



Sackville School

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



Families Bulletin

Monday 26 January 2026 - Friday 30 January 2026

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

It has been really good to get back to a sense of normality and routine this week, as we reach the midpoint in this half term. I am pleased to say that the special assemblies on consent and the Holocaust that were postponed during the school closures have all been rearranged quickly for next week. We look forward to welcoming those visitors to present to our students.

We will also be welcoming visitors from other **Challenge Partners** schools when they come in to work with our senior team to undertake a school peer review. This will be the third year we have taken part in these reviews and it is just one of the ways in which we show that we are looking beyond our own four walls to review our practice, share ideas and open ourselves up to external challenge and scrutiny. I am very proud of our school, our students and staff and I am looking forward to welcoming our visitors next week.

It is an important time of the year for our **Year 9 students** as they begin the process of considering their **options** for next year. They had assemblies this week and we are looking forward to seeing them with all of their parents/carers at the Year 9 Options Evening on Thursday 29 January.

Finally, I am delighted to say that as a part of our joint **Federation** work (our collaboration with Downlands, Oathall and Imberhorne schools), a select group of students have been invited to the **very first Masterclass, at the University of Brighton**. The masterclasses will rotate around themes in Geography, Biology, Chemistry and Pharmaceuticals, with students completing experiments and gaining exposure to facilities at a level not usually seen until they are in Higher Education. Staying with Federation news, Mr Webb took a group of musicians to Oathall for the second annual **Federation Music festival** this week which was a huge success.

If you do not already do so, please follow us on Instagram to see photos of many of the things we get up to each week or take a look at our website where the social media posts are also shared on the bottom section of the home page.

Have a good weekend.

Jo Meloni
Headteacher

Week: A

Timetable: 4 + 1

Hot Chocolate



It was a real pleasure to catch up with students from the Yousafzai community this week over hot chocolate to celebrate their successes and achievements alongside discussing their interests and all the great things they have planned for the weekend. Congratulations to them all.

Mr Street

Key Dates

Monday 26 January 2026
Wednesday 28 January 2026

Thursday 29 January 2026

Friday 30 January 2026
Monday 02 February 2026
Wednesday 04 February 2026

Wednesday 04 - Friday 06 February 2026
W/B 09 February 2026

Friday 13 February 2026

Saturday 14 - Sunday 22 February 2026

Monday 16 - Friday 20 February 2026

Friday 20 - Wednesday 25 February 2026

Berlin Trip Parents Information Evening - 5.00pm
Flu Vaccination Mop Up Session
Uniform Pop Up Shop - 3.00pm - 6.00pm
Year 9 Options Evening
Years 10-13 Design and Technology Trip - V&A Museum
Pre Loved Prom Event
Year 9 Vaccinations
Year 11 Information Evening and Higher Education Fair (**Events now combined together**)
Berlin Residential Trip
School Show Week
INSET DAY
Ski Trip - Andorra
HALF TERM BREAK
Business Studies Trip - San Francisco

Notice board

Higher Education Fair

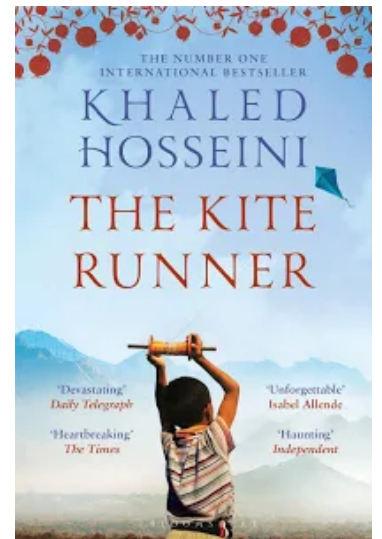
Higher Education Fair

Wednesday 04 February 2026 - 4.30pm-7.00pm
Talk in the Main Hall and stalls in P Block Hall



Book of the Week

This week's book of the week is the Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini. The Kite Runner is a powerful novel about friendship, guilt, and redemption, following Amir as he reflects on a childhood betrayal and its lifelong consequences against the backdrop of a changing Afghanistan. Through vivid storytelling, the novel explores themes of loyalty, family, and the search for forgiveness. Generally recommended for Key Stage 4 and 5 due to mature themes and references to violence.



Themed Lunch at Sackville



Special Assemblies

On Monday 26 January students in Years 7-10 will be having some assembly workshops from an outside company 'Talk Consent' <https://talkconsent.org/> .

On Tuesday 27 January, all Year 9 students will hear testimony from Holocaust survivor, Peter Kammerling as part of a visit organised by the Holocaust Educational Trust (HET).

The testimony will be followed by a question and answer session to enable students to better understand the nature of the Holocaust and to explore its lessons in more depth. The visit is part of the Holocaust Educational Trust's extensive all year round Outreach Programme, which is available to schools across the UK.

Safeguarding

We Are Here to Help

If there are barriers making attendance difficult, such as health concerns, anxiety, or transport issues, please talk to us. Our staff are trained to support families and find solutions. You're not alone, and we're here to work with you.

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.

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

Ms 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



Safeguarding at Sackville
PRIORITISING SAFETY & WELLBEING

 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
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We are here if...

 Mr Cowlin Deputy Headteacher	 Mr Quigley Assistant Headteacher	 Ms Moloni Headteacher
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...you feel down or sad

 Mrs Harper Attendance Officer	 Mr Endersby CTL PE	 Mrs Hunt Assistant Headteacher
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...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

Sparx Mathematics



Student	Year Group	SPARX XP Points
Ethan Mulhall-Pulido	7	2,567
Jude Gardner	8	3,270
Laura Domonkos	9	2,310
Ollie Smith	10	1,231
Autumn Taylor	11	1,595

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

Together We Achieve

Please find the live link to our Together We Achieve Programme here - [Together We Achieve 2025-26](#)

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

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

[Extra-Curricular Opportunities Spring 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 one 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 School
Exam Invigilator

Varied hours and required through school exam periods.
£14.18 Hourly Rate - Inclusive of Holidays.
Required January 2026

ABOUT YOU

- A GOOD COMMAND OF WRITTEN AND SPOKEN ENGLISH IS ESSENTIAL FOR THIS ROLE.
- AN ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE CONFIDENTLY WITH BOTH STAFF AND STUDENTS.
- THE ABILITY TO RESPOND QUICKLY AND IMPLEMENT NECESSARY ACTION IN UNEXPECTED EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.
- THE ABILITY TO WORK WELL IN A TEAM AS WELL AS BEING ABLE TO TAKE INITIATIVE AND TO WORK ALONE.
- A WARM AND SUPPORTIVE MANNER.

ABOUT US

- SUCCESSFUL AND OVERSUBSCRIBED 11-18 SCHOOL
- EXTENSIVE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- A SCHOOL THAT GENUINELY CARES
- FREE USE OF ON SITE GYM AND RUNNING TRACK
- OUR VERY OWN OBSERVATORY ON SITE!
- GREAT STUDENTS AND COLLEAGUES

For further information and to download an application form search vacancies at www.sackvilleschool.org.uk



Sackville News

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

Next publication date: **Friday 13 February 2026**

Futures - Find It Out Thursday

Find it out Thursdays



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.

This term, we have:

A Children's Ed Psych and a financial talk with the date to be confirmed. Please use the google form to book on this [link](#).

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.

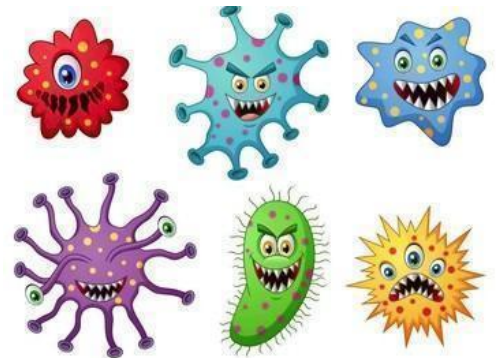
Medication, Illness and Vaccines

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.

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

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.

Please find the up to date lost property list [here](#).

External Clubs, Sports, Services and Events

Pre Loved Prom

PRE LOVED PROM

SNEEK PEEK AT SOME OF THE PROM OUTFITS ALREADY IN.

SCAN HERE

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East Grinstead Foodbank
Together with Trussell

PRE LOVED PROM

SUSTAINABLE & BUDGET-FRIENDLY SHOPPING!
BUY OR SELL PRE-LOVED PROM DRESSES & SUITS!

£5 seller fee donated to our local Food Bank the rest of the sale goes to you!

3:30PM - 5:30PM
30TH JANUARY 2026
SACKVILLE SCHOOL
EAST GRINSTEAD

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Crochet Club

Crochet Club

New Club!

It's time to pick up those crochet hooks and join us for crochet club - see Mrs Potts for any information.

EVERY TUESDAY
1:25 PM - 1:45 PM

BRING YOUR OWN WOOL IF YOU HAVE IT. DON'T WORRY IF NOT

EVERY TUESDAY LUNCHTIME IN B11

What will YOU crochet?

East Grinstead Cricket Club

YOU'RE INVITED TO PRE-SEASON TRAINING

Sunday 25th Jan-29th March
Sackville school sports hall

Adult Session 10-11am
Hardball U11-U19 11-12pm
Softball U6-U10 12-1pm

£3 per session
We welcome players of all abilities

FREE TASTER

Email info@eastgrinsteadcc.co.uk

East Grinstead Triathlon

EAST GRINSTEAD TRIATHLON

SUNDAY 10TH MAY 2026

Join us for our 40th Anniversary race

STARTS 07.00 AM
KINGS CENTRE EAST GRINSTEAD

SPRINT TRIATHLON INCLUDING A RELAY EVENT TRY A TRI AND YOUTH RACE AQUABIKE

OPEN TO BEGINNERS, SEASONED PROS, AND RELAY TEAMS!

Ready to Push Your Limits?

More information & registration:
WWW.EGTRICLUB.COM

Community People

SASHA BROWN *(She/Her)**
Senior Community Development Coordinator

07471 032937

<https://communitypeople.org.uk/>

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

9:00 to 15:00

The Cherry Tree Centre,
Fairfield Road, Burgess Hill
RH15 8QB

sashab@communitypeople.org.uk

COMMUNITY PEOPLE

LIVING WAGE EMPLOYER

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*To understand why I use pronouns: <https://pronouns.org/>

Rugby Camp

KIDS RUGBY CAMP
17TH-19TH FEB 2026
9:00 - 15:00

Reception - year 3
Age 5 - 8

Year 4 - Year 8
Age 9 - 13

Both boys and girls welcome!

Hosted at
East Grinstead Rugby Club

Run by
Ryland and **Dan**

Scan for Tickets

£45 for a day, £120 for 3 days
The Gearon Pavilion, Saint Hill Rd, East Grinstead RH19 4JU

ADHD Support

online talk by Jane Keyworth



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes, offering practical support and explaining more about this condition



3rd February 10-11:30am
3rd March 7-8:30pm



Book online
facefamilyadvice.co.uk
£24 or Free with a school membership code

