

Sackville News

12th February 2016



Dear Parents



Award Winner 2015

I am writing this edition of Sackville News having just read a current media headline story by Lord Lucas, editor of the Good Schools Guide, who writes with great enthusiasm about the current **high quality of state education** in the UK. This was the lead article in both The Times and The Guardian on Saturday and it cites significant improvements in both standards of achievement and behaviour. As a teacher in state comprehensive schools in different parts of the country for over 30 years, and having been a parent in the same sector, I readily agree with him. I am struck on a daily basis by the high standards of learning, politeness and achievement at Sackville and we are delighted to receive so many comments from visiting parents and educational professionals reinforcing this. We should certainly be proud of our young people, our teachers, our support staff and our parents. No community is perfect, far from it, but the best communities relentlessly and cheerfully strive to be so. In short, Sackville's recent receipt of a **Good Schools Guide award** seems particularly timely!

Life at this school continues to be varied, rewarding and challenging; certainly never dull. Our sixth formers have recently completed their **pre-public exams** (PPEs - commonly known as 'mocks' in the past) and the outcomes will help to tailor the focus over the next few months. Our year 11 students are soon to undertake their second set of PPEs, hoping to demonstrate progress from those in November and positioning themselves confidently on the final strait.

The many activities balancing all of this are essential in the development of well-rounded citizens. Take, for example, the annual '**Charlton Chase**' which is widely considered as the premier night navigation team exercise in the South East of England. Set on the South Downs near Chichester, Sackville teams were competing against nearly 100 groups, many of which were from private schools,



and they did themselves and the school proud. The course was challenging and

the aim was to gain as many points as possible through a combination of accurate navigation and speed. Team building activities were also thrown in along the way. Remarkably, a **Sackville team won for the third year running!**

No young person is likely to succeed in the modern world without embracing technology and it is our role as educators to promote all the positives of this as well as alerting youngsters to the challenges that go alongside. Accordingly, it was fantastic for our year 10 students to enjoy a webcast of "**The Cosmic Classroom**" from the International Space Station with British astronaut **Tim Peake**.

The lesson was an hour long and Tim taught students about **microgravity**, the **physiological effects of space flight** and what **space food really smells and tastes like**. He also demonstrated dissolving a fizzing vitamin tablet in a floating sphere of water!



We are now in the midst of the excitement that surrounds the **annual school show at Sackville**; there are more photos from the dress-rehearsal later. This year, we are performing '**Our House**' which is familiar 'Madness' territory to those of my generation! Having had the pleasure of watching the first night, I am frankly bowled over by the incredible standard of performance and am really looking forward to seeing the progression over the next two nights. Once again, it brings together staff, students and parents in a tremendously special way and reminds us of just what a great community we have.



Please do take a read about our extensive range of **sporting fixtures, challenges and successes** further on in Sackville News; the energy, commitment and skills of

our students and staff never cease to amaze!

With the half term upon us, I would like once again to thank all parents for the tremendous support you give to your children and to the school. It was good to see so many of you at recent parents' evenings and I look forward to doing so again at the various consultation evenings in March.

Best wishes
Julian Grant

'Our House' – another five-star Sackville performance

This evening (Friday) will be the final performance of the 2016 Sackville Show 'Our House'.

The first two performances have been quite amazing with one member of the audience saying 'I can't believe that was a school show!'

Wow just watched Our House @Sackville_EG a hugely complex show with full orchestra and it was staggeringly impressive. Awash with talent 🌟

Another emailed in with the comment "Wow! That is all ...". This piece maintained the high standards to which we have become accustomed over the last few years from our music and drama departments.

'Our House' is a great choice for a school production as it contains a number of good larger roles. The show involves students from every school year, and tells the story of Joe Casey, who in a fateful 'sliding doors' moment abandons Sarah, the love of his life, to flee from the police. What subsequently happens to him is compared to what might have been, as 'Good Joe' and 'Bad Joe' vie for the affections of Sarah.

It was great to see so many of our usual performers take part again, so many year 7s involved, and larger roles for some of the younger students who have been in two or three previous shows. What a great way to end the half term; thank you very much to all of those involved. Particular thanks to Mr Heatley and Mrs Beasley for another flawless cooperation. Pictures below are from the dress rehearsal.



Cast

Good Joe
Bad Joe
Sarah

Reecey
Joe's Parents

Emmo
Charlie
Crusher
Angie
Billie
Courtney
Mr Pressman
Ms Pressman
Gondola Man
Alarm Salesman
Callum

Ensemble

Alice Jones
Dudley Laing
Blue Hedges
Chloe Dean
Rhian Gillah
Jessica Mills
Ali Cumpatescu
Maisie Barnes
Elisha Appleby
Finn Crawford
Olly Howland
Olivia Knox
Anika Rahman
Zohar Shay
Alex Flude
Maia Wellbelove
Georgia Wilkinson
Jasmine Stevens-Rowse
Kezia Augustine

Rhys Harmour
Matt Abel
Ella Scott
Grace de Souza
Alex Mustard
Ollie Akehurst
Nicole De Barra
Henry Lagrange
Juno Phitidis
Jack Charlton Nevitt
Megan Parsons
Tia Bartlett
Olivia Ody
Ceï Steptoe
Hope Fuller
Ethan Ingram
Ethan Ingram
Tom Axtell

Phoebe Smith
Lucy Phipps
Honey Hedges
Beth Peadon
Amber Davies
Mimi Ward
Aminah Rahman
Amber Titchener
Leah Bush
Jacob Knock
Isabel Jeffries
Melissa Turner
Maisie Simon-Padmore

Dancers

Dance Captains: Jess Argy, Chloe Marcham
Jess Shephard
Lea Wellbelove
Katie Moullin
Ella Douch
Annie Pinder
Scarlett Treadaway
Treya Lamb-Aitken

Orchestra

Violin I	Natasha Smyth Katie Balmer Tara Deeley Katerina Nixon
Violin II	Lily Kendrick Antonia Deeley Eleanor Canepa-Anson Sophie Larkin
Cello	Maisie Simon-Padmore Tallulah Gardiner Rachel Canepa-Anson
Viola	Alexandra Lucas Anna Cooper Tallulah Gardiner

Viola	Rachel Canepa-Anson Alexandra Lucas Anna Cooper
Flute I	Ciara Corrigan-Margetts Antonia Major Sophie Taylor
Flute II	Alex Diacos
Tenor Saxophone	Lauren Atkinson
Clarinet	Joseph Marrable
Euphonium	Stephen Cocks
Trumpet	Greg Forsyth Seb Green
Cornet	Jacob Troake-Lindsay
Piano	Olivia Emmerson Tracy Robinson
Guitar	Issey Lee-Fisher Craig Thorne James Light
Bass	Ethan Stahl
Drums	Edina Barczi-Bennett Joe Hofmann

Crew

Director	Aimee Beasley
Musical Director	Tom Heatley
Vocal Coach	Anna Thompson
Choreographer	Corrina McCormick
Sound Engineer	Simon Forsyth
Stage Managers	Joanna Carrick James Walsom
Costume	Sarah Hill
Set and Props	Eliza Pearson Dan Talbot
Lighting Designer	Alex Wintle
Lighting Operator	Joe Roberts-Percy
Technical Consultants	James Keeble Matt Rieley
Marketing	Lysanne Skinner
Mic Technician	Tom Thorburn

Technical support

Alex Walsh, Sam Sloan, Peter Bentley, Ben Thomas, Harry Holmes, Jonny Martin, Cameron Rex, Niamh Ormiston, Hannah Whitehouse, Katy Baulch, Lucy Rogers, Emily Peach, Caitlin Sargent, Daniel Carney, James Bellini-Tagg, Amelia Thomas, Ollie Connaughton, Dan Beard, Thomas Heron, Archie Mabey, Andrew Dowling, Murdo Ormiston

Sackville marks Holocaust Memorial Day with display in public library

Sackville students mounted what library manager Sue Young has called "a lovely, moving and very thought-provoking display" on the upstairs landing at the library, to mark last month's Holocaust Memorial Day.

It consisted of writings and art work from Sackville students following their visit to Auschwitz last year and was supported by Revd Jon Hale from Crawley Down who took a year's sabbatical whilst travelling to places linked to the Holocaust and who has worked with the youngsters.

Thank you to ['East Grinstead Online'](#) for this photo.



Amanda cooks up a storm in Oxted School

Congratulations to Amanda Heather, year 10, who finished a runner up at the latest round of the Rotary Young Chef competition. Amanda was praised by the judges for the standard of the dishes produced and her hard work. Unfortunately she finished just short of being shortlisted for the next round, but we are proud of her showing in what is a very difficult and nerve-wracking environment, in which she had to cook tricky dishes to a tight time schedule.



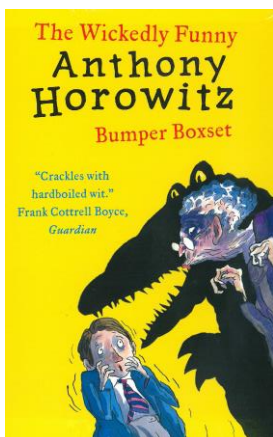
As someone who struggles to prepare even a ready meal, my admiration is all the greater! I am sure to be visiting one of the GCSE catering lessons soon to see Amanda in action.

News from the LRC

Mrs Rose writes:-

World Book Day is on Thursday 3rd March - see the flyer below and the website worldbookday.com which has all the national activities and events. In school we will be doing our own promotion on a smaller scale!

There will be a **book sale**, in the LRC, in aid of charity from Monday 29th February to Friday 4th March. These are books from the LRC which are no longer needed and some donated, all looking for a good home. Please come in and have a look to see if there is anything you like. Paperbacks cost 20p, hardbacks 50p. It's in aid of a good cause so bring some money in during this week.



There is also a competition to win some great prizes including an Anthony Horowitz, 10 book selection and a Horrible Science, 10 Book selection plus some individual book titles. Well worth an entry. Who knows, it could be you who wins!

We will be hosting book readings in the LRC for the week, at break and lunchtime, so come and see what staff love to read. All students attending a reading session will be entered into a draw to win prizes too!

The £1 World Book Day book tokens will also be given out to all students and free bookmarks will be given to every student who visits the LRC during this week.



German work experience trip to Hamburg

Mrs Valentine writes:-

We are delighted to report the resounding success of our German work experience. Over the course of the week long experience, a number of teachers including Headteacher Mr Grant, enjoyed seeing and visiting our eight year 13 students who put themselves forward for this educational experience and challenged themselves out of their comfort zone. We placed these students in schools, marketing and shipping management companies and a chemist. Placements tied in with future career plans.

Highlights were abundant and diverse.

- ❑ Taking the group to Berlin on the Sunday before the work experience week gave the students a brief insight into German political history, which helped in their understanding of the environment in which they were operating.
- ❑ Seeing the German response to the migrant crisis made a reality of a hitherto story reported in the UK media. Students saw first-hand how their German partners had responded to the migrant crisis.
- ❑ Evening meals taken as a group in which we all discussed the high and low points of the day and made observations and reflections.
- ❑ Seeing our students operate independently in a foreign country. It was hard not to have a sense of pride at seeing our students leaving the accommodation at 7am in the morning, dressed for work and competently negotiating themselves around the public transport network. None of these students is currently studying German, which made their achievement all the more impressive.

Here are some of the quotes from our eight students:

Georgina Booth, intending to study Medicine, worked in a pharmacy. "I got to do a lot of varied tasks I wouldn't have been able to do in England, including making up prescriptions."

Lottie Hill and George Phillips both worked in a grammar school with pupils aged 10-11 years. Both students intend to undertake a teacher training course. "This placement has given me more of an insight into the different styles and systems of education. If I had the opportunity I would definitely come back to do this placement again."

Declan Breslin intends to study Business Studies at university:

"I researched different advertising techniques and health companies. I enjoyed my placement as it has been very interesting"



Sophia Marriott worked in a Specialist Design Technology College. She intends to study Product Design at university.

"We helped the students discuss social networking in English and all the lessons were well planned, enabling me to get involved easily. If I knew more German I would come back here again, as I really enjoyed the experience."

Other students who took part were Katy Grant, Jasmine Ballard and Sarah Bailey.

Later this month our work experience visit to Madrid takes place, so we look forward to reporting on similar positive experiences.

Report from Angus Gallagher

20 students from the Sackville Sixth Form set out from Gatwick Airport to Hamburg. We were taking part in the landmark tenth Sackville trip to Hamburg, where we had the chance to visit some big companies such as Airbus and Holsten brewery, see planes being made and observe the beer making process, visit the historic city of Berlin, and meet some German students of our age at Sackville's partner school.

In spite of the bitterly cold weather, we explored Hamburg and Berlin as fully as we could in the time available. On our day in Berlin, we visited the DDR Museum and the Reichstag, where we all went up the dome of this famous building. We passed other famous landmarks including Checkpoint Charlie, the remains of the Berlin Wall, and the Holocaust Memorial, before having the conventional group photo at the famous Brandenburg Gate. It was a great day.

The visit to our partner school in Hamburg was really interesting. After the inevitable awkwardness as we got to know our German counterparts, we gelled very well, and the bowling afterwards and the meal out with them in the evening were both very enjoyable. We would like to recommend to Mr Grant the German school day – finishing at lunchtime and having free afternoons.

In between all this, we went to the lovely little medieval town of Lüneburg where we had an earnest and passionate tour guide.

In conclusion, I speak for everyone when I say that this trip was thoroughly enjoyable. There was something for everyone and you could see everyone was up for trying something new and experiencing a part of German culture.

I cannot finish this piece without thanking the exceptional work put in by Mr Whitehead and Mrs Valentine. They organised the whole trip, gave up their time to take us to these places, and made sure we were safe and well; we cannot thank them enough. I would also like to thank Mr Grant for flying over to spend a couple of days with us, as well as our German counterparts, Sabine, Maren and Gudrun (teachers from the German partner school).

If you're considering doing this trip, don't miss out. It'll be worth it.



Year 13 biologists investigate lactose intolerance

Mrs Stewart writes:-

Do you have an intolerance to lactose, the sugar in dairy products like milk and cheese? Ever wondered how lactose free milk is produced?

Year 13 biology students conducted a practical to produce lactose free milk, mirroring an application carried out in the dairy industry, but on a smaller scale.

The process uses enzymes that are encapsulated in clear alginate beads. Once the standard milk comes into contact with these immobilised enzyme catalysts, the milk sugar lactose is broken down to its monomers glucose and galactose.

By pouring this treated milk on your cornflakes in the morning the simple sugars are absorbed by your digestive system easily, therefore reducing the side effects experienced by sufferers.



Sports News

It's been a busy few weeks for the PE department again.

Girls' results

Hockey				
U12	Sackville A	5	0	Oathall A
	Sackville B	15	0	Oathall B
Netball				
U13	Sackville	3	8	Warden Park
	Sackville	5	2	Tanbridge House
	Sackville	3	3	Oathall
	Sackville	3	4	St Paul's
	Sackville	7	1	Christ's Hospital
U15	Sackville (Player of Match Vicki)	7	19	Millais
U16	Sackville (Player of Match Cara)	18	15	Burgess Hill School for Girls
U19	Sackville (Player of Match Sarah)	35	12	Burgess Hill School for Girls
Soccer				
U13	Now North and Mid-Sussex champions after winning Weald Tournament			

Match reports

Mrs Richards writes:-

U13 Netball League

The year 8 netball squad got their netball league campaign underway on Wednesday 3rd February playing five matches in a row. They started against a very strong Warden Park team who simply out played them and beat them 8-3. However they soon picked themselves up and worked on their passing and movement to win the next game 5-2 against Tanbridge House. The game against Oathall was a closely contested one and ended up in a 3-3 draw. Closely contested too was the game against St Pauls but unfortunately they lost by 4 goals to 3, which the girls were disappointed with. This meant they went into the final game with real grit and determination, which paid off as they beat Christ's Hospital 7-1 - a great start that stands us in good stead for the remaining matches; well-done girls.

Squad: Megan S, Aliya H, Emilie L, Clara V, Katie C, Siobhan T, Harriet A, Olivia R, Erin H

Player of the night: Megan S

U12 Hockey V's Oathall

On Thursday 4th February the U12 A & B hockey squads headed to Oathall to try and maintain their undefeated run. Unfortunately Oathall didn't have any goalkeepers so our goalies played for Sackville in the 1st half and then Oathall in the 2nd half. This was mainly because they hadn't touched the ball at all in the first half but also to ensure the game was fair.

The girls got off to a fantastic start with the B team scoring in the 1st minute and then quickly following that up with another 2 quick goals. Oathall managed to slow the game down a little from there but the girls eventually broke them down again with some great link up play between Ellen and Charlotte. At half time it was 8-0 to the B team. In the A team match it was a little more closely fought with Millie eventually breaking their defence down and scoring with 5 minutes left of the 1st half. This was then followed up with another goal by Hannah.

In the 2nd half both teams were up against goalkeepers too and despite some fantastic saves from Lucy and Chloe the girls continued with their scoring rampage with the A's finishing off 5-0 and the B's 15-0. A fantastic squad performance; well-done girls.

A Squad - Annie R, Hannah P, Lucy P, Charlotte R, Ella D, Millie K, Louvain H-G, Lucy R, Freya H

Player of the match - Ella D

B Squad - Ellen G, Georgie C, Jasmine M, Chloe G, Molly P, Summer T, Ciara H

Player of the match - Georgie C

U13 Girls Football North and Mid Sussex Area Tournament

Miss Offler writes:-

The U13 Girls Football Team travelled to The Weald in Billingshurst to compete in the North & Mid Sussex Area Tournament at the end of January. The tournament was comprised of 4 schools, playing with 6-a-side teams. Sackville started well in their first game against Tanbridge with Poppy Nicholls scoring the first goal of the game in the first 5 minutes. Tanbridge replied by scoring a goal, but once Sackville settled back into the game, we managed to hold a strong line of defence with Hannah Plumb making some excellent saves to keep the score at 1-1.



Our second game against Holy Trinity found Sackville's passing game become even stronger. Lucy Plumb, Poppy Nicholls and Issy Carrick worked extremely well with each other to find the holes in Holy Trinity's defence, resulting in Lucy scoring 4 goals and Poppy scoring 2 making the final score 6-0 win.

Our last game against The Weald saw Charlotte Radley and Ellie-Mae Taylor keeping a strong defence line. At one point The Weald's attackers managed to slip through to get a shot on goal, but Hannah managed to keep the ball out of the net with a fantastic diving save. Sackville replied with some strong attacking play which in the end resulted in Poppy scoring 3 goals and Lucy scoring 1 goal, with the final score being a 4-0 win.

It came down to a very close finish with the results but Sackville flourished finishing 1st place with a goal difference of +6 separating 1st and 2nd place. All those involved showed excellent sportsmanship and skill throughout the tournament, whilst listening to feedback to improve upon each game. Congratulations girls!

The Team: Hannah Plumb, Issy Carrick, Lucy Plumb, Poppy Nicholls, Ellie-Mae Taylor, Taylor Goodall, Millie Knowles, Charlotte Radley.

Boys' results

Hockey					
U13	Sackville First game ever – great start against a team with three county players	0	3	Skinners	
U14	Sackville Luke Holman 3, Will Thomas 2	5	3	Notre-Dame	
	Sackville (Adam Harris)	1	3	Skinners	
Rugby					
U12	Sackville (Tries Ben Bartlett on debut, Dan Wheeler, Ben Aubrey. Conversions Ben Aubrey 3)	21	25	Forest	
	Sackville	49	7	Notre Dame	
U13 County Cup	Sackville	0	20	Uckfield	
U13	Sackville	0	42	Forest	
	Sackville (Tries Jack W 2, Harvey B, Adam K, Toby D, Peter K, Nathan R)	52	0	Notre Dame	
U14	Sackville (Tries Ethan C 5, Matt T 2, Jason J-B, Ben M, Tom C, James S, Kieran T)	70	7	Notre Dame	
U15 County Cup	Sackville (Try Oscar Arro)	7	40	Seaford College	
U15	Sackville	0	40	Forest	
U16	Sackville	0	42	Forest	

Soccer					
U14 County Shield	Sackville	2	1	Regis	
U15 County Shield	Sackville (Reece Donohoe)	1	6	Uckfield	
Basketball					
U12	Sackville	44	12	Weald	
U13	Sackville Very impressive lay-ups by Finn Lee-Fisher and Theo Judge	38	16	Oathall	

Individual performances

As usual we have a number of students who are really excelling in their sport outside school. Notable this month is Jordi Crowther, representing Sackville in the under 19 Intermediate Southern Zonal Trampoline Competition. Jordi came sixth, narrowly missing out on the chance to progress to the next round. Great effort Jordi, along with all those pre-public exams and coursework as well!

Meanwhile I read on [East Grinstead Online](#) that Olivia Hepburn together with her mum is going to swim a distance equivalent to crossing the English Channel to raise money for research into Myelodysplastic Syndrome – a type of blood cancer. Olivia's dad has been treated for this disease for the last three years. Good luck Olivia! You can see her fundraising page [here!](#)

Primary sports crew training

This week we ran a training course with Imberhorne for primary sports leaders. Ashurst Wood, Felbridge, St Peter's and Estcots each brought 12 students, and our own sports leaders did an outstanding job. Thank-you to:

Jamie Allbeury
Sam Akehurst
Lewis Goodall
Lewis Bushell

John Cave
Scott Shephard
Kate Noble
Emmie Van Lieshout

Jade Thomson
Annie Dilek
Marnie Trewern
Tatyana Koleva



Music department news

Our musicians continue to thrive! If you were lucky enough to see 'Our House' you will have seen how fantastic our orchestra is.

We'd like to congratulate **Dan Dearlove** in year 13 for passing his Grade 8 guitar exam with merit. Congratulations to Joe Hofmann who has passed his grade 6 guitar exam (as well as playing drums in the orchestra!).

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Meanwhile, if you want to follow in the footsteps of these musicians ...

Piano lessons available - if you are interested please call Denise Robinson on 01825 733491

As a local resident it was absolutely lovely to see your members of staff out on the road early this week in their hi-vis vests, smiling and greeting the students in the morning.


I drove away feeling that you obviously really cared about the safety of the students and that you had grabbed a great opportunity to look out for their welfare - not only their road safety but those huge clues about their lives that you may spot as they transition from home to school on their morning trips in.



Girls Football
February Half Term
With Ardingly's Football Coach Mike Gardner

WHERE - Ardingly College Sports hall/outside
WHEN - 15 & 16th February (Monday & Tuesday)
TIME - 10AM-3PM
COST - £25 for 1 day OR £40 for both days

To book a space;
EMAIL - Michael.Gardner@ardingly.com or
mgsocceracademy@outlook.com
PHONE - 07827917281


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Invigilators Required

We are seeking to recruit new invigilators, term time, for exam periods only. We presently have a group of dedicated invigilators, and are looking for individuals to expand the team, who can promote a supportive atmosphere for our students so that they achieve their best.

A good command of written and spoken English is essential for this role together with an ability to communicate confidently with both staff and students. We are looking for someone who is a good team member but also able to work on their own initiative.

HOURS REQUIRED:

Invigilation will be on an ad-hoc basis. Hours of employment will vary greatly throughout examination periods. Exact dates and times will be agreed prior to each examination sessions and will be dependent on the work available and the availability of the applicant.

**£7.84 per hour
(inclusive of holiday pay)**

Further details are available from Geraldine James/Julie Beswick
01342 410140

Please address your letter of application together with the application form and safer recruiting sheet (available on website) to Julian Grant, Headteacher and send to Mrs K Rowlingson, PA to the Headteacher at krowlingson@wsgfl.org.uk.

Closing date : Tuesday 1st March 2016

Sackville School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of Children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Any successful applicant will be required to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure check by the Disclosing & Barring Service.

Youth Club—YOUR fresh look



Open to school years 7-10

old and new members

COME ALONG

Tuesday 16th February, 2-5pm

John Pears Pavilion, Ashurst Wood

Pizza



Popcorn



Participation



For more details contact:

Karel on 822606

Or email clerk@ashurstwood-vc.gov.uk

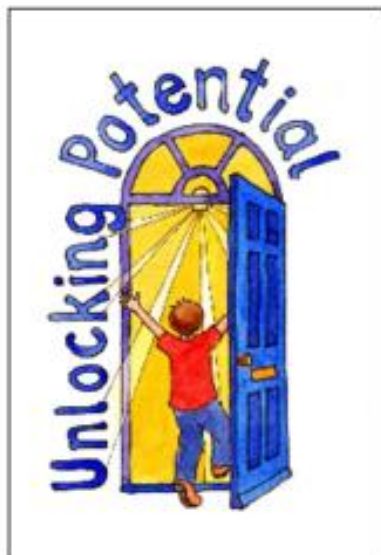
or pop in to Ashurst Wood Village Council office



Social Communication Team

AScSURE

A.S.C. Strategies, Understanding, Realisation and Emotional wellbeing



AScSURE—Exploring Autism and strategies to promote positive behaviour and relationships

Are you a parent/carer of a child or young person, aged 9-16 years, with an ASC (Autism Spectrum Condition) and have not attended an AScSURE course before?

The AScSURE course is an excellent source of information for those new to ASC or for those requiring a little more in-depth knowledge. The course is free of charge to families of children in West Sussex maintained schools, at this time.

Course aims:

- to give a broad and balanced view of how autism and social communication difficulties may impact on the child/young person's life and that of the family
- to explore key practical strategies that can support those with autism to promote positive relationships and behaviour
- to provide a forum for families to share their experiences and expertise together

Course outline:

The course will be run over 7 sessions. The first six dates will be as weekly morning sessions focused on both theoretical and practical aspects of the Autism Spectrum Condition and the resulting difficulties and behaviours. There will be opportunities to discuss issues as they arise and to experience/use a range of strategies, practical tools and resources.

The last date will be run as a follow-up session approximately 3 months after session 6. This session will aim to briefly recap the areas previously covered and allow a forum for parents to share successes since the course and discuss any newly presenting issues.



In order for participants to fully benefit from this course we ask that they attend **all** sessions. Venue details and dates for the next course are on the rear of this leaflet.

Topics covered in AScSURE course by session:

- **Session 1: Autism: What does it mean?**
Develop understanding of autism, discuss experiences of getting a diagnosis and identify how autism can affect families
- **Session 2 : Communication:** Input from Specialist Speech and Language Therapist. Develop understanding of communication difficulties and strategies to improve communication and interaction skills for the child/young person with ASC
- **Session 3: Sensory Needs**
Consider how sensory information and sensory experiences may be processed differently by those with ASC, share strategies to help with sensory needs
- **Session 4: Behaviour**
Improve understanding of challenging behaviours that children with autism may display and consider approaches to promote positive behaviours
- **Session 5: Socialisation and Relationships**
Explore the difficulties those with ASC have with socialising and developing relationships including siblings and strategies to develop their understanding of others and social situations and interactions
- **Session 6: Independence and Adolescence**
Consider ways to encourage independence and manage adolescence

Details of next AScSURE Course for Parents:

Venue: Warnham CE Primary School, Freeman Road
Warnham, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 3RQ

Dates:

- Week 1 – Tuesday 8th March 2016
- Week 2—Tuesday 15th March 2016
- Week 3—Tuesday 22nd March 2016
- Week 4—Tuesday 12th April 2016
- Week 5—Tuesday 19th April 2016
- Week 6—Tuesday 26th April 2016

All sessions will be run from 9.30 – 12 Midday

For an application form and further details please contact:

Email: helen.cottell@westsussex.gov.uk

Tel: 033022 28525

Finally – fancy designing a poster?

Annual student poster competition

Can your students design a poster to advertise next year's Maths Challenges? Entries are accepted from teams of students or from individuals, and the competition is open to all school-aged students. The winning poster will be reproduced professionally and sent to all UK secondary schools and colleges with the September Newsletter.

POSTER COMPETITION RULES

1. Use A2 paper in portrait orientation.
2. Include the words "UKMT Maths Challenges 2016–2017".
3. Include the following dates.

Senior challenge	Tuesday 8 November 2016
Intermediate challenge	Thursday 2 February 2017
Junior challenge	Thursday 27 April 2017
4. Write your name, age and school details (legibly!) on the back of the poster. These details should not be written on the front.

We regret that we are unable to accept electronic entries and we cannot return posters. The winning names will be published, and the judges' decision is final.

The submitted poster does not need to include our logo, or the logo of our sponsor—these will be added to the winning poster.



Last year's poster is shown above. You can see all the posters at <http://www.arbelos.co.uk/ChallengesPosters.html>

Please send entries by the closing date of Friday 1 April 2016 to:

Poster competition, UKMT, School of Mathematics Satellite,
University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT