

A summer of success!

A new academic year has begun and schools across the town will be welcoming new students and refreshing the learning journeys of many others.

August is always a time of reflection and forward planning, not to mention premises maintenance. At Sackville, we have had extensive maintenance update work taking place and this always has its challenges, not least in ensuring that all is ready for the students when they return! Community cohesion comes to the fore once again, with cleaners and site managers working very hard together and being ably supported by our band of ex-students who come in to help decorate many areas of the school. In the midst of this camaraderie, we had GB's Olympics success and a wonderful set of A level and GCSE results arriving!

From my experience, the vast majority of students work hard for their exams and take the receipt of their results very seriously. These results matter a lot for their future and our role as teachers in August is to help them take the next steps forward, whatever the outcome. Sensitivity and support really matter.



Sackville's results at both A level and GCSE were fantastic this year. As headteacher, I feel enormous pride for the whole community but particular happiness for the students, parents, teachers and support staff who worked so hard throughout the year to make this happen. Of course, none of this happens by chance; careful planning and guidance together with plenty of patience, resilience and cheerfulness make all the difference in helping the

students along their way. Well done everybody!

Education is not all about exams and how great it was to see a party of our sixth formers travel to India for a month on a World Challenge trip this summer assisting in community work and benefitting from a wonderful experience. I am very grateful to our staff who so generously give up their time for such wonderful ventures.



As our new year 7 students join our oversubscribed school this week, we see another cycle of adventure begin. There is a sense of nervous excitement that reinvigorates us all and reminds us that there really isn't a better profession to be in!

Good luck to everyone for 2016-17.