to see our students getting involved in today's non-uniform activities in line with national Red Nose Day and for showing initiative to raise money for families affected by the invasion of Ukraine. One such example was **Immi** in year 8 who took it upon herself to make and sell ribbons to help raise funds and awareness. What a great example of the #SackvilleSpirit I get to see every day.



Students in 10SBP and 10SOL raised over £150 with a sweet sale on Thursday. 11LMD also made ribbons and raised a three figure sum, and there were several sales of delicious cakes. 7MTY raised money by persuading Year Leader Mr Endersby to be on the end of some very wet sponges.



#HotChocFriday was slightly impacted by the events of today but I enjoyed spending the time getting to know **Armina**, one of our sixth form students nominated for her



work in the **Equality and Diversity** group, for which she co-led assemblies to each year group this week. I am sure you will agree that in itself is a huge undertaking from which many adults would shy away!

This weekend looks to be a lovely one for getting out and enjoying the warm dry weather, which is especially good for a group of staff who will be completing a 'virtual relay' also to raise funds for Ukraine. More on that in the next Sackville News.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jo Meloni

School Notices

Covid-19

After a few weeks of relatively low case numbers we have seen an increase in infection, particularly in year 7 (many of whom have younger, unvaccinated siblings). We continue to work as a school to keep **classrooms well ventilated** and provide **hand sanitiser** around the site and in classrooms. We would like to thank all parents and carers for their support in keeping students who have tested positive at home to reduce transmission. Our [covid-19 advice to families](#) can be found on the front page of our website.

We ask that you remain vigilant and **ensure symptomatic children are tested** before attending school. Unfortunately we are unable to order any more lateral flow test kits, but they are still available from the central government website [here](#).

Thank you.

Cybersecurity

Mr Treen recently came across some good advice for protecting your home devices against cyber-attack. It is generally thought the danger of this might be higher at present as an increased number of attacks are targeted at Europe and the USA.

You can read the advice [here](#).

Year Notices

Year 10

Mr Thompson writes:-

A big congratulations to Year 10 who sat their B&V mock exam a fortnight ago. We were impressed with their exemplary behaviour and the invigilators commented on how polite and considered the year group were; well done. I look forward to analysing the results and seeing how much progress they have made since the last exam. Final exams are on 16th and 26th May, so get revising!

The training weekend for the Duke of Edinburgh Award also takes place next weekend (26/27 March). Good luck to everyone involved.

Please remember 28 March is the deadline for Curriculum Enhancement Week money. If you have any questions about this, then please contact the year office.

Have a great weekend and thanks as always for your continued support.

Subject Notices

Drama

Former student **Natalie Boyd** (who was featured in [Sackville News back in 2019](#)) is taking her show *Honeypot* to the **Other Place Theatre** in Victoria.

Honeypot is a feminist spin on fairy tales for the social media generation. The show is on from Wednesday 6 to Sunday 10 April.

You can find more information from the theatre's [website here](#).



Once Upon an Instagram Timeline...*Honeypot* reimagines our favourite fairy tales with a feminist twist for the social-media generation.

In this brutally honest, comic and uncensored subversion of famously tragic tales, we dive deep into the lives of these quirky characters through a series of vignettes.

Our contemporary heroines breathe new life into familiar stories, whilst divulging the unspoken trials and tribulations of modern-day womanhood.

***** 'A well deserved five star performance' – ScotsGay

***** 'Refreshing, smart, and funny' – Young Perspective

**** 'A powerful concept and clever writing... The balance of comedy and more poignant moments is perfectly pitched' – Broadway Baby

**** 'The all-women cast hold nothing back in this powerful, feminist performance' – The List

EDITOR'S PICK – GalDem Magazine

Key Dates

Tuesday March 22	Year 13 politics revision trip
Wednesday March 23	Year 12 visit to St John's College Year 13 travel trip to Harry Potter World Parents' Focus Group, 5.00pm
Thursday March 24	Whole school Learning for Life sessions Sixth form HE Fair, 4.30 – 6.30 pm Year 13 study leave Year 11 performing arts/dance exam
Friday March 25	Year 13 study leave Years 9, 10 (BV) and 11 grade sheets issued Year 11 performing arts/dance exam
Saturday March 26 - Sunday March 27	Bronze Duke of Edinburgh practice weekend
Monday March 28	Year 13 Mock 2 exams (till Friday)
Thursday 31 March	Year 11 parents' evening
Monday 4 April	Year 11 hospitality exams Year 11 performing arts/dance exams
Tuesday 5 April	Year 7 celebration assembly, 1.35pm
Wednesday 6 April	Gym and Dance Display
Thursday 7 April	Mims Davies MP talking to year 12 Year 7 Celebration Assembly, 1.35pm
Friday April 8	Year 13 A level drama assessment End of term, 2.35 pm

Wellbeing Weekly

Mind are a charity who provide advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem. They campaign to improve services, raise awareness and promote understanding.

Mind have an excellent array of resources which you or a loved one may find helpful, especially when you consider that the most recent research suggests that at least 1 in 4 of us will experience ill mental health in our lifetime.

The section I'd like to draw your attention to today is their [wellbeing page](#). If we can establish and maintain habits that promote our mental health it will serve as a protective factor.

