

# Sackville News

6<sup>th</sup> September 2014



Dear Parents

I hope you all enjoyed the summer and that your children feel refreshed and ready to meet the challenges of the new year. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to new families joining us in year 7 and, indeed, in other years of the school. The Sackville community is delighted that you are joining us.

We have been busy over the break looking after and upgrading our buildings, processing and analysing our strong examination results and planning ahead.



Whilst all of this was happening, a number of our Sixth Form students undertook a successful **World Challenge trip to Uganda** with Mr Wilcox and Miss Jakubowska where they decorated classroom buildings in a school in the village of Bumasifwa and trekked the slopes of Mount Elgon, 4321 metres high. Following a request from the Headteacher, Alicia Osborne-Crone did an amazing painting of the Ugandan coat of arms.



The team consisted of Alicia Osborne-Crone, Jamie Ure, Ben Riley, Ella Wooding, Sarah Bentley and Abigail Martin.

Our **examination results** were very pleasing this summer.

## A Level Results Summer 2014

- 25% of all results were A\* and A
- 50% were A\*, A or B (45% in 2013)
- 100% pass rate
- In maths, two-thirds of the large cohort achieved an A\* or A



These magnificent results sit alongside very strong AS and BTEC outcomes which have achieved particularly high value added ratings and excellent teaching scores. This suggests that our improvements are embedding and is very encouraging for next year. Well done to all of our students for performing so well and achieving a fine set of university places. Izzy Turnbull, Jack Berry, Harry Game and Sarah Redford achieved three straight A\*s, and Georgia Dollemore was successful in securing a place at the prestigious Surrey University Veterinary School.

## GCSE Results Summer 2014

- **61%** 5 A\*-C including English and maths. Our improvement in 2013 has been consolidated, against a national backdrop of volatility. A great achievement.
- English A\*-C **74%** (up 6% on 2013) with **80%** (up 10% on 2013) of students making at least expected progress. This is especially pleasing when the national trend was in the opposite direction.
- Maths A\*-C **72%**, with **70%** making at least expected progress. This also sits well against national averages.

Our GCSE results were very pleasing, particularly bearing in mind the national picture which was certainly mixed for schools this year. Despite the many external challenges and changes facing our students and staff, often with little notice, we achieved strong outcomes above national averages; well above in many cases. By doing this, we have shown that our improvements and successes are becoming sustained. Additionally, I am delighted to report an excellent set of science GCSE results from last year's y10 students – well up on the year before. This bodes well for 2014-15!



Congratulations to all of our GCSE students and particularly to the following:-

Number of A/A* grades achieved			
Zach Beckett	12	Harriet Berry	12
Matt Bidgway	12	Georgina Booth	12
Hope Fuller	12	Sarah Noble	12
Michael Turnbull	12	Carly Wooding	12
Noriyuki Ishii	11	Kirsty Legg	11
Sarah Townsend	11	Alba Halliday	11
Chloe Tonkin	10	Abby Beswick	10
Kira Birch	10	Roxana Diba	9
Olivia Hannaford	9	Aaron King	9
Thomas Marrable	9	Max Tancock	9
Meghan Taylor	9	Kevin Yu	9
Oliver Akehurst	8	Daniel Dearlove	8
Hannah Elliott	8	Naomi Moll	8
Jack Unwin	8		

Very strong progress ('value added')	
Hope Fuller	Abby Beswick
Georgina Booth	Aaron King
George Phillips	Alba Halliday
Samantha Power	Ethan Ingram
Harry Vater	Michael Turnbull
Tilly Dodwell	Carly Wooding
Tom Cartledge	Thomas Marrable
Angelika Perez	Kevin Yu
Emma Cook	Phoebe Fletcher
Oliver Akehurst	Emma Baker
Daniel Dearlove	Georgia Cooper
Sarah Noble	Daniel Talbot
Chloe Tonkin	Lyle Slocombe
Ellie Peadon	Kira Birch
Matt Bidgway	Harriet Berry
Jack Unwin	Charlie Waghorn
Aika Sandi	Tam Hesketh
Sam Moseley	Alex Brooker
Jennyfa Ali	

Both Michael Turnbull and Georgina Booth achieved A\* in every subject – a tremendous achievement.

## Past students

It is also great to hear about the success of former Sackville students. I received a letter last month from a Senior Tutor at St. Hugh's College Oxford informing me that **Charlie Axtell**, who joined to read mathematics last year, has been elected to a college scholarship. Well done Charlie!

## Staffing for the new year

I am pleased to report that we are fully staffed for the new year with good stability and very few changes from 2013-14. I am delighted with the high calibre of staff that we have attracted and am pleased to welcome the following to Sackville:-

**Ms Buckley** – Art. Ms Buckley joins us from Varndean Sixth Form College and worked with our students on transforming the A22 underpass last year.

**Mr Camara** – Maths. Mr Camara has already worked at Sackville and we are very pleased to welcome him as a permanent member of our team.

**Ms Dewhirst** – Leader of KS3 English. Ms Dewhirst trained at Sackville and has since worked at the Harris Academy in Merton.

**Mr Hipperson** – Languages. Mr Hipperson joins us as an additional member of the languages team and is an experienced practitioner.

# Year Team Leadership 2014-15

Oversight: (Mr Street (Deputy Headteacher))

Year Group	Pastoral Assistant	Head of Year	Senior lead
7	Mrs Shipman	Mr Maywood	Mr Street
8	Mrs Farrant	Mr Millican	Mr Street
9	Mrs Newcomb	Mr Endersby	Mr Treen
10	Mrs Rowlingson	Mr Latus	Mr Hayden
11	Mr Jones	Miss Jakubowska	Mr Hayden

**Transition Coordinator**

Miss Jones

**Sixth Form Head**

Mr Whitehead

**Sixth Form Deputy Head**

Mrs Valentine

**Sixth Form UCAS Coordinator**

Ms Bach

**Sixth Form Senior Lead**

Mr de Souza

This month, we have our usual busy programme of **Open Evening** (Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September) and **Open Mornings** (week beginning Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September). These are very important events for us as we have a lot to offer and are proud of our community. Please do encourage friends, family and neighbours to attend!

Our successful Sixth Form is currently recruiting strongly but we still have places available. Again, please do encourage anyone who may be interested to contact us. The email address of the Head of Sixth Form, Mr Whitehead, is [dwhitehead@wsgfl.org.uk](mailto:dwhitehead@wsgfl.org.uk).

As usual, I will write to parents through Sackville News on a regular basis and wish all families the very best for the coming year.

Kind regards

Julian Grant  
Headteacher



## Photos from the first day!



The new year 7s, smartly turned out and ready to go.



Meanwhile the new year 11s listen to Everest summiteer Bonita Norris.





And the new year 12 students gather for their first assembly

## Welcome back from Mr Street!

Welcome back! Six weeks of holiday, where did they go? I hope you all made good use of the break and are all fully refreshed for the new term. It was great to see students arriving today with big smiles on their faces and keen to share stories about their summer break. I was particularly impressed by how smart the students looked in the new revised school uniform, especially the boys with their new ties. It is important to note that all boys in years 7-10 need to be wearing the new clip-on tie; the change from sweatshirts to our revised smarter jumper is required as and when replacement is needed.



As a result of your continued support we made huge progress on attendance in the last academic year. We set ourselves a target of 95% attendance for the academic year 2013-14 and achieved 95.42% which puts us above government expectations and was a significant 2% increase on the previous academic year. Our continued drive for school improvement means we will be setting ourselves a target of 96% which I believe with your help is very achievable. I think we would all agree good attendance is closely linked to strong academic progress and high performance and I would therefore kindly ask you to plan holidays outside of term time.

Week Beginning 1st Sept 2014		Behaviour for Learning			
Rewards					
Subject	Reward Points	Subject	Reward Points		
Rewards Points			Total		
Detentions		Time	Duration	Reason	Staff Initials
Monday 1st					
Tuesday 2nd					
Wednesday 3rd					
Thursday 4th					
Friday 5th					
Tutor Check (sign):			Parent / Carer (sign):		
Date	Messages				

This term sees the introduction of our new behaviour for learning policy which is available to view on our website. The focus here is to bring about a clear and consistent approach to managing students' behaviour and ensuring we are rewarding the good behaviour we see from all our students day in, day out. You will now be able to monitor your child's behaviour more closely through the new behaviour for learning page in the student planner, which lists the reward points and detentions your child receives on a weekly basis. Let's hope there are a lot more reward points than detentions! It is important to remember that the planner is an excellent form of communication between home and school and I would kindly ask you to check and sign your child's planner on a weekly basis. The planner will also be signed by their tutor.

By working together we can ensure all our students achieve their potential and I wish you all another highly successful year.

Paul Street – Deputy Head



# Sackville School

Headteacher: Mr Julian Grant

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## Open Evening

**Come and share our success!**

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2014

5:30pm - 8:30pm

Headteacher's presentation at 6:30pm and 7:30pm



- Very strong examination results in 2013 and 2014 at both GCSE (21% of grades at A/A\*) and A level (25% of grades at A/A\*).
- A great place to learn where achievement is high.
- 'Students are calm and focused in lessons, with positive attitudes to learning' Ofsted HMI March 2014.
- A fantastic range of opportunities both within and beyond the classroom.
- A very supportive and proud community of students, parents, staff and governors.
- 'Thank you so much to all the staff who have made both our children's time at Sackville so memorable, successful and, most importantly, happy.' Parent, 2014.
- Excellent accommodation and facilities on a pleasant site close to East Grinstead town centre.

**Open Mornings Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September to  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 9:00am**

See the school on a normal working day, visit classrooms and meet  
staff and students

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