



Families' Bulletin

Week commencing Monday 2 May 2022

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Welcome back. I hope you have all had a pleasant and relaxing holiday.

We have returned for the summer term and as expected got off to a flying start. Year 11 have had some *Walking Talking Mocks* to help prepare them for their upcoming English GCSE exams and we had the RAF in to speak to students about the wide variety of career routes open to them, including studying for apprenticeships. Our maths department ran the *Junior Maths Challenge*, and we had our Year 12 Parents' Evening last night. I had the pleasure of meeting students from Year 13, 9 and 7 for hot chocolate today. Our sixth formers, both hoping to head off to Edinburgh University, gave tips and advice to their younger peers which was wonderful to see.



Students have responded extremely well to arriving back in full school uniform, with fewer alternative jumpers and hoodies seen each day. Thank you for your support with this.

Finally, our summer clubs are now up and running so please encourage your child to take up these opportunities if they are not already. I am a firm believer in the benefits of students' engagement in all forms of enrichment and an entitlement curriculum, of which extra-curricular clubs form such an important part.

"Opportunities are like sunrises. If you wait too long, you miss them".

William Arthur Ward

Have a wonderful long Bank Holiday weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday 3rd May.

Jo Meloni

School Notices

COVID and exams

Over the holidays the government published some clarification about this summer's exam season, and how students with COVID would be fairly treated. The full document can be found [here](#) with the relevant material being in the appendix from page 17. The key points are

- During the exam season students should continue to follow the [guidance from the UK Health Security Agency](#) published on April 1 2022. This guidance states that *young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.*
- If a student is unable to attend on the day of an exam because they are unwell or have a high temperature, centres will ask their parents/guardians to complete an adapted government form 14 – *JCO/ME Self-certification for candidates who have missed an examination.*

Sackville musicians support *The Feeling* and *Blue* this bank holiday weekend



Year 13 student Amber Titchener is playing at the *Foodies Festival* in Brighton on Saturday and Monday this weekend supporting *The Feeling* and *Blue*. On both days her band comprises Sackville students Freya Eastcott, Ollie Tomkinson, Ben Bartlett and Freddie Pugh! Best get down there – check the discounted ticket links for the two days.

[Sat April 30th 18:20 \(THE FEELING\)](#)

[Monday May 2nd - 17:50 \(LEE & SIMON- BLUE\)](#)

Former student **Toulah Morgan** also has a gig coming up next Friday as part of her final year at the Brit School, if you are in the Turners Hill area.

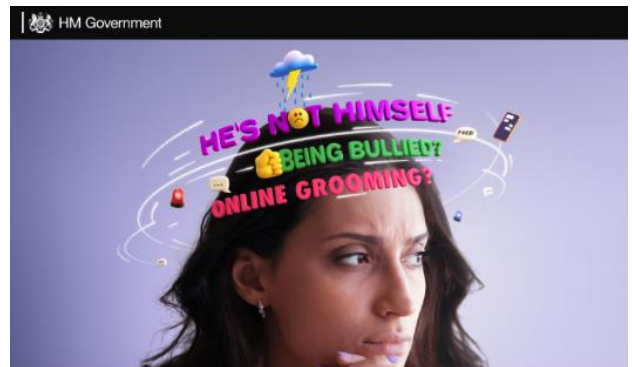


[Parentwise](#) – A helping hand for parents and carers

The Home office have recently launched a [resource for parents and carers](#) as part of its new **#ParentWise** campaign providing advice on how to protect children from a range of issues they may be exposed to, including how to **#SpotTheSigns**. These are some of the issues that are covered in the resource.

- alcohol and drugs
- bullying
- child criminal exploitation and ‘county lines’
- child sexual abuse and exploitation
- exploitation by extremist or radical influences
- knife harm
- online safety
- sex and relationships

There is a lot of useful information and some informative video material too.



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Year Notices

Year 10

Exam Information Evening

Mr Thompson writes:-

As mentioned in our email of earlier this week, we have the pleasure of inviting students and families to our year 10 exam information evening on Tuesday of next week. The session will run from **5.00 - 6.00 pm in the main hall**.

The evening will cover

- The year 10 journey over the next year, and preparation for the year 10 exams in June (Mr Thompson)
- Supporting your child through the religious studies GCSE exam next month (Mr Morris)
- Revision skills for students (Mr Street will summarise the revision skills session delivered to all students last term)

After two years of interrupted exams, it now looks as if we are back to a version of normality. We have developed a tried and trusted set of procedures to support students through the GCSE years, and this year 10 evening is an integral part of this.

Year 9

Missed Teenage Booster information for parents

The Immunisation Service visited Sackville this week for the **Teenage Booster** (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Polio (Td/IPV), Meningococcal ACWY) vaccinations. If you have **already completed a form and your child missed it in school**, you will have received a separate email with clinic booking instructions and do not need to complete another form.

However, if **your child did not receive the Teenage Booster**, and you would like them to be vaccinated, it's not too late. Please ensure that you complete an online consent form, if you have not already done so. The online consent form re-opened today and is available for completion.

How do I consent / refuse to my child having these vaccinations?

1. **Visit** the following web address: <https://www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/Forms/DTP>
2. **Enter and confirm** your preferred email address – *you will receive a confirmation email following submission of the consent form.*
3. **Enter the school code:** SX126089
4. **Complete and submit the consent form**, indicating your choice of consent - *Please ensure you provide the child's registered address and GP.*

How do I book an appointment for my child to be vaccinated?

1. **Click the link in automated email you will receive on submission of your completed consent form(s)** to book an appointment at one of our Community Catch up Clinics, for your child to receive the vaccination(s) – *You will require your booking reference number which can be found in the email.*
2. **Arrange for an adult to accompany your child** to their clinic appointment

Key Dates

Monday 2 May	BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 3 May	A2 art and textiles exams Year 13 performing arts assessment Year 10 exam information evening
Wednesday 4 May	A2 art and textiles exams

Thursday 5 May	Year 12 performing arts assessment A2 art and textiles exams
Friday 6 May	Year 7 parents' evening, 3-7pm A2 art and textiles exams
Wednesday 11 May	Last day of year 13 teaching
Thursday 12 May	Year 12 politics trip to secret nuclear bunker
Friday 13 May	Year 9 business and enterprise trip to Drusillas Year 10 reports issued
Monday 16 May	Public exams begin, 3+2 timetable
Monday 23 May	Y12 philosophy trip to Southampton University
Wednesday 25 May	Year 9 reports issued

Remember you can see the full parents' calendar [here](#).

Wellbeing Weekly

Mrs Nibloe writes:-

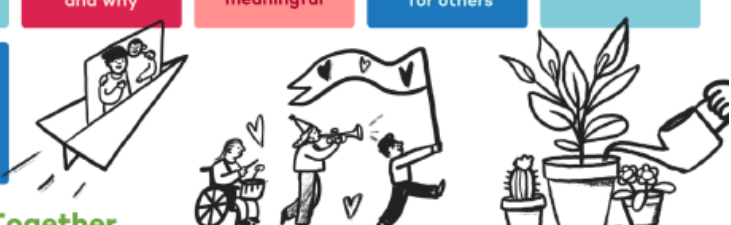
This month's Action for Happiness calendar is based around making May meaningful.

- Do you ever feel like you are not giving the activities you are doing or the conversations you are having your full attention at work or in your home life?
- Do you feel that your attention is split between several things at any one time?
- We are conscious that exam season is about to begin, and this is when we in schools, adults and children alike, start to feel more pressure.

It is during these times that we tend to try and do *even more* at once.

We hope that this calendar will help us to focus on the here and now a little more and perhaps make the coming days and months seem more rewarding and perhaps a little less stressful!

Meaningful May 2022

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	Do something kind for someone you really care about	2 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do	3 Take a step towards an important goal, however small	4 Send your friend a photo from a time you enjoyed together	5 Let someone know how much they mean to you and why	6 Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful	7 Make a list of what matters most to you and why
8	8 Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today	9 What values are important to you? Find ways to use them today	10 Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times	11 Look around for things that bring you a sense of awe and wonder	12 Listen to a favourite piece of music and remember what it means to you	13 Find out about the values or traditions of another culture	14 Get outside and notice the beauty in nature
15	15 Do something to contribute to your local community	16 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better	17 Find a way to make what you do today meaningful	18 Send a hand-written note to someone you care about	19 Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful	20 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable	21 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger
22	22 Find a way to help a project or charity you care about	23 Recall three things you've done that you are proud of	24 Make choices that have a positive impact for others today	25 Ask someone else what matters most to them and why	26 Remember an event in your life that was really meaningful	27 Focus on how your actions make a difference for others	28 Do something special and revisit it in your memory tonight
29	29 Today do something to care for the natural world	30 Share a quote you find inspiring to give others a boost	31 Find three reasons to be hopeful about the future				

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Are you a relative or family friend just starting your career or thinking of making a career change?

Are you looking for a secure, rewarding, and life-giving profession?

Bosco Sussex Teacher Training are recruiting applicants to train in a range of primary and secondary subjects.

We are looking for recent graduates, career changers or those wanting to re-start their working career to share their knowledge, skills and experiences with young people in our communities.

Teaching remains a valuable and fulfilling profession. We are looking for those with the drive and resilience to really make a difference to young people's lives.

We will support you with high quality placements in primary and secondary schools in our partnership of over 30 schools across Sussex, which are recognised for excellent academic outcomes and secure prospects for employment.

If this sounds appealing and is of interest to you?

We are holding an information event via Zoom on the 4th May 2022 between 6 and 7pm.

Topic: Get into Teaching with Bosco Teacher Training – Darren Kirby/Graham Jones - Time: May 4, 2022 06:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/8401674162?pwd=aWhQSXVVazZVZUVMSDFwdDN2MmhkZz09>

Meeting ID: 840 167 4162 Passcode: Bosco

For general information about our offer and for an up to date list of places, please see our website <https://boscocet.org.uk/tsa/train.php>

*If you intend to attend the event, please contact **Theresa Cashman** at tcashman@sphcs.co.uk so we can plan the event accordingly.*



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