



Sackville School

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



# Families Bulletin

Monday 22 September 2025 - Friday 29 September 2025

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

It has been an incredibly busy week this week in the run up to Open Evening for prospective students and families last night. Every year, I stand up and talk to a growing number of visitors, sharing our vision and ethos and proudly talking about our student achievements, both academic and personal. Every year the feedback comes back about how incredible our students are. From tour guides to musicians, to those helping in departments to those up on the main stage delivering speeches with myself and Mr Street. More than 160 students supported last night and made both themselves and our community proud.

A special mention goes to Lucy and Marcus, Year 13 Head Students and Mason in Year 7 who spoke so eloquently and passionately about their experiences and journeys into and through Sackville. A feat I know many adults would shy away from!

If your child was able to help out last night, thank you for your support. I know that they will have got something positive from the experience themselves. For some young people, having the confidence to speak to visitors and answer questions does not always come naturally yet we have seen so many of them grow in confidence over the years from events just like this.

Open Mornings begin next Wednesday. If you know any prospective parents/carers interested in coming to see the school in "real life" during the day please ask them to visit our [website](#) to book in, as places are limited.

Have a lovely weekend

Jo Meloni  
Headteacher

Week: B

Timetable: 4 + 1

# Hot Chocolate with the Head



First hot choc of the year, and I was delighted to have a fantastic group of students from the Holmes Community. Each nominated for an excellent start to the year, enthused about new learning and taking on new student leadership roles. Well done to you all, what a great start.

Jo Meloni  
Headteacher

## Key Dates

**Wednesday 24 September 2025**

**Tuesday 30 September 2025**

Thursday 9 October 2025

Thursday 16 October 2025

Wednesday 22 October 2025

**Friday 7 November 2025**

Wednesday 10 December 2025

**Monday 2 February 2026**

Wednesday 11 March 2026

Wednesday 13 May 2026

**Monday 13 July 2026**

Pop Up Uniform Shop

Year 11 Geography Field Trip

Year 11 Information Evening 5.30pm – 8.30pm

Year 7 Information Evening 5.30pm - 8.30pm

Families Focus Group (FFG) - 6pm

Year 7-11 Flu spray vaccinations

Families Focus Group (FFG) - 4pm

Year 8 HPV vaccinations

Families Focus Group (FFG) - 4pm

Families Focus Group (FFG) - 4pm

Year 9 Meningitis vaccinations

## Notice board

### Families Focus Group (FFG) Dates 2025

We are delighted to share the dates of our families focus groups meetings for this academic year. These meetings provide an important opportunity for open dialogue, updates and discussion, and are available to all parents and carers.

The first meeting will take place at Sackville on **Wednesday 22 October at 6.00pm**.

We have also scheduled FFG meetings for:

**Wednesday 10 December 2025 at 4.00pm**

**Wednesday 11 March 2026 at 6.00pm**

**Wednesday 13 May 2026 at 4.00pm**

Agenda's for each meeting will be shared a week before

We look forward to seeing you there.

Paul Street

**Deputy Headteacher**

### **Message from the PE Department for Year 7 Parents**

- Extra curricular sessions begin on Monday 15 September, attendance at these really benefits students develop their skills, game play and meeting new friends.
- Additional equipment for this year - National Governing Bodies of rugby and hockey strongly recommend that students wear a gum shield and in the case of hockey shin pads. Football boots are not essential but if students wish to join extra curricular activities and represent the school then football boots would be necessary.
- Inter Community Event - Thursday 25 September - The first Inter Community Event will take place after school on the date shown. Students can come along and represent their community in either football or netball.
- There has been a recent increase in the wearing of jewelry and the chewing of gum, both of these can cause serious injury so please remind your children of the dangers during physical activity.

### **Additional PE Information for All Parents and Families**

- Students who frequently forget PE kit will be given two reminders before being issued with a detention. The kit expectations can be found [here](#). Please note all kit, other than socks should be navy and not black.
- Please ensure if your child is not able to take part in PE lessons that you contact their PE teacher as soon as possible. The best form of communication would be via email but a hand written note is also acceptable which needs to be handed to their PE teacher at the start of the lesson.
- A secondary pair of trainers is strongly recommended for PE lessons. The footwear/trainers that students wear as part of their school uniform are often not safe or suitable for PE lessons. Please encourage your child to bring this additional pair of trainers on the days they have PE.
- We use an online system for organizing and communicating our school fixtures, this is called SOCS and can be accessed by clicking [here](#). PE staff will email those students and parents that are involved directly. To access additional information on the website the password is - RH19Sports.
- Aerosol deodorants are not permitted in the changing rooms, they are harmful for students both with and without asthma. If deodorant needs to be applied please advise your children to bring a roll-on deodorant. Any student who requires an inhaler should ensure that they pass this to their teacher at the beginning of the lesson.

## Language Department

We are excited for our inaugural Sackville Languages Week, which runs from Monday 22 to Friday 26 September 2025. Please see the programme of events below. If students wish to take part in most of the events, they can sign up via their form tutor. For students who wish to [take part in the video](#) speaking about what 'Community' means to them, or attend one of the [Year 7](#) or [Year 11](#) film screenings, please use the linked consent forms.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Breaktime</b>	<b>6th Form Competition</b> B14	<b>Quiz - Open to all</b> B13	<b>Sweet Sale Canopy</b>  <b>Y10 + Y11 Tour de France Challenge</b> Gym	<b>Y10 + Y11 Tour de France Challenge</b> Gym	<b>'Community' artwork/Poster making - open to all</b> B14
<b>Lunchtime</b>	<b>Year 7 Competition Fun with Flags</b> B14	<b>Year 8 Competition Hook-a-duck</b> B15	<b>Year 9 Competition Global flavours</b> B11	<b>Year 10+11 Competition Tour de France</b> Gym	<b>'Community' artwork/Poster making - open to all</b> B14
<b>After-school</b>	<b>Video filming</b> B14, 15.00 - 16.30	<b>Video filming</b> B14, 15.00 - 16.30  <b>Year 7 Film Screening</b> <i>Carlitos y el Campo de los Sueños</i> Main Hall - 16.30 - 18.30  <b>Suggested £1 donation</b>	<b>Video Filming</b> B14, 15.00 - 16.30  <b>W</b>	<b>Year 11 Film Screening - GCSE Spanish Students</b>  <b>Ocho apellidos vascos</b> B14 15.30 - 17.30	

## Last week's top achievers in SPARX maths



Student	Year Group	SPARX XP Points
Jakub Wilk	7	2,195
Florrie Wilson-Jones	8	1,294
Samantha Newman	9	1,190
Samantha Krasnicka	10	1,035
Harley Phillips	11	1,354

Congratulations to our top performers for last week in SPARX Maths!

## Bring it on Drama Production

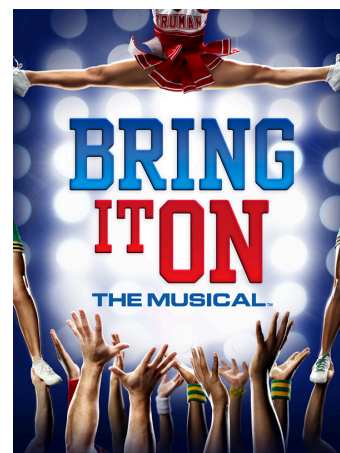
Sackville School is excited to announce the musical for February 2026 will be Bring It On.

Auditions start the week of Monday 29 September 2025 in P01, at the following times:

Year 7 and 8 - Monday 29 September 3.00pm

Year 9 and 10 - Wednesday 1 October 3.00pm

Year 11,12 and 13 - Thursday 2 October 3.00pm



To sign up and for more information please join the show Google Classroom: wufrbxaa

## Safeguarding

As always, if you are aware or have any worries regarding the safety of our students then contact our safeguarding team. Contact ...details below:

### **Safeguarding Leads:**

Mr Millican - [amillican@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:amillican@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

Mr Street - [pstreet@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:pstreet@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

Mrs Steer - [asteer@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:asteer@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

### **Safeguarding Team:**

Mr Endersby - [jendersby@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:jendersby@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

Mrs Hunt - [shunt@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:shunt@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

Mrs Valentine - [hvalentine@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:hvalentine@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

Mr Cowlin - [pcowlin@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:pcowlin@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

Mr Vallally-Godfrey - [avallallygodfrey@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:avallallygodfrey@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

## Current Vacancies

We have two support staff roles available at the moment. If you would be interested in any of the following or know anyone else who may be, please call Katie Dawson, Headteacher's PA for more information, or apply directly following these links:

- [Learning Support Assistant](#)
- [Exam Invigilators](#)

## Sackville News

For all the latest news here at Sackville, follow the link below to the news section of our website - [Sackville News](#)

We also publish a half termly newsletter and the latest edition can be seen here: [Sackville Newsletter](#).

Next publication date: **W/B 24 October, 2025**

## Futures - Find It Out Thursday

This is a chance for students to explore different professions and learn from those that are in that industry and can give a first hand experience. Different industries are highlighted each week and students have the opportunity to attend one talk per half term. When these terms talks have been confirmed, students will be able to sign up using a Google form that will be sent out. Students can come along and start to investigate career paths open to you and discover the skills that you will be required to develop to join that industry.

If you would be willing to come in and speak to students and be part of our Find it out Thursday program please contact Helen Smith on [hsmith@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:hsmith@sackvilleschool.org.uk).

Are you working in the travel and tourism industry? And would you be willing to give up a little bit of your time to talk with our students about your place of work and the job you do? In that case, please get in touch! We now offer travel and tourism courses at both KS4 and KS5, and we are keen to provide opportunities for our students to hear from those in the sector what it means to work in travel and tourism.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Daan Gerretsen  
**CTL of Travel and Tourism**

# Medication, Illness and Vaccines

## Medication

To ensure that we continue to support students when they are unwell, we need to make sure our records are up-to-date. As a school we will continue to administer ad-hoc medication as per the consent slip you have completed. If you wish for this to change, please contact the relevant year team. Should your child be diagnosed with any new medical condition please contact us. In addition, should your child's medical condition change (i.e., they no longer need to use their inhaler) please contact their community team.

We will continue to provide the support and medical assistance you have already agreed to unless we hear from you.

## Illness

In order to keep the more vulnerable members of our school community safe, a reminder to inform the school if your child contracts any of the following: Chickenpox, Shingles, Measles or Mumps. Please call the relevant community office, thank you in advance.

# External Clubs, Sports, Services and Events

## Girls Self Defence

**GIRL'S SELF DEFENCE**

**ActivelySafe**

**Forest Row**

- Physical self defence
- Situational awareness
- Confidence strategies
- De-escalation techniques
- Survival mindset
- Use of force & the law

**Ages 10-13: Fridays 3.45-4.45pm**  
**Ages 14+: Wednesdays 6.15-7.15pm**

For more information:  
 activelysafeuk@gmail.com

QR codes and social media icons (Instagram, Facebook).

## Basketball Club

**EAST GRINSTEAD STORM BASKETBALL CLUB**

BASKETBALL FOR BOYS AND GIRLS  
 SCHOOL YEARS 1-11

MONDAYS @ SACKVILLE SCHOOL  
 5 - 6PM - YR 1-3  
 6 - 7PM - YR 4-5  
 7 - 8PM - YR 6-7

TUESDAYS @ IMBERHORNE UPPER  
 5-6.15 - YR 8-11

FIND US AT  
[WWW.STORMBASKETBALLCLUB.COM](http://WWW.STORMBASKETBALLCLUB.COM)  
 OR EMAIL: [OFFICE@STORMBASKETBALLCLUB.COM](mailto:OFFICE@STORMBASKETBALLCLUB.COM)

Social media icons for Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.

## Careers Event

**Meet the Practitioner Careers Event**

350 Careers. One NHS. Your Future.

**Event Details**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025  
 5pm-8pm  
 East Surrey Hospital,  
 Redhill, RH1 5RH

<https://www.surreyandsussex.nhs.uk/work-us/work-experience>

Explore exciting career paths within the NHS at the Meet the Practitioner Careers Event hosted by Surrey & Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust, where you'll have the opportunity to connect with industry experts and discover the diverse roles that make up our healthcare system.

Register Now

Putting people first  
 Delivering excellent, accessible healthcare

## Harvest Appeal

**East Grinstead Foodbank**  
 Together with Trussard

**Harvest appeal**

Help support your food bank this Harvest

In the three weeks leading up to Harvest, the food bank will provide over 100 food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship.

**Donate food**

Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.  
 Donate online - [giveitoday.co.uk/leg/foodbank/](http://giveitoday.co.uk/leg/foodbank/)

**Donate money**

Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.  
 Donate online - [eastgrinstead.foodbank.org.uk/harvest-appeal/](http://eastgrinstead.foodbank.org.uk/harvest-appeal/)

**Shopping list**

- Tinned meat
- Tinned veg
- Tinned fish
- Tinned custard/rice pud
- Tinned fruit
- Coffee
- Long Life Milk (UHT)
- Fruit juice (long-life)
- Instant mashed potato
- Microwave rice

[EastGrinstead.foodbank.org.uk](http://EastGrinstead.foodbank.org.uk)

QR code and Registered Charity in England & Wales 1028242.

## Work Experience

**Work Experience**

Join us to find out more about careers within the NHS

**Are you aged 14 or older?**

Are you keen to find out about the many roles available in the NHS?

We would like to invite you to join us for our work experience (WEX) events where you will get the opportunity to see how you could part of the NHS.

We are keen to show you how your career pathway could look by offering varied placements across our teams to help offer insights into shaping your future careers.

**Previous work experience**

We successfully held our first Work Experience event in July 2025 with over 27 students from all over Sussex taking part.

WEX students had placements in various teams including psychology, finance, digital, communications and physiotherapy.

**What to do next**

Head over to our website to find out more and complete an application form.  
 You can access the application form here

**Dates for your diary**

- 27 - 31 October 2025
- 16 - 20 February 2025
- 27 - 31 July 2025

Please ensure you check the dates with your diaries as we hold our work experience during school holidays.

We would love to hear from you, so please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

[Spfl.wex@nhs.net](mailto:Spfl.wex@nhs.net) | [SussexPartnership.nhs.uk](http://SussexPartnership.nhs.uk)

## U15 Girls Football

**HerMove**

SPORT | WELLBEING | HEALTH

**'HerMove' U15 Girls football match**  
 Kick off at 5pm

At: East Grinstead Town Football Club  
 East Court, College Lane, East Grinstead RH19 3LS  
 Date: Thursday 2nd October 2025  
 Followed by Sackville vs Imberhorne 6th Forms

KICK OFF AT 5PM

## Pre-loved Prom Dress

**PRE-LOVED PROM DRESS SALE**

SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025

12PM - 4PM

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

VENUE: BISHOP LUFFA SCHOOL, PO19 5HP  
ENTRY VIA WESTGATE

BUY OR SELL YOUR PROM DRESS - FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US VIA THE EMAIL BELOW

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:

**St Wilfrid's Hospice**  
Making a difference to local lives

HOSTED BY BISHOP LUFFA PTA

[@BISHOPLUFFAPROMDRESSES](https://www.instagram.com/bishopluffapromdresses) [BLPROMDRESS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BLPROMDRESS@GMAIL.COM)

## Inclusive Classroom

ETHNIC MINORITY AND TRAVELLER ACHIEVEMENT SERVICE

**CONFERENCE 2025**

**Connected Cultures, Inclusive Classrooms**

Creating a sense of belonging in every school

**WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2025**  
Avisford Park Hotel  
9am - 3pm

£75 per delegate to include lunch and refreshments

**Keynote Speaker DR FRANCISCO MELARA GUTIÉRREZ**  
Senior Lecturer in Education at The University of Chester

**Keynote Speaker RICHARD O'NEILL**  
A sixth-generation master storyteller and author from the Roman tradition

**Workshops:**

- 1 Partnering with Families
- 2 Telling Our Stories
- 3 Talking Through Books
- 4 The Intersection of SEN and EAL

To book: <https://tinyurl.com/5kezusm3>

## Memorial Football Match

**The Adam Dabell**  
Annual Memorial Football Match  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025

**East Grinstead Town Football Club**  
(East Court, College Lane, East Grinstead RH19 3LS)

Imberhorne vs Sackville 'HerMove' U15 Girls match

Kick off at 5pm

followed by...

Sackville vs Imberhorne 6<sup>th</sup> Forms

For the Adam Dabell Memorial Cup and Trophy  
Kick-off at 7.00pm

All Welcome. Please join our Town's lovely Young People and Adam's Family and Friends to cheer on the teams and to continue to make this '21<sup>st</sup> Memorial Match' a celebration of Adam's life

## A.I for Multi-Lingual Families

**Using A.I to Enhance Accessibility and Communication For Multi-Lingual Families**

- Use to translate normative communication, for example everyday letters and correspondence, such as notification of non-school uniform days or nits in the class!
- Use to adjust simple extended text formats, such as letters or generic support guides. Language can be chunked, dual-coded (visuals added), and transformed to accommodate literacy levels of the audience. Then translated too!
- Can offer live translation (including text to speech, speech to text, and combined) options that could support informal conversations such as at drop off, pick up or reception support. This can be an effective way to **start** conversations.

Culturally competent relational practice which prioritises psychological and physical safety, and accessibility, should be felt and experienced by all community members. Please ask your Advisory Teacher for further support or information.

- Not to be used in sensitive, confidential or complex scenarios (for example safeguarding). Relational practice is paramount and for the wellbeing of all involved such topic/agendas should be navigated carefully.
- Jargon is rarely translated effectively or with integrity of meaning. Where such language cannot be avoided, or where loaded terminology will be used, human interpreters should be utilised.
- Language proficiency varies significantly from language to language. Gaps in efficiency and accuracy will greatly undermine the understanding of all involved. Coproduction can only be achieved with all fully informed and acting with agency.
- A.I cannot replicate the human nature and experience of education and relationships. It cannot authentically develop interpersonal skills that interpreters/advocates can.

**EMTAS**  
Ethnic Minority & Traveller Achievement Service

## Free Sports Day

**HerMove LIVE!**

BOOK YOUR FREE TICKETS

SPONSORED BY **GRINSTEAD TOWN FC**

Try it. Move it. Love it! A day of FREE Sport & community fun for women and girls to get active.

At: East Grinstead Sports Club  
Date: Saturday 27th September from 11.00 - 15.00

Come along and try out a wide range of sports and activities for ALL ages - from padel and pickleball to street dance, tennis, football and much more. We're celebrating girls and women in sport, and offering opportunities for all females to get active. Bring along your friends and family for a fun day out!

BOOK YOUR PLACE ONLINE\*

\*Limited numbers available on a first come, first served basis. Book early to avoid disappointment.

## Disability Webinars

### Free Online Disability Benefits Webinars

For parents and carers of children and young adults with disabilities, including SEND (Special Educational Needs & Disabilities)

- Covering:
- Disability Living Allowance (DLA) (Under 16s)
  - Personal Independence Payment (PIP) (Over 16s)
  - Application Guidance

Sessions from March 2025 - December 2025



citizens advice in West Sussex  
North South East  
[advicewestsussex.org.uk](mailto:advicewestsussex.org.uk)  
0808 278 7969

Find out more and book your free spot:  
[www.advicewestsussex.org.uk/advicewestsussex.org.uk/information-and-support/](http://www.advicewestsussex.org.uk/advicewestsussex.org.uk/advicewestsussex.org.uk/information-and-support/)  
Or scan the QR Code



**TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025**  
9am-10am!  
CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO Join the meeting now

### The Hidden Weight: Marginalisation and Mental Health

"The Hidden Weight: Marginalisation and Mental Health" will explore how injustice affects mental wellbeing. Students will explore ideas that show the connection between discrimination and mental health, as well as discover strategies for healing, including services to access, and strategies to fortify themselves and one another.



**MAKE SURE YOU ARE READY FOR THE SUMMER NETWORK FOR YOUNG ACTIVISTS! BRING AS MANY STUDENTS AS YOU CAN!**

1. Please ensure your leaders (or whoever needs to do what YOU will need to do) are all timetable for this one hour of the day.
2. You will need access to a computer, Wi-Fi and a projector/TV with sound so all students can engage in the session.
3. We appreciate you may need to book a room to accommodate all your students!

If you are new to the group or wish to plan something to present with your ambassadors, please do email Vicki from the SFAK team [vicki@stafk.com](mailto:vicki@stafk.com) or Vicki at Community Wellbeing & Safeguarding [safe@stafk.com](mailto:safe@stafk.com)