

As we finish an unusually lengthy spring term, I am sure all headteachers would want to join me in thanking you for all the support you are giving to your children and to our schools. At both primary and secondary level, we are moving towards the challenging summer assessment period when these close links make such a difference and I am full of admiration for the way our young people are coping with these pressures.

At Sackville, we are laying on a comprehensive programme of GCSE revision sessions over the Easter break and I am very grateful to the staff for doing this. Individualised timetables for the year 11 exam period are drawn up and ready and we will be putting in place breakfasts and pre exam briefings which have become well established here over the past few years.

As ever, our students have been busy around the school and out in the community.

Jamie Davis in year 7 has been selected a year early to compete in the **Moto GP European Talent Cup** and is also racing in the Pre Moto 3 Championship in Spain: we look forward to following his career over the coming years.



Our year U13 A and B hockey teams celebrated their end of season in style with a first and third place in the final tournament of the year. The A team did not concede a single goal in winning, and the B team managed to beat one other A team on their way to coming third. Mrs Richards, Head of Girls' PE, endured a noisy minibus on the way home, but was happy to share in the celebrations of this talented group of players.



Sackville students **Jordi and Heidi Crowther** both achieved podium finishes in the **National Trampolining Championships** over the weekend of 18/19 March, which is fantastic. Well done to them both – rich reward for many hundreds of hours of training and practice.

I regularly enjoy **celebratory events** with many students and recently some **120 in year 10** joined

me and their team leaders for breakfast to mark averaging an A – **'outstanding'** – in their last set of report grades across all subjects. This is a great achievement by a very large proportion of the year group!



At the end of term, we had two major trips departing from the school: a **world challenge** journey to **Sri Lanka** and the **geography A level field trip** to **Wales**. These follow our recent year 10 **Duke of Edinburgh's Award** training weekend in preparation for the summer expeditions. I am sure these will be very rewarding and fulfilling opportunities that are so important for our young people.

Finally, I would like to wish all East Grinstead families a very pleasant Easter break.

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