



# Families Bulletin

Monday 02 February 2026 - Friday 06 February 2026

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

It has been a busy week again this week with a **Federation Masterclass trip to Brighton University** for key stage 4 and 5 students, **Year 12 Futures trips**, **external speakers** delivering a series of assemblies on the themes of consent and the holocaust, **Year 9 Options Evening** and a really pleasing **external review led by Challenge Partners**.

This week also saw the conclusion of our very first **Community Chess Competition** for year 7. Who knew we had so many budding chess players in year 7. And the word is spreading through the other year groups who are keen to know when it will be their turn.

We are also hosting an inaugural **Pre-loved Prom event this evening**, aimed at supporting young people and their families to sell and purchase prom outfits at very reasonable prices. This is in addition to East Grinstead food bank receiving a £5 donation for every sale made. We have been absolutely delighted by the response with well over 100 dresses and suits on sale. Doors open until 5.30pm, so please come along if you are in the market for a new prom outfit.

On Monday some year 11 students will be going on an **Art and Photography trip** to London to support their exam preparation work. Then later in the week, another 50 students from key stages 4 and 5 head off on a fantastic **trip to Berlin**, with a focus on history and German. Just two more examples of the fabulous opportunities we offer our students, and it was so pleasing to hear so many of them speaking so eloquently and positively about the opportunities they get to our Challenge Partner visitor reviewers.

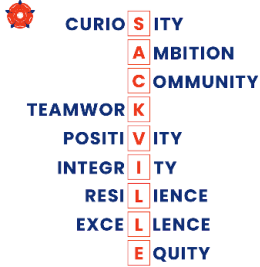
Next week also marks the start of **Year 13 mock examinations** and I am sure you will all join me in wishing them the very best of luck.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jo Meloni

**Headteacher**

# Hot Chocolate With The Head



This week, I had the pleasure of meeting with some fabulous students from the Holmes Community. They have all been nominated for working really hard, showing positivity, resilience and community spirit. There were examples of helping out at events, supporting their peers and getting involved in tasks and challenges. We were also joined by Immi and Kyle from the sixth form who were both incredible role models for the younger students...and Immi did a sterling job pouring out and serving the Hot Chocolate!

They are, as ever, a credit to themselves and the school.

Ms Jo Meloni  
**Headteacher**

## Key Dates

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

Monday 13 July 2026

Year 9 Meningitis Vaccinations

Year 11 Information Evening and Higher Education Fair (**Events now combined**)

Berlin Residential Trip

School Show Week

**INSET DAY**

Ski Trip - Andorra

**HALF TERM BREAK**

Business Studies Trip - San Francisco

Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

# 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

## Dungeons and Dragons Club

New club alert! Starting on Friday 06 February 2026 after school just got a lot more legendary.

Join us in T04 at 3.00pm every Friday for D&D. From epic storytelling to chaotic dice rolls, come see what the hype is about!

**Quick Stats:** 30+ clubs available every week, community points for attending, total freedom to start your own!

If D&D is not your vibe, check the full club timetable in the Sackville Standard or chat with Mr. Vallally-Godfrey to suggest something new.



# Safeguarding

## E Safety: Parental Warning - OMG Dating App for Under 18s

There is an alleged 'dating app' for under 18s, which has raised a lot of concerns. Please could we ask parents to be vigilant. If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact your child's community office or the safeguarding team.



## Long-Term Impact of Attendance

Employers and colleges often request attendance records as part of applications. A strong attendance record shows commitment, reliability, and good work ethic, qualities that are valued far beyond the school gates. 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](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)



**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

**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

We are here 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

## Sparx Mathematics



Student	Year Group	SPARX XP Points
Arthur Powley-Mapp	7	2,206
Oliver Curtin	8	3,158
Ethan Ward	9	2,871
Stevie-May Cleland	10	1,494
Jasmine Miles	11	1,808

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

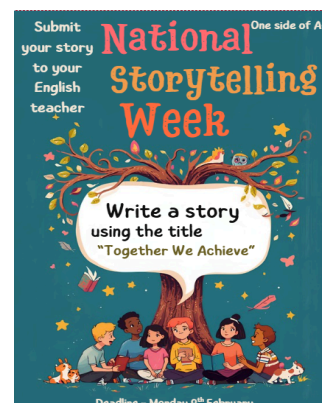
# Book of the Week

## National Storytelling Week

For National Storytelling Week, we are running a story writing competition open to all students.

- The title must be "Together We Achieve".
- One-side of A4 only.
- Students include illustrations.
- Entries should be submitted via English teachers.

Entries must be in by Monday 9 February.



## Book of the Week

This week's Book of the Week is *Extra Time* by Morris Gleitzman (recommended by Year 7). You can read the first chapter of the book [here](#).

*When 13-year-old Matt is discovered impressing the livestock in an Aussie country town with his remarkable soccer skills, he's offered the chance of a lifetime – a try-out at one of Europe's biggest and most glamorous soccer clubs. His younger sister Bridie goes with him as his manager and tells us their story – warts, goals and all.*



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



**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](http://www.sackvilleschool.org.uk)

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE  

## 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 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](mailto:hsmith@sackvilleschool.org.uk).

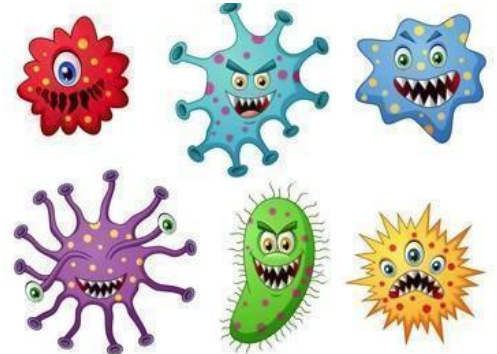
## Medication, Illness and Vaccines

### 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

## Crochet Club



**Crochet Club** B11

*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

What will **YOU** crochet?

EVERY TUESDAY LUNCHTIME IN B11

## 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](mailto:info@eastgrinsteadcc.co.uk)

## East Grinstead Triathlon



**EAST GRINSTEAD TRIATHLON**

**SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026**

Join us for our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary race

STARTS 07.00AM  
 KINGS CENTRE EAST GRINSTEAD

**Ready to Push Your Limits?**

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

OPEN TO BEGINNERS, SEASONED PROS, AND RELAY TEAMS!

More information & registration:  
[WWW.EGTRICLUB.COM](http://WWW.EGTRICLUB.COM)

## Rugby Camp



**KIDS RUGBY CAMP**

**17<sup>TH</sup>-19<sup>TH</sup> 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

## Community People



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

07471 032937  
<https://communitypeople.org.uk/>  
[sashab@communitypeople.org.uk](mailto:sashab@communitypeople.org.uk)

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday  
 9:00 to 15:00  
 The Cherry Tree Centre,  
 Fairfield Road, Burgess Hill  
 RH15 8QB

**COMMUNITY PEOPLE** **LIVING WAGE EMPLOYER**

This email and any attachments are confidential and intended solely for the use of the intended recipient. Any unauthorised use, disclosure, or copying is strictly prohibited. If you are not the intended recipient, please notify the sender immediately and delete this email. Any views or opinions presented in this email are solely those of the author and do not necessarily represent those of Community People.  
 \*To understand why I use pronouns: <https://pronouns.org/>

## 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](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)  
 £24 or Free with a school membership code



## EG Meads Girls Football

### EG MEADS FC GIRLS U13

\*CURRENT YEAR 8

EAST GRINSTEAD MEADS FC GIRLS U13 ARE LOOKING TO INCREASE THE SQUAD IN ADVANCE OF NEXT SEASON. IF YOU'RE UP FOR A NEW CLUB PLEASE GET IN TOUCH.

LOOKING FOR A NEW CHALLENGE?

### JOIN OUR TEAM!

29 JAN / 5 FEB | 7.00 PM | EG SPORTS CLUB

TRAINING THURSDAYS | MATCHES SUNDAYS  
 FA QUALIFIED COACHES | FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE | COMPETITIVE SPIRIT  
 CONTACT: ROOP CARSON | 07572037153 | ROOP.EGMEADS@GMAIL.COM



## Thales Future Talent Newsletter



### Thales Future Talent Newsletter

#### WHAT DOES THALES DO?

We are a global technology company that impact and improve people's lives every day. Our main areas are:

- **Defence & Security** – radar systems, military communications, surveillance, naval systems
- **Aerospace** – in-flight entertainment, flight management systems
- **Space** – satellites, space communications, earth observation
- **Cybersecurity & Digital Identity** – data encryption, biometric passports, ID cards, banking security



#### WHY DO A THALES APPRENTICESHIP?

- ✓Your own money
- ✓Guaranteed job at the end of your apprenticeship
- ✓No student debt
- ✓Getting a head start on your career
- ✓Fully funded course
- ✓Real world experience

Follow us  
 Check us out online!

Thales @ThalesGroup Thales Group  
 The Thales Group @ThalesCareers

**THALES**  
 Building a future we can all trust

