



Sackville School

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



Families Bulletin

Monday 13 October 2025 - Friday 17 October 2025

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at our Year 11 Information Evening this week. Those who attended gave really positive feedback from the support we are offering; including last night's sessions on maths, English, science and revision strategies. If you missed the evening, all of the information from the presentations can be found on our Year 11 Support Hub which can be found on the home page of our website.

Speaking of the website, we have been working hard on an update to our website which has not only included a bit of housekeeping to remove out of date documentation, but it will soon also have a fresh new look. We will send out further information including some helpful screen shots to ensure the transition runs as smoothly as possible, and you can still find what you need.

I wish you all a lovely weekend, and all the best to the group of students and staff going on the Spanish trip to Madrid that departs on Sunday, also to our Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh group on their expedition.

Jo Meloni
Headteacher

Week: A

Timetable: 4 + 1

Hot Chocolate with the Head

It was a pleasure to meet with students from the Angelou community this week; I heard about how their hard work is paying off, not only on their learning, but how they have earned Sackville Stars and valuable achievement points for their Community. In the case of Finley, Logan and Charlie, it was their fantastic record of 100% attendance so far this year that earned them a spot at Hot Choc with the Head.

We were also joined by three of our Sixth Form boys, Finley, Lewis and captain Josh who played in the memorial football match last week. Wonderful representatives of a fantastic group of boys who made us very proud indeed. Well done to all.

Jo Meloni
Headteacher



Key Dates

Thursday 16 October 2025

Monday 20 October 2025

Wednesday 22 October 2025

Thursday 23 October 2025

Friday 24 October 2025

Monday 03 November 2025

Tuesday 04 November 2025

Thursday 06 November 2025

Wednesday 12 November 2025

Monday 17 November 2025

Wednesday 10 December 2025

Monday 02 February 2026

Wednesday 11 March 2026

Wednesday 13 May 2026

Monday 13 July 2026

Year 7 Information Evening 3.30pm - 6.30pm

Year 13 Chailey Heritage Trip

Families Focus Group (FFG) - 6pm

Youth Ambassadors - Imberhorne

Stem Trip - Haywards Heath

Year 7 Parent and Carer Support Workshop

Music Trip to Glyndebourne

Sixth Form Open Evening

Year 12 Chemistry In Action Trip - London

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

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!

Spooky Mail



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

Safeguarding

Understanding Social Media Pressures

Social media can amplify peer pressure, affect self-esteem, and expose young people to harmful content. Encourage your child to follow positive accounts, unfollow toxic influences, and take regular breaks from their screen. Help them see that real life isn't filtered or edited—and remind them that likes and followers don't define their worth.

Please contact your child's tutor, community team or safeguarding@sackvilleschool.org.uk if you have any concerns/questions around your child's safety. You can also contact the following organisations, depending on where you live, to get more advice.

West Sussex -

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/keeping-children-safe/request-support-or-raise-a-concern-about-a-child/>

East Sussex - <https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/children-families/report-a-concern-child>

Surrey - <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/contact-childrens-services>

Kent - <https://www.kscmp.org.uk/guidance/worried-about-a-child>

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

Mr Vallally-Godfrey -

avallallygodfrey@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Safeguarding Team:

Mr Endersby - jendersby@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mrs Hunt - shunt@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mrs Porter - mporter@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mr Cowlin - pcowlin@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mr Quigley - pquigley@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mrs Harper - aharper@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mr Groves - hgroves@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mrs Valentine - hvalentine@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Talk to one of your Safeguarding team or email, safeguarding@mysackville.co.uk



 Mr Millican Designated Safeguarding Lead Assistant Headteacher	 Mrs Steer Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead Child Protection Officer	 Mr Street Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead Deputy Headteacher	 Mr Vallally-Godfrey Online Safeguarding Lead Associate Assistant Headteacher
 Mr Cowlin Deputy Headteacher	 Mr Quigley Assistant Headteacher	 Ms Meloni Headteacher	 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:  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
 Mrs Harper Attendance Officer	 Mr Endersby CTL PE	 Mrs Hunt Assistant Headteacher	
 Ms Porter Head of Sixth Form	 Mr Groves Deputy Head Sixth Form	 Mrs Valentine CTL Health and Social	

Current Vacancies

We have a support staff role 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:

- [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.

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 300+.

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 job is 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 ufussex.work_experience@nhs.net



The image shows a colorful triangular schedule for work experience events. The events are: Haywards Heath on Wednesday 5th November (1pm-4pm), Chichester on Monday 10th November (1-4pm), Brighton on Tuesday 25th November (1-4pm), and Worthing on Monday 8th December (09:30am-1:30pm). A small graphic titled 'Local NHS Staff Inspire Your Future' is also visible.



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



Register by scanning the QR code Or by clicking [here](#)

THURSDAY 9th OCTOBER 6PM – 7PM

For more information contact: england.southeast.apprenticeships@nhs.net

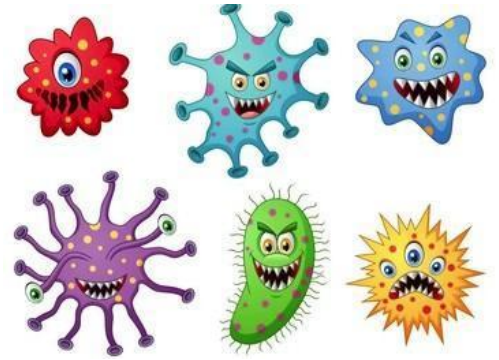
The image features a circular inset showing three people in a discussion, and a QR code for registration.

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.



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.

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

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
OR EMAIL: OFFICE@STORMBASKETBALLCLUB.COM

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Careers Event

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

Putting people first
Delivering excellent, accessible healthcare

Work Experience

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
[Apply online from 1 - 15 September](#)
16 - 20 February 2025
27 - 31 July 2025
[Link direct to our WEX webpages](#)

Spift.wex@nhs.net | SussexPartnership.nhs.uk

Pre-loved Prom Dress

PRE-LOVED PROM DRESS SALE

SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2025

12PM - 4PM

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

VENUE: BISHOP LUFFA 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 LUFFA PFA

@BISHOPLUFFAPROMDRESSES | BLPROMDRESS@GMAIL.COM

Harvest Appeal

East Grinstead Foodbank
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/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 1208843

Supporting a Child with ADHD

Supporting a Child with ADHD



Challenge the stereotypes and get practical help

Monday 13th October 10-11:30am

Tuesday 11th November 7-8:30pm

90 minute session. Recording available for 48hrs

£24.

Available to book now
facefamilyadvice.co.uk



Student Action Cooperative

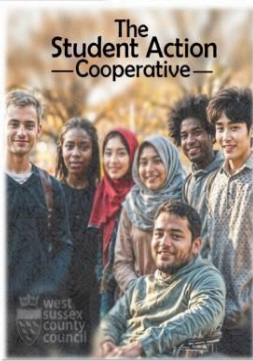


TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2025
9am-10am!
CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO
Join the meeting now

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.



The Student Action Cooperative

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

What YOU will need to do!

1. Please ensure your leaders (or whatever name you use in your setting) are **all** 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 Vicky from the DATA team vicky.barnes@westsussex.gov.uk and/or Gail at Community Wellbeing & Safeguarding gail.bondall@westsussex.gov.uk

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

www.awjfc.net Charity No 1136711

Invitation to Thales - Insight Event



Invitation to Thales Crawley Insight Event – 13th November 2025

Would you like to learn more about the Thales apprenticeships? If so, join us for the Crawley insight event on Thursday 13th 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-124815532556?aff=sourcecreator>

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@uc@uk.thalesgroup.com

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.

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 tool!

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

