



Sackville School

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



Families Bulletin

Monday 07 September 2026 - Friday 11 September 2026

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

I hope you have all had a pleasant and relaxing summer. I know that the first week back to school can be one of mixed emotions as the house is no doubt somewhat quieter and summer draws to an end. However, just as the grass begins its regrowth in our gardens, the start of a new school year marks a renewed focus on growth in the classroom and wider curriculum for our students. Off the back of some really fantastic exam results this summer, we are really looking forward to the year ahead.

Our new Year 7's have settled into their first few days really well, and are already finding their way around the school without too much asking for help which is incredible!

Year 12s have also had a great start and it has been really pleasing to see so many of our Year 11 choosing to return to our Sixth Form this year, alongside students from other schools who we are looking forward to getting to know.

Our busy school calendar gets off to a flying start this month with the **Duke of Edinburgh parent/carers evening** on Tuesday 15 September for Year 9. Please look out for the communication around this to get your child signed up. I have been really delighted to see how much our DofE provision has taken off again in recent years and just how many of our students are keen to be involved. Last year 96 Year 9s signed up for the award. Let's see if the current Year 9 can show just as much enthusiasm.

This is closely followed by **our annual Open Evening, Thursday 17 September** for prospective students and families from Year 6. If you have family or friends who are looking to choose a school for their child next year, we would be grateful if you could support us by sharing the date with them as early as possible.

Thursday 24 September is the first of our **Parent/Carer Information Evenings** that we hold throughout the year for each year group. **This first one is for Year 10** as they embark on the start of their Key Stage 4 journey leading to their final GCSE and vocational qualifications. **Wednesday 7 October** is the **Year 11 Information Evening**, to help support them towards their exams at the end of this year.

These evenings help you as parents/carers to engage with your child about what they are studying and what you can do to support them. From curriculum information, to revision guidance and wellbeing support. We cover a number of topics over the course of your child's journey from Year 7 to Year 13. It would be wonderful to see as many of you as possible coming along this year.

And finally, our Year 7 students have their **Activity Day on Friday 25 September** which I know they are already looking forward to!



Jo Meloni
Headteacher, BA (Hons), NPQEL, CPCC

Week: B

Timetable: 4 + 1

Key Dates

Wednesday 9 September 2026
Tuesday 15 September 2026
Wednesday 23 September 2026
Thursday 17 September 2026
Thursday 17 September
Friday 18 September 2026
Thursday 24 September 2026
Friday 25 September 2026
Wednesday 7 October 2026
Thursday 8 October 2026

Pop Up Uniform Shop
Duke of Edinburgh Parent/Carer Evening
Year 7 - 11 Flu Vaccinations
Opening Evening
Early Closure - 12.35pm
Late Start 9.25am
Year 10 Information Evening
Year 7 Activity Day - Brighton
Year 11 Information Evening
Year 7 Subject Workshop/Meet the Tutor

Notice Board

Canada Ski Trip 2027

Do you love the idea of learning to ski or perfecting your skiing ability in the Rocky Mountains of Canada? Then our next ski trip that will take us to Jasper in Canada may be the answer!

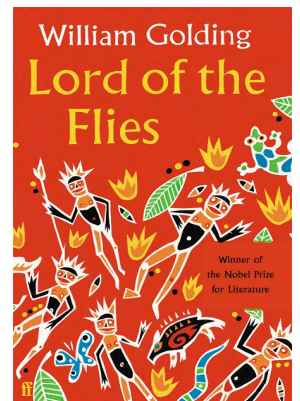
A small number of places have now become available for this trip which takes place from Friday 26 March 2027 until Saturday 03 April 2027. The cost of the ski trip is £2495 (a payment plan can be arranged) and covers all transport, accommodation, all meals, ski hire and instruction, evening entertainment and a complimentary hoodie.

If your child is interested, please get in touch with me at dgerretsen@sackvilleschool.org.uk before the 15th September.

Book of the Week

This week's Book of the Week is in tribute to our Year 10's starting off the year in English with William Golding's **Lord of the Flies**. This extraordinary novel attempts to unravel the darkness inside mankind, showing how quickly civilisation can crumble and savagery can take hold.

All Year 10 students will need a copy of the book (second-hand is fine) to bring to class and annotate in lessons! It is also a great read for any Year 9 students wanting to get ahead, or Year 11s revising for their English Literature exams in the summer.



Current Vacancies

We have two 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:

- [Exam Invigilators](#)

Safeguarding

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

The poster features a grid of team members with their names and roles. To the right, it lists common concerns like 'if... you feel down or sad' and provides a QR code for confidential email contact. The bottom of the poster includes a statement about the school's responsibility for student safety.

Mr Millican	Mrs Steer	Mr Street	Mr Vallally-Godfrey
Designated Safeguarding Lead Assistant Headteacher	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead Child Protection Officer	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead Deputy Headteacher	Online Safeguarding Lead Associate Assistant 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:

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

Sackville News

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

Next publication date: **Friday 23 October 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.



Community Clubs, Sports, Services and Events

Artists Open Studios



Storm Basketball

EAST GRINSTEAD
BABY BALLERS & GRASSROOTS

BABY BALLERS AGES 3-5

Mon 5:00-6:00pm	Sackville School	RH19 3TY	Year 1-3 Mixed
-----------------	------------------	----------	----------------

GRASSROOTS AGES 8-18

Mon 6:00-7:00pm	Sackville School	RH19 3TY	Year 4-6 Mixed
Mon 7:00-8:00pm	Sackville School	RH19 3TY	Year 7-9 Mixed
Mon 6:00-7:30pm	Imberhorne School (Lower)	RH19 2DT	Year 10-13
Tue 5:00-6:15pm	Imberhorne School (Upper)	RH19 1QY	Year 7 Boys

All Girls – see sessions in Crawley.

FIRST SESSION FREE
Book your free trial at stormbasketballclub.com/grassroots-sessions
karl@stormbasketballclub.com

Website [here](http://stormbasketballclub.com)

Chelsea Football Club Player Development Programme

Talent ID Details

Date: Friday 11th September 2026

Venue: The K2 Leisure Centre, Crawley, RH11 9BQ

Timings: 5:45 – 7:00pm

Age Groups: Under 9 – Under 16 (School years 4 – 11 from September 2026)

Playing surface: 3G pitch (No metals studs)

To register: [CLICK HERE](#)

Link [here](#)

Her Move

Sports Event - "Her Move" - Saturday 12 September - East Grinstead

Aimed at getting more girls and women active and engaged in sport

<https://www.hermove.uk/event-details/hermove-live26>

CFC

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Ready to take their game further?
Player Development Centre Trials, give young players the chance to showcase their skills and join one of our local centres. Successful players will be invited to join our Player Development Programme (PDP)

Date: Friday 11th September 2026
Location: The K2 Leisure Centre, Crawley, RH11 9BQ
Time: 17:45 – 19:00
Price: Free to attend
Link: [CLICK HERE](#)
Age group: Under 9 – Under 16 (Girls Only)
Course code: PDPT-K2LC-X-176

Hospice Run



<https://www.hospiceintheweald.org.uk/events/hospice-run-2026>

Parenting Mental Health Service

West Sussex Mind

Parenting Mental Health Support Service
Online Evening Groups
 Expert by Experience presentations - 7.30-9.30pm
 (including time for Q & A)
 Peer support groups - 7.30-9.00pm

Date	Group Topic
Weds 2 nd Sept	Understanding and supporting attachment in children/young people
Weds 16 th Sept	Peer Support
Weds 30 th Sept	Understanding & supporting Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA) in children/young people
Weds 14 th Oct	Peer Support

To book onto any of our expert by experience presentations please visit our training page on: www.westsussexmind.org
 (If you are already signed up to the Parenting Service, please use the Zoom link provided).

To access the online peer support groups you need to have signed up to our service already. You can do this by calling our Help Point Monday to Friday, 10am until 4pm on 0300 303 5652 or email: helppoint@westsussexmind.org

We are a friendly, supportive group and there is no pressure to share if you don't feel comfortable to do so

West Sussex Mind

Parenting Peer Support Drop-ins
July - December 2026 Timetable

Come and join us in-person:

Worthing - 1-2pm
 The Gateway, 8-10 Durrington Lane, Worthing, BN13 2QG

- Tuesday 22nd September
- Tuesday 27th October
- Tuesday 1st December

Southwick - 12-1pm
 The Corner House, 45 Southwick Street, Southwick, BN42 4TH

- Wednesday 9th September
- Wednesday 14th October
- Wednesday 11th November
- Wednesday 16th December

Online parenting support drop-ins:
 10:00-11:00am

- Tuesday 25th August
- Tuesday 29th September
- Tuesday 3rd November
- Tuesday 8th December

Zoom Meeting ID: 869 2437 6726
Passcode: 131440

Please feel free to drop-in where we can chat and get you registered with the service. Or to register yourself, please call our Help Point Monday to Friday, 10am until 4pm on 0300 303 5652 or email helppoint@westsussexmind.org

Or for more information, please contact parentingsupport@westsussexmind.org

Please note, due to the sensitivity of our discussions, we ask that you attend without your child/young person.

 **PARENTING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE**

OUR SERVICE IS OPEN TO ANY PARENT OR CARER WHO IS SUPPORTING A CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON BETWEEN THE AGES OF FIVE AND 18 LIVING IN WEST SUSSEX.

WE SUPPORT YOU TO HELP YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH.

WHAT WE OFFER:

- PEER SUPPORT GROUPS- BOTH DURING THE DAY (IN PERSON) AND IN THE EVENING (ON-LINE)
- MONTHLY 'EXPERT BY EXPERIENCE' GUEST SPEAKER ZOOM EVENING SESSIONS, COVERING TOPICS SUCH AS SELF-HARM, EBSA, AUTISM AND MENTAL HEALTH, MASKING AND MORE...
- 1:1 SESSIONS WITH A PEER SUPPORT WORKER
- CLOSED FACEBOOK GROUP; REGULAR NEWSLETTERS AND ACCESS TO TRAINING, E-LEARNING AND WEBINARS (ON THE WEST SUSSEX MIND WEBSITE).
- PARENTING MENTAL HEALTH COURSES ACROSS WEST SUSSEX

TO SIGN UP, CONTACT OUR HELP POINT

MONDAY TO FRIDAY, 10AM UNTIL 4PM ON 0300 303 5652
OR EMAIL HELPPPOINT@WESTSUSSEXMIND.ORG
OR USE THE FORM ON OUR WEBSITE - WWW.WESTSUSSEXMIND.ORG

 **PARENTING MENTAL HEALTH COURSE** **FREE**

A 6 WEEK COURSE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS TO GAIN KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING AROUND SUPPORTING CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH, OFFERING A SAFE SPACE TO REFLECT AND FIND PEER SUPPORT.

TOPICS INCLUDE SELF-ESTEEM, ANXIETY & EMOTIONS, COMMUNICATION AND MORE!

 DATES	 TIME	 VENUE
• Thursday 17th September • Thursday 24th September • Thursday 1st October • Thursday 8th October • Thursday 15th October • Thursday 22nd October	10am-12:30	Felpham Community Hall Meaden Way Felpham, Bognor Regis West Sussex, PO22 8FA

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED!



TO SECURE YOUR PLACE OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL:
PARENTINGSUPPORT@WESTSUSSEXMIND.ORG

Crawley Library

Get more out of what you're into!

Greg Jenner in conversation with Katie Kennedy

For ages 13+

Join British historian, broadcaster and author Greg Jenner as he chats to content creator and author Katie Kennedy @thehistorygossip about his phenomenal career, including chart-topping BBC Radio 4 podcast You're Dead to Me and CBBC's comedy sketch show Horrible Histories.

East Grinstead Bookshop will be selling books. You can get them signed too!



Scan to find out more!

22 September 2026 | 6.30pm
Crawley Library
Southgate Avenue, Crawley, RH10 6HG

GO ALL IN.

East Grinstead Library

Get more out of what you're into!

Manga Workshops

For ages 11-14 & 15-18

Join bestselling cartoonist James Parsons from Comic Club for a fun and creative comic art workshop this autumn.

Unleash your imagination and learn secret drawing tricks used by the professionals in this fast-moving cartooning session.

Free, but places are limited. Please book your place online.



Scan to find out more!

East Grinstead Library
32-40 West Street, East Grinstead, RH19 4SR
Saturday 26 September
Age 11-14: 11am-1.30pm | Age 15-18: 2-3.30pm

GO ALL IN.