



Sackville School

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



# Families Bulletin

Monday 20 October 2025 - Friday 24 October 2025

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

This week, we welcomed back students who had a fantastic time on their trip to Madrid. As well as immersing them in the Spanish language, they had a great time learning how to cook paella, visiting the newly renovated Santiago Bernabéu, and soaking up art by Velázquez, Goya and Picasso in the Prado and Reina Sofía galleries.

We also had a mixed year group of students from years 7-9 visit Parliament on Wednesday, which included a guided tour of the Palace of Westminster and a workshop on the workings of Parliament. Another great opportunity for students to apply learning to the real world and engage in opportunities they might not otherwise have.

On Thursday, we welcomed our Year 7 families to our Meet the Tutor evening. The evening also included an important literacy workshop which tied in nicely with government announcements this week around the introduction of new national reading tests for year 8 students. I am sure we will hear more about how that will look in the months to come, but irrespective of any national assessment, you can rest assured that we are already working hard on strategies that support student's reading and the more we can do between home and school the better. It was lovely to see so many of you attend the evening and we look forward to seeing you at the next opportunity.

Just as a reminder, all of our family engagement events can be found in our Together We Achieve brochure [HERE](#). Next week we will be hosting our first Families Focus group meeting on Wednesday 22 October 2025.

Have a good weekend.

Jo Meloni  
Headteacher

**Week: B**

**Timetable: 4 + 1**

# Hot Chocolate with the Head



It was a bumper week for Hot Chocolate with the Turing Community out in full force. Hazel and Willow (year 7), Kaelen (year 8), Charlotte and Izzy (year 9), Charlie and Rosa (year 10) and Ami (year 11). All acknowledged for modelling the values of teamwork, positivity and ambition.

They were joined by three Sixth Form students, Emily, Daniel and Rhiannon who have been exemplary ambassadors for the school, particularly in helping in the recruitment process for a new Sixth Form administrator. They have demonstrated a real commitment to our community, and shown real maturity and integrity in the process.

Well done to all of them.

Jo Meloni  
Headteacher

## Key Dates

Monday 20 October 2025

Wednesday 22 October 2025

Thursday 23 October 2025

Friday 24 October 2025

**Friday 24 October - Sunday 02 November 2025**

Monday 03 November 2025

Tuesday 04 November 2025

Thursday 06 November 2025

Friday 07 November 2025

Wednesday 12 November 2025

Year 13 Chailey Heritage Trip

Families Focus Group (FFG) - 6.00pm

Pop Up Uniform Shop - 3.00pm - 6.00pm

Youth Ambassadors - Imberhorne

Stem Trip - Haywards Heath

**Half Term**

Return to School

Year 7 Parent and Carer Support Workshop

Music Trip to Glyndebourne

Sixth Form Open Evening

Late Start for Students - 9.25am

Year 12 Chemistry In Action Trip - London

Monday 17 November 2025

**Friday 28 November 2025**

Wednesday 10 December 2025

Monday 02 February 2026

Wednesday 11 March 2026

Wednesday 13 May 2026

Monday 13 July 2026

Year 7-11 Flu spray vaccinations

**Inset Day**

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

### Late Start for Students - Friday 07 November 2025

Due to the Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 06 November, there will be a late start on Friday 07 November 2025 of 9.25am.

### Poppy Appeal

Our Sixth Form students will be visiting form rooms next week selling poppies, if your child would like to buy one, please send them in with some change. The poppies will also be available in Reception.

Monday - Angelou

Tuesday - Attenborough

Wednesday - Holmes

Thursday - Yousafzai

Friday - Turing

### Together We Achieve Programme

Please find our Together We Achieve programme [here](#).

### New Website

We are really excited to soon be launching our new website. It has been under construction for some time now, and we are very close to launching it for you all to see. We believe it will help make your life easier when navigating the website and finding the information most relevant to you.

We hope you will like it and please do let us know if you have any feedback once it goes live!

### Sparx Maths Achievements of the Week



Student	Year Group	SPARX XP Points
Olivia Staples	7	1,975
Kitty O'Keefe	8	1,190
Olivia Divall	9	1,165
Zach Allen	10	2,509
Anosh Sultani	11	1,548

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

### Spooky Mail



## Caribbean Themed Lunch



Celebrate Black History Month  
with a Caribbean themed lunch  
Thursday 23rd October



## Design and Technology Department Display

We are looking to create a new display cabinet in the Design and Technology department which shows the evolution of electronic technology from the late 20th to early 21st centuries.

We would be grateful for any retro to the present time items such as mobile phones, from the 80s 'brick' phones through to the current time, computer keyboards, walkmans, ipods, MP3 players, small gaming consoles and controllers etc... that are no longer needed or used and that are not too large as they need to fit in our display cabinet.

If you have any of the above items or similar and would like to donate them to the D&T department please email [jward@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:jward@sackvilleschool.org.uk).

## Families Focus Group

(FFG) Wednesday 22 October 2025 - Families Bulletin

Our first Families Focus Group meeting of the academic year will take place at Sackville on Wednesday 22 October at 6pm.

These meetings provide an important opportunity for open dialogue, updates and discussion, and are available to all parents and carers. The agenda for Wednesday's meeting is as follows:

1. 'Together We Achieve' Events
2. Independent Learning
3. AOB

Please use this [Google Form](#) to secure your place by Tuesday 21 October 2025. This will also ensure we know how many to cater for. We look forward to seeing you there.

Paul Street

## Food Technology

Year 7, Year 8 and Year 10 classes will not be cooking next week due to exams.

Mrs Slater - Curriculum Team Leader

## The Winter Concert

The Winter Concert - our annual music extravaganza - is fast approaching - this year taking place on Thursday 27 November 2025. We want to let families know that auditions for solos or small groups will take place in the week after half term. Students who wish to audition should book a time slot by visiting the music office from Monday 20 October 2025.

We look forward to sharing further details about the concert after half term.

## Extra-Curricular Opportunities

The link for this half terms extra-curricular sessions can be found here:

### [Extra-Curricular Opportunities Autumn Term](#)

The 'live' document shows our sessions, and new clubs may appear throughout the term. These will be communicated through this document and the Families Bulletin. Once in the document please scroll across to the year group relevant to your child.

Mr Ashley Vallally-Godfrey

**Associate Assistant Headteacher**

## Current Vacancies

We have three 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:

- [Community Pastoral Assistant](#)
- [Art and Photography Technician](#)
- [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**

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# Safeguarding

## Routine Builds Resilience

A regular school routine helps students develop key life skills like time management, responsibility, and resilience. These aren't just important for school success—they're crucial for later life too. Encouraging consistent attendance now sets strong habits for the future.

We will always contact you if we are concerned about a child's attendance. If you are worried, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor, the Community team or Miss Harper in the attendance office.

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)

Mr Vallally-Godfrey -

[avallallygodfrey@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:avallallygodfrey@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)

Ms Porter - [mporter@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:mporter@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

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

Mr Quigley - [pquigley@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:pquigley@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

Mrs Harper - [aharper@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:aharper@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

Mr Groves - [hgroves@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:hgroves@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

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

Talk to one of your Safeguarding team or email, [safeguarding@mysackville.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@mysackville.co.uk)



 <b>Mr Millican</b> Designated Safeguarding Lead Assistant Headteacher	 <b>Mrs Steer</b> Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead Child Protection Officer	 <b>Mr Street</b> Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead Deputy Headteacher	 <b>Mr Vallally-Godfrey</b> Online Safeguarding Lead Associate Assistant Headteacher
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 <b>Mr Cowlin</b> Deputy Headteacher	 <b>Mr Quigley</b> Assistant Headteacher	 <b>Ms Meloni</b> Headteacher
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We are here if...  
  
if...  
...you feel down or sad  
...something is bothering you  
...you are concerned about a friend

Email us confidentially by scanning the QR code below:  


 <b>Ms Porter</b> Head of Sixth Form	 <b>Mr Groves</b> Deputy Head Sixth Form	 <b>Mrs Valentine</b> CTL Health and Social
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If you need to talk to someone about an issue that is worrying you, you can speak to your form tutor, Community Team, or a member of your Safeguarding Team

KEEPING OUR STUDENTS SAFE IS EVERYBODY'S RESPONSIBILITY

## 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).

## Work Experience

**We are proud to promote our careers and keen to inspire the next generation!**

As part of our work experience programme, we are inviting local students aged between 13 & 14 years choosing their GCSE options this academic year to meet staff from every role in the NHS of which there are 350+.

**What's involved?**  
Our staff volunteers will deliver quick-fire 10-15-minute presentations providing an insight into their role and partake in a networking marketplace planned at the end of the event at which students can ask questions individually.

**What jobs and careers will be promoted?**  
Any jobs interesting to career explorers.

We are encouraging staff from the more unusual and unknown also those studying for an apprenticeship.

If your school is interested in attending any of these events, please contact [ifhsussex.work.experience@nhs.net](mailto:ifhsussex.work.experience@nhs.net)



**NHS England South East**

**VIRTUAL NHS ENGLAND SOUTH EAST HEALTH CARE SUPPORT WORKER INSIGHT WEBINAR**

**LIVE Q&A SESSION**

Are you a student, parent/carer or teacher, wanting to learn more about a career in Health or Care?

Join this online event to learn more about the role of the Health Care Support Worker, including different opportunities and potential career progression in Health and Care settings

There will be a diverse panel of speakers, talking about a typical day of a Health Care Support Worker and the different areas and specialities they work in and professions they work alongside



## Medication, Illness and Vaccines

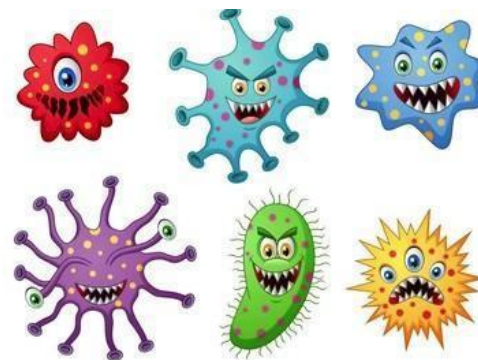
### NHS Guidelines

Please find some useful information [here](#) from the NHS on when to keep your child off school.

### 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.



### Asthma

With the winter season on our doorstep, we would like to update our records with the treatment plans for any of our students who suffer from asthma. Please could you complete this [Google Form](#) as soon as possible.

### 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.

## Lost Property

Any unlabelled lost property this week can be found [here](#). If you feel that any items of clothing belong to your child, please email [ktalbot@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:ktalbot@sackvilleschool.org.uk).

If lost property is labelled, it will be returned to communities, so students should also ask there.

Please can we ask that you check the lost property list above for items missing and encourage students to look in lost property for their missing items. Can we remind parents to name everything for a much higher chance of relocating lost property to their rightful owner.

# 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](mailto: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>

Register Now

Putting people first  
Delivering excellent, accessible healthcare

## Work Experience

**Work Experience**

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 2026  
27 - 31 July 2025

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

Link direct to our [WEx webpages](#)

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

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

## Pre-loved Prom Dress

**PRE-LOVED PROM DRESS SALE**

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

12PM - 4PM

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

VENUE: BISHOP LUPTA SCHOOL, PO19 3HP  
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 LUPTA PFA

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

## 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 - [givealittle.co.uk/eg/foodbank/](http://givealittle.co.uk/eg/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

East Grinstead.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales 1085443

QR code

# Student Action Cooperative



## 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.



## The Student Action Cooperative

### 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 whatever name you use in your setting) are **off** timetable for this one hour of the day.
  2. You will need access to a computer, Wi-Fi and a projector/TVB **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 EMTAS team [vicki@emtas.org.uk](mailto:vicki@emtas.org.uk) and/or Gulra at [Community.Wellbeing@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:Community.Wellbeing@westsussex.gov.uk)

# Invitation to Thales - Insight Event



## Invitation to Thales Crawley Insight Event – 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Would you like to learn more about the Thales apprenticeships? If so, join us for the Crawley Insight event on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

The Crawley Thales UK insight evening will give you the opportunity to learn about our different business areas and what our apprenticeship programmes can offer you. Come and meet some of our current apprentices and find out what it is really like to be an apprentice at Thales. Our Future Talent Team will also be there to give you advice on the application process and assessment centres and answer any questions you may have.

This event is for anyone interested in an apprenticeship with Thales, either ready to apply now for our September 2026 intake, or for future years.

Entrance is by invitation only, and we are only able to accept ticket requests from a school email address.

The following time slots will be available:

- Session One 17.00 – 17.45
- Session Two 18.00 – 18.45
- Session Three 19.00 – 19.45

To register for tickets please follow the link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thales-crawley-apprenticeship-insight-event-13-november-2025-tickets-124815530592>

This event is by invitation only. Spaces are restricted so tickets will be issued on a first come first served basis. For any enquiries please contact [support@emtas.org.uk](mailto:support@emtas.org.uk)

Due to our strict security requirements, all attendees must be registered in advance, have photo ID, only arrive during the designated time slot and only register for one slot. We will also be operating a no bags policy on the night.

For more information about roles this year or future years, we have a graduate and apprentice future talent platform, where our future talent can engage with digital buddies and access information about Thales. Buddies will be able to offer insights on our roles, share information on what it's like to work at Thales and help develop their skills and knowledge on how to make a good application, as well as how to best perform at an assessment centre. To register scan the QR code:

Welcome to Thales Future Talent Connect platform.



# U13 Football



## ASHURST WOOD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



### U13s Players Needed

We are looking for more players for our U13s for current year 8s or year 7s happy to play up.

The team play matches on Saturday mornings in the Horsham League and training is Thursday evenings, coaches are fully qualified and DBS checked.

For more information and to arrange to attend trial sessions please contact Rachel 07794548186 [rachel.dufeu@sky.com](mailto:rachel.dufeu@sky.com)

[www.awjfc.net](http://www.awjfc.net) Charity No 1136711

# 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

# SENCo Timetable

November Timetable	
Raising Self Esteem	3 Nov 10am
Decreasing Depression	3 Nov 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	4 Nov 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	4 Nov 7pm
Improving Family Communication	10 Nov 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	10 Nov 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	11 Nov 10am
Supporting A Child with ADHD	11 Nov 7pm
<b>FREE ADHD Kids &amp; Homework</b>	<b>13 Nov 6-7pm</b>
Understanding Anger	17 Nov 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	17 Nov 7pm
Facing Defiance	18 Nov 10am
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	18 Nov 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	24 Nov 10am
Anxiety Explained	24 Nov 7pm

# Supporting a Child with ADHD

## Supporting a Child with ADHD



Challenge the stereotypes and get practical help

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 10-11:30am**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 7-8:30pm**

90 minute session. Recording available for 48hrs

£24.

Available to book now [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

# Prom Dress

## INVITATION PROM DRESS VIP EVENT THIS HALF TERM

22<sup>nd</sup> OCT - 1<sup>st</sup> NOV

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to discover the brand new 2026 collection

As a VIP claim your 10% discount and reserve your favourite dress for just £50

VISIT THE PROM POD AT **LACE & FAVOUR**  
Unit D1 Swallow Business Park  
Lower Dicker  
BN27 4EL

See laceandfavour.com  
Preview many styles online with more available in store from £99