



Sackville School

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



Families Bulletin

Monday 09 February 2026 - Friday 13 February 2026

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

A definite highlight for me this week was the **Higher Education Fair** we held on Wednesday evening. It was wonderful to see so many families from Year 10 through to Year 12 hearing from our guest speakers and visiting the many exhibitors in the sportshall. Speaking to families and students about their future always fills me with real pride and excitement for their futures. I know that so many of them will go on to help shape what the world looks and feels like for years to come. Just as so many of our alumni are already doing.

The excitement is building for our annual **school show 'Bring It On'**, which is taking place next week. If you have not yet got your tickets please visit our website for details. I have heard the rehearsals and it looks to be another fantastic evening of entertainment and talent on show.

As we move into the final week of this half term, I wanted to once again say how fantastic our students have been. We are seeing so many more of them **engaging in the opportunities** we are providing, for example we have 93 Year 9 students signed up for the Duke of Edinburgh Award. That's almost a third of the year group who will be learning new skills, completing volunteering work and challenging themselves to work as a team in new environments both physically and mentally.

Coupled with the **excellent behaviour and attitudes to learning** seen in our Challenge Partners review and how well Year 13 students have been focused on their mock exams this week we have a lot to be proud of.

Next week is just a 4 day week with Friday being taken as an INSET day. Please ensure that where possible, your child has 100% attendance for those 4 days before they can go and look forward to an extended half term break.

Best wishes

Jo Meloni
Headteacher

Week: A

Timetable: 4 + 1

Hot Chocolate With The Head



I had the pleasure of a wonderful group of students joining me for Hot Chocolate this week. They were all from the Angelou Community and were nominated for consistently positive attitudes to learning; kindness and resilience. And in the case of Jacob in Year 9, for showing amazing leadership skills and support in helping to run the Year 7 Chess competition. Mrs Richards said she could not have done it without her two master chess players!

Well done on giving back to your wider community and to all of the students for being nominated.

Ms Jo Meloni
Headteacher

Key Dates

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

School Show Week

INSET DAY

Ski Trip - Andorra

HALF TERM BREAK

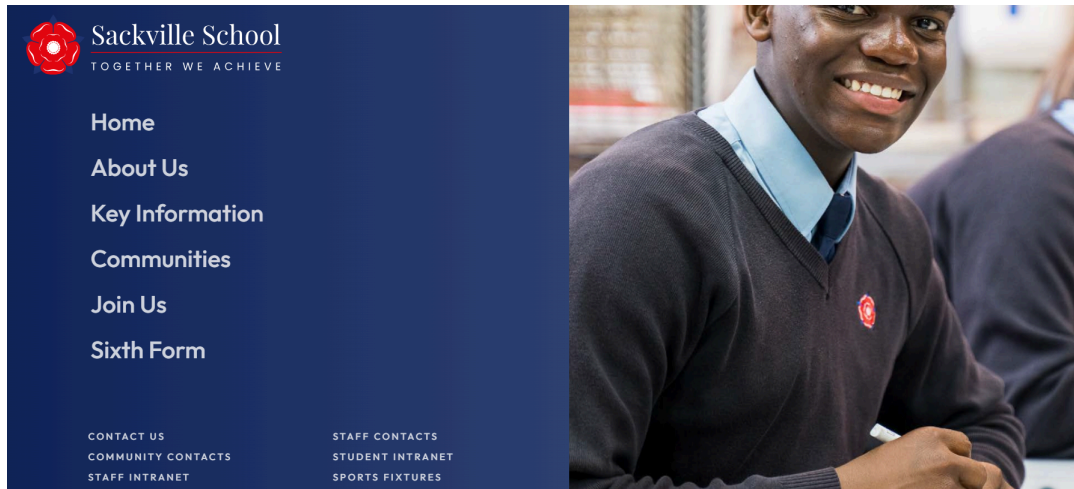
Business Studies Trip - San Francisco

Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

Notice board

SOCS our PE and Sports Fixtures link

We now have the link back up on the school website for SOCS our PE and Sports Fixtures link



If parents/carers wish to see about teamsheets etc, they will need a password which is **RH19Sports**

Food Technology

Gentle reminder - Students should bring in containers to take their food home when attending the food technology lessons.

Februllage

Get involved in this year's Februllage collage challenge. You can make physical or digital collages inspired by the word for each day!

This is a fun way to create something new and exciting....give it a go!

Send to trowlands@sackvillecholl.org.uk



Ski Trip, Jasper, Canada 2027

In 2027, our annual ski trip is destined for Jasper in the Canadian Rocky Mountains! Details can be found in this [Ski Letter](#). This is going to be an exciting opportunity to visit a great skiing destination in an amazingly beautiful and welcoming environment.

Places are limited (48 only) and will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. A place is confirmed as soon as the deposit is received.

As making the deposit means that consent is given, there is no need to complete the consent form found on the letter. However, if you would like to sign your child up for the ski trip but are not yet able to make the deposit, please complete the consent form accessible on the letter to reserve a place. Their place will then be confirmed as soon as the deposit is made.

If you would like to discuss the ski trip in more detail, please get in touch with me.

Mr. D. Gerretsen (dgerretsen@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

Safeguarding

The Dangers of Vaping and Substance Use

Vaping is on the rise among UK teens, often seen as harmless—but it can cause lasting lung damage. Be clear about your views, talk about peer influence, and keep communication open. The same goes for alcohol or drugs: honest conversations beat scare tactics every time.

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>

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





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

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:





Ms Porter
Head of Sixth Form



Mr Groves
Deputy Head Sixth Form



Mrs Valentine
GTL Health and Social

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
Tafa Tudu	7	4,087
Matthew Woods	8	1,999
Oscar Duggan	9	1,364
Amir Ali Hussaini	10	2,130
Chloe Ward	11	1,860

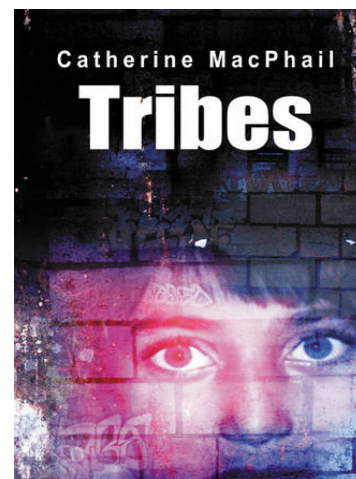
Congratulations to our top performers for last week in SPARX Maths!

Book of the Week

Tribes by Catherine Macphail

A story of a boy, Kevin, who reluctantly joins a group called "The Tribe", *Tribes* explores themes of peer pressure and friendship within a fast-paced, twisting narrative.

Thank you also to all entrants into our competition for National Storytelling Week, we will announce our winner soon.



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

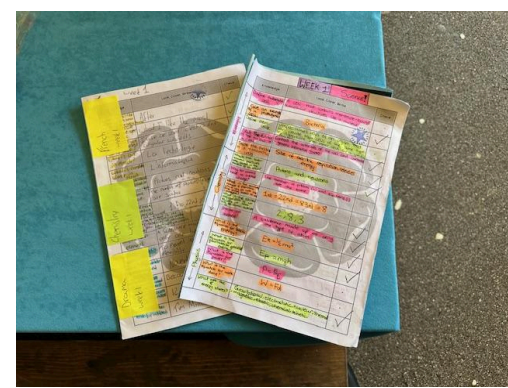
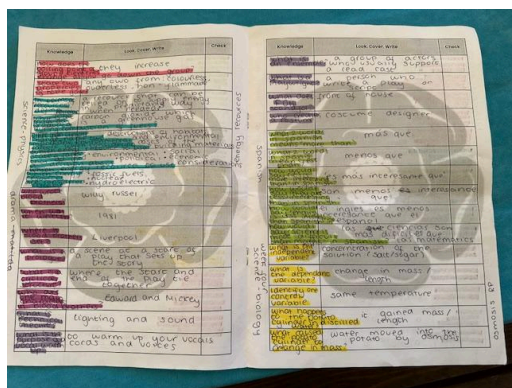
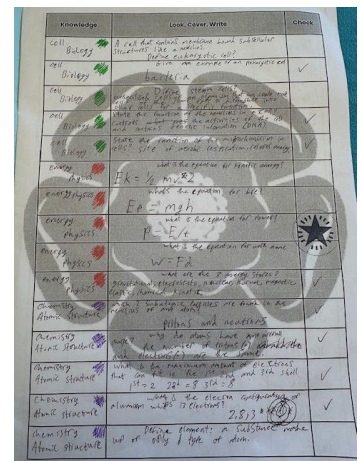
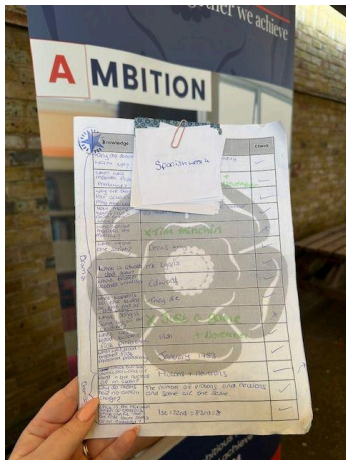
Masters of Knowledge

Since the start of January, Year 9 has been piloting our new independent learning programme, 'Masters of Knowledge', across Drama, MFL, and Science.

The goal is simple but ambitious: moving away from short-term memory tasks and focusing on long-term retention. Students have been using their 'Mastery Booklets' to practise scientifically proven revision strategies—specifically Flashcards and the 'Look, Say, Cover, Write & Check' method.

Today, we hosted our first Ambition Table at lunch to celebrate those who have truly embraced this new way of learning. It was fantastic to see over 50 students rushing to show off their booklets. We were incredibly impressed by the quality of the self-testing evidence on display; these students are truly training their brains for future success.

As a reward for their hard work, every "Master" received an official stamp in their booklet and a doughnut! Thank you to all of Year 9 for taking part in this pilot. We are now evaluating the success of the scheme with a view to rolling it out further.



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 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.

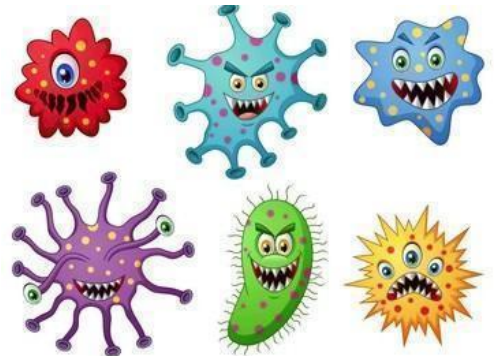
Medication, Illness and Vaccines

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

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SUNDAY 10TH MAY 2026

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WWW.EGTRICLUB.COM

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 Dan

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

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EQUIPMENT PROVIDED
ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
MOBILE SKATEPARK
ARTS AND CRAFTS
GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

FEB 16TH-20TH | 5 DAYS | 9AM-3PM

BOOK: THEKATECLUB.COM/HOLIDAYSKATECLUB

TAX-FREE CHILD CARE + VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

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



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

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NEW DATE
SUN 22ND FEB
BOOK NOW!

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Her Move
 FUN RUN

VIEW OUR ONLINE MESSAGE BY DAME KELLY HOLMES

NEW DATE
HerMove, get moving!
 Sunday 22nd February 2026 at 10am
 at East Grinstead Sports Club (EGSC)

Join us at East Grinstead Sports Club (EGSC) for a Fun Run!
 A relaxed, social event encouraging mums, daughters, and women of all ages to move, have fun, and enjoy Time Together. This is a fun run, not a race, hosted by East Grinstead Runners, with the route fully marshalled so you can walk or jog at your own pace.

Run Leaders from East Grinstead Runners will be on hand to support and cheer you on throughout. Drinks and food will also be available.

Supporting Women in Sport's Time Together campaign.
 Kick-start the New Year with energy, positivity, and movement!

Please sign up online in advance to attend.
 Visit www.hermove.uk or connect with us on Instagram

*Under-16s must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.

Ensemble Reza- St Swithun's Church, East Grinstead

ENSEMBLE REZA

Join us for an enchanting evening of classical music, featuring Rossini's joyful String Sonata in C major, Strauss's profound, moving Metamorphosen and Mozart's dazzling Sinfonia Concertante, arranged for string sextet. Set against a backdrop of candlelight, this concert is the perfect way to unwind.

"I'm a real fan of Ensemble Reza. The passion and virtuosity of the musicians results in outstanding performances which leave audiences cheering for more!"
 - DAME JUDI DENCH, OUR PATRON

CANDLELIT CONCERT
 ROSSINI + STRAUSS + MOZART

SATURDAY 7TH MARCH, 7PM
 ST SWITHUN'S CHURCH, EAST GRINSTEAD
 TICKETS: WWW.ENSEMBLEREZA.COM/EVENTS

TICKETS: £20 / £5 (18 & UNDER)
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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



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- ✓ Getting a head start on your career
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- ✓ Real world experience

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BEST UNITED

Football Holiday Camp

Boys and girls welcome ages 6-12

February half term 16th -20th East Grinstead Sports Club

9.00 - 2.30pm daily

buwestsussex@outlook.com

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£28 per day

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