



Families Bulletin

Monday 15 September 2025 - Friday 19 September 2025

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

As the end of our first full week of the year draws to a close, it has been an absolute delight to welcome all students back and witness the annual catch-up and settle back into routines. I have had the pleasure of delivering assemblies to each of our five smaller Communities and our New Year 12's this past week. The focus of the assemblies was on Ambition and stepping out of your comfort zone. If your child came home and mentioned that they watched a video of Miss Meloni flying through the air, this was true and was my attempt to show them that you are never too old to push yourself out of your comfort zone, as I completed the World's longest Zip Wire in Snowdonia.

Communication

For families who are new to Sackville, this **Families Bulletin** is a weekly communication from school that puts notices, calendar events and updates all in one place. This is sent out each Friday of term. There is an additional whole school communication; the **Sackville News** that comes out at the end of each half term celebrates our students achievements and showcases what they have been up to. Please take time to read these communications and ask your child about anything they may have been involved in or might like to in the future.

Each week, I start the bulletin with a short introduction that usually includes a brief reference to something that has been particularly pertinent that week. More formal communication from myself, or other members of the leadership team, will be sent in **letter** format. Examples of these will be a letter from Kate Barnes, Assistant Headteacher, about our new **Student Mentoring Programme** that has been sent to families this week. There will also be one from myself and Kate, about a new **'Together We Achieve Programme'**, aimed at building even stronger connections between home and school. Look out for these landing in your inbox over the coming days.

Hot Choc with the Head will be back up and running next week, celebrating some of the individual successes our students have throughout the week. We are also looking forward to our annual Open Evening on Thursday 18 September, and would like to thank you in advance if your child has volunteered to help out the event.

Have a lovely weekend and let's hope for a drier week next week.

Jo Meloni
Headteacher

Key Dates

Thursday 18 September 2025

Friday 19 September 2025

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

Open Evening 5.30pm - 8.30pm

Late start for students - 9.25am

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 25 at 4.00pm

Wednesday 11 March 26 at 6.00pm

Wednesday 13 May 26 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.

Clubs start on Monday 15 September		PE Extra Curricular - Autumn Term					No clubs on the first week after half term and the last week of term	
Monday	Hockey - School/EGSC <small>Transport via school minibus</small> 	Basketball Storm Year 7 only 	Trampolining 	GCSE Badminton 	Rugby - Boys 			
Tuesday	Netball 	Badminton KS3 	Weights KS4 	Rugby - Girls 				
Wednesday	Football Years 7, 8 and 9 Boys and Girls 	Volleyball - KS4 and KS5 	Weights KS4 					
Thursday	Table Tennis 	Volleyball - KS3 	Football - KS4 Boys - starts Oct 2nd 					
Friday	Weights All year groups 							

Community Spanish!

Missing the summer already? Planning your next getaway? Want to learn a new skill?

If the answer to any of the following questions is 'Yes', then we may have the answer! The Languages Department is delighted to offer Sackville Families the opportunity to learn some basic, conversational and functional Spanish for travel and day-to-day use. Classes begin on Monday 22 September at 6.00pm. Priced at £30.00 per half-term, all courses will be delivered by Mr Francis (CTL Languages) and will be tailored to adult learners. Sign-up via the MCAS app from this weekend, and please contact sfrancis@mysackville.co.uk if you have any questions.

Hasta pronto!

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

Mr Street - pstreet@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mrs Steer - asteer@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Safeguarding Team:

Mr Endersby - jendersby@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mrs Hunt - shunt@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mrs Valentine - hvalentine@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mr Cowlin - pcowlin@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mr Vallally-Godfrey - 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](#)

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.

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

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)

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
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OR EMAIL: OFFICE@STORMBASKETBALLCLUB.COM

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Meet the Practitioner Careers Event

350 Careers. One NHS. Your Future.

Event Details

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

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

Register Now

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.

Putting people first
Delivering excellent, accessible healthcare

Her Move LIVE!

BOOK YOUR FREE TICKETS

SPONSORED BY
GRINSTEAD Sports Club

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

East Grinstead Foodbank
Together with Trussell

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 - givetoday.co.uk/egfoodbank/

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/

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

East Grinstead.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales 1208343

Work Experience

Join us to find out more about careers within the NHS

Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

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

Link direct to our WEx webpages

Spff.wex@nhs.net

SussexPartnership.nhs.uk