

Families Bulletin

Monday 19 October 2026 - Friday 23 October 2026

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

It was lovely to welcome our Year 12 students and families on Thursday evening to meet their form tutor and hear from the Sixth Form team. Students have settled into Sixth Form life and study expectations extremely well.

As a leadership team we regularly review aspects of the school and this week was the turn of the Sixth Form. We have been incredibly impressed with students' attitude to learning and the contributions they are making to the wider school and community. One highlight of my week was hearing that we had too many students wanting to go into the local primary schools to support during their enrichment period that we may need to expand to other schools!

Well done Sixth Form.

With one more week to go before a well deserved half term break, I would like to thank you for your support with ensuring the vast majority of our students are attending school every day and on time and above 96% attendance overall. We have seen a real improvement in levels of attendance over the last 12 months, which we know will serve our students well in the long run. It has been fantastic to see so many students in the draw for achieving 100% attendance in any given week.

As we head towards the end of a fairly long half term, (serious illness aside), let's see if we can end the term on a high, with more students than ever attending every day before we get a break for a week.
#EveryLessonandEverydaycounts

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

Week: A Timetable: 4 + 1

Hot Chocolate with the Head

It was the turn of the Yousafzai Community who joined me for Hot Chocolate this week, and we had the pleasure of being joined by their Community Leader Ms Mance.

As I like to do every week I asked students about what clubs and activities they were involved in and how their year was going so far. They were a delightful group of students with the older ones giving the youngsters valuable advice on how to study and balance work with wellbeing.

Well done to Chloe and Jasmine (Year 7), Ethan and Aria (Year 8), Lewis and Louis (Year 9), Willow (Year 10), Olivia and Joseph (Year 11) for their nominations, Plus Mia and Matthew in Year 12 and 13 respectively for being such incredible role models.



Key Dates

Wednesday 21 October 2026	**Family Focus Group** - 4.00 pm
Thursday 22 October 2026	**KS4/KS5 Celebration Evening** - 6.00 pm - 7.30 pm
Friday 23 October - Monday 26 October 2026	**Year 12/13 CERN Trip**
Friday 23 October 2026	**Last Day of Term**
Monday 26 October - Friday 30 October 2026	**HALF TERM**
Wednesday 04 November 2026	**Sixth Form Open Evening** - 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm
	Pop-Up Uniform Shop - 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm
Thursday 05 November 2026	**Late Start for Students** - 9.25 am
Thursday 12 November 2026	**Year 8 Information Evening** - 4.30 pm - 6.30 pm
Wednesday 25 November 2026	**INSET DAY**
Thursday 26 November 2026	**Winter Concert** - 5.00 pm - 8.00 pm
Thursday 03 December 2026	**Year 13 Consultation Evening** - 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm

Notice Board

LRC - Scholastic Book Club

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running!

Go to https://clubs.scholastic.co.uk/C-TW76L2R4 to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your order online by Sunday 08 November 2026.

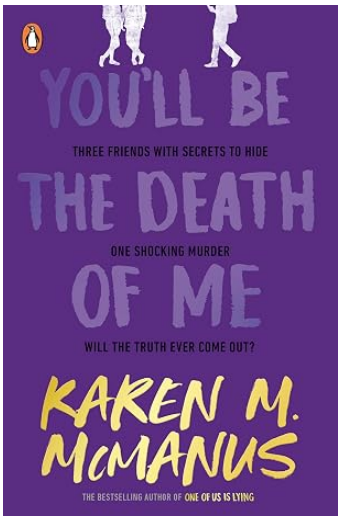


SEND Vaccination Resources for Families

Please find a new resource designed to support school-age vaccination programmes for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) here.

Book of the Week

You'll Be the Death of Me by Karen M. McManus (suitable for ages 13 and up). This thriller from the One of Us Is Lying author is filled with plot twists and unexpected surprises, set around a group of three students who skip school and wind up mixed up in a mysterious murder. A natural choice for fans of One of Us Is Lying and A Good Girl's Guide to Murder.



Year 10 - Design Technology - Technology Push and Market Pull

This term, Ms. Croft's Year 10 DT class took their learning beyond the classroom walls and out into the field! They are tackling the fascinating (and sometimes challenging) concepts of **Technology Push** and **Market Pull**. The students aren't just reading about these terms; they are analyzing real-world, everyday objects like retro game controllers, VHS tapes, and floppy disks to see this terminology in action. While in the field, they were tasked with investigating the design lifecycle of these items—comparing those driven by user need (market pull) to those driven by new technological breakthroughs (technology push). It's wonderful to see the pupils applying critical thinking to practical design examples, bringing the DT theory to life!

Eco Club starts 05 November 2026 - Thursdays 3.00pm - 3.45pm - Meet outside L block - All years welcome

Families Focus Group (FFG) Dates 2026 - 2027

We are delighted to share the dates of our families focus groups meetings for this academic year. These meetings provide an important opportunity for open dialogue, updates and discussion, and are available to all parents and carers.

The first meeting will take place at Sackville on **Wednesday 21 October at 4.00pm.**

We have also scheduled FFG meetings for:
Wednesday 2 December 26 at 4pm
Wednesday 10 March 27 at 4pm
Wednesday 12 May 27 at 4pm

Agenda's for each meeting will be shared a week before.
The agenda for next Wednesday's meeting is below:

1. School Uniform
2. ipads

3. Mobile phones
4. AOB

If you would like to raise an agenda item then please do email me prior to the meeting at pstreet@sackvilleschool.org.uk

We look forward to seeing you there.
Paul Street

Attenborough Doughnut Donations

We are looking to hold a doughnut sale to raise funds for our charity this year - Cancer Research. We would appreciate doughnut donations from Attenborough families for us to sell. The tutor groups are competing to see who can bring the most. The sale takes place on Wednesday students can bring these to the office prior to the start of day.

Sparx Maths

Please find the live link to our Sparx Maths table here. This will be updated weekly.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

The link for this half term's 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

Together We Achieve

Please find our Together We Achieve programme here.

Current Vacancies

We have two support staff roles available at the moment. Please find the Candidate Information Packs below. 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 download the application form from our website:

- **Administrative Assistant - Closing date Friday 23 October 2026**
- **Learning Support Assistant - Closing date Monday 26 October 2026**
- **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
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Mrs Valentine - hvalentine@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 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 people who are in that industry.
Each week, a different professional comes in to talk to students about the different aspects of their job, how they entered that industry, the skills and qualifications required, and the different routes available to students thinking of joining that sector. Students have the opportunity to ask those in the know and get first-hand information.

Students can sign up for one talk each half term, so please encourage them to sign up using the Google Form shared with them and take advantage of this opportunity. Link

Autumn Half Term

This half term, we are lucky enough to have the following people coming in to speak to students.

- **Vets**

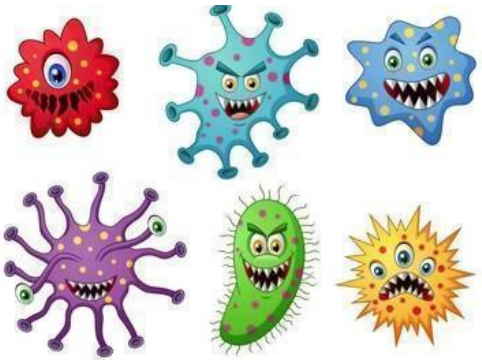
Is veterinary medicine an industry you would like to join? Would you like to work with animals? Come and hear about the industry and what is involved in looking after people's pets.

If you or someone you know would be willing to come in and speak to students about your profession, how you joined it, and what qualifications and routes are open to people, please let us know. Hearing from people who are doing it day to day is invaluable to students while they explore options open to them. If you would be willing to come in and inspire the younger generation, please contact Helen Smith on hsmith@sackvilleschool.org.uk.

Sussex Apprenticeship Bootcamp



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.

Community Clubs, Sports, Services and Events

Half Term Tennis Camps



Tennis Sessions



Dorking Wanderers Academy



Fundraising Race Night



Yvonne Arnaud - Youth Theatre



Storm Basketball Website here



Crawley Down - U18 Girls



Teach South East



Parenting Mental Health Service Mind - West Sussex









October Timetable - Face

FACE

October Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

Raising Self-Esteem	5 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	5 Oct 7pm
Decreasing Depression	6 Oct 10am
Introduction to OCD	6 Oct 7pm
Improving Family Communication	12 Oct 10am
What is ACT?	12 Oct 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	13 Oct 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	13 Oct 7pm
Understanding Anger	19 Oct 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 Oct 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	20 Oct 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	20 Oct 7pm
FREE - ADHD and Homework	22 Oct 7-8pm
Facing Defiance	26 Oct 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	26 Oct 7pm
School Anxiety	27 Oct 10am
Anxiety Explained	27 Oct 7pm

Forest Row F.C



The Addams Family - A New Musical



Crawley Sea Cadets



Allsorts Youth



The Sussex Dance Company



Tonbridge Tristar Aquathlon

Tonbridge Lions are hosting the brand-new **Tonbridge Tristar Aquathlon** for 8-14-year-olds and would love as many entries as possible from local school pupils.

Details can be found here:
https://www.tonbridgetriathlon.com/
https://www.facebook.com/tonbridgetriathlon/
https://www.instagram.com/tonbridgetriathlon/

100% of profits go to local causes/charities. There are also the usual adult Triathlons on the same day.

Chelsea Player Development





Thomas Bennett Football Academy





TBCC Academy Education

OPTION A

NVQ Coach Education Programme

- Introduction to Coaching Football
- Introduction to First Aid in Football/Safeguarding Children
- Introduction to Talent Identification
- L2 and L3 Vocational Diplomas in Coaching
- Extensive work experience programme.

OPTION B

Level 3 CTEC Diploma in Sport

- Studying a wide range of elements of the sporting world into footbal context.
- A wide range of evidence to complete assignments all based around sporting topics.
- Introduction to Coaching Football

Requirements: minimum 4x GCSE L4 grades including Maths and English

OPTION C

Level 3 CTEC Extended Diploma in Sport

- Completion of L3 CTEC Diploma with 6 extra units
- Extra units added to studies to gain extended diploma
- Studying a wide range of elements of the sporting world into football context
- Independent study incorporated to accommodate increased workload

Requirements: minimum 6x GCSE L5 grades including Maths and English

OPTION D

Level 3 CTEC Extended Diploma in Sport Plus an Extra A-Level

- 2 year diploma equivalent to 2 full A-Levels plus an extra A-Level in a supporting subject from our main Sixth Form provision
- Opportunity to specialise in a subject area of particular interest of future vocation
- Independent study support

Requirements: minimum 6x GCSE L5 grades including Maths and English



Author Event



Link for video here





Hindleap Adventure Camp





East Grinstead Rugby Club



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