

HOCKERILL E:NEWS



Principal's Column

Last week we were privileged to welcome two staff from the Ahliyyah School for Girls as part of our developing partnership with this IB school in Amman, Jordan. They spent four days visiting lessons, talking to staff and students and sharing good practice. Their talk to staff and students on the current political situation in the Middle East from a female perspective was excellent. We hope to establish a regular exchange programme with our students having the opportunity to visit and work in a fascinating part of the world.

On Tuesday we enjoyed our biennial CCF inspection with Air Commodore Dawn McCafferty inspecting the cadets. CCF continues to grow at the College and I was immensely proud of all the students who took part both on the parade, in the stands and the section attack. Independence and leadership skills are all attributes the CCF encourages and it was good to see our students demonstrating these skills throughout the afternoon.

We are delighted to confirm that the 2013 Carnegie shortlisted author, Dave Shelton, will be visiting the college on Monday 13th May. He will be talking to students about his career as an author and cartoonist, in the Library, between 4 and 5pm. We have a limited number of places for students available. There will also be two of his books for sale on the day; A Boy and a Bear in a Boat and Good Dog, Bad Dog, and the author will be happy to sign these.

Mr Simon Dennis

Combat Cadet 2013



Cadets from Hockerill CCF led by Corporal Alex Banjac travelled to STANTA in Norfolk to take part in the Annual Military Skills Competition run by 49(E) Brigade, Exercise Combat Cadets. On Saturday the cadets undertook eleven activity 'stands' designed to test all the aspects of the cadets' training, from deliberate attacks on enemy positions to treating and evacuating casualties from crash sites. After eleven hours in the field having covered a distance of seven miles, the cadets had to take part in a night navigation exercise, navigating over a distance of four miles in total darkness in only an hour and fifteen minutes. On the Sunday, the team undertook a five kilometre run followed by an assault course against the clock. The team put in a tremendous amount of effort over the weekend and displayed all the good qualities expected of a Hockerill Cadet. The team came a very honourable 10th place against very strong competition.



Corporal Alex Banjac
Sergeant Edwyn Hitchcock
Sergeant Michael Prescott
Lance Corporal Richard Bintley
Lance Corporal George Dennis
Lance Corporal Laurie Duggan
Lance Corporal Felix Von Cossel
Cadet Louis Falconer-Flavin
Cadet Seb Priest
Cadet George Wagstaff

Mr P McGrath

Newspaper competition



Year 9 have set up an editorial committee to create and publish a student newspaper. The idea of the newspaper is to represent the students and include things that the students are interested in. To do this we need your help!

We need a name for our newspaper, so we are running a competition. You need to choose a name and draw a design of how you would like it to appear on the newspaper. The name that is selected will win a £20 Amazon voucher and the name and design will be used for the student newspaper.

The deadline for entries is Thursday 23rd May 2013. If you would like further information read the posters around the College or see Mrs Scott-Stevens. So get designing!

Year 9 Newspaper Committee

World Book Night



On 23rd April, World Book Night, Hockerill's Writer in Residence, Pauline Francis, came to talk to an audience of Year 7 Boarders. As the students enjoyed hot chocolate and biscuits, Pauline read to them from a small selection of her twenty favourite books, and explained why they were so special to her.

World Book Night is a celebration of books and reading, which sees specially chosen books gifted to others. Each member of the audience was able to choose a book, from three titles selected by Mrs Ballard, to take away with them and Pauline also very kindly donated signed copies of two of her novels, to Winchester and Canterbury Lower Boarding Houses. In addition, a small donation of books was made to each of the Boarding Houses, so that all the Boarders were included in the event.

Mrs S Bruce

Mission X: Moon watch and the NASA International Arts Competition.



After our College visit from Bridget, the UK Space & European Space Agency's Moon Rover where could we go next?

To Jupiter and the Moon of course!

18th March: Mission: To Jupiter and the Moon.

It was the wettest of days and a mission of a brave 120 parents with children and teachers and Boarders set out at the end of the College day towards the Cambridge Observatory. Thick clouds blanked out the sun and it seemed our venture to see Jupiter and its' moons and the Sea of Tranquility was doomed. However, as our happy band battled through the rain, ahead a small gap appeared in the black sky, miraculously the rain stopped and stars began to shine. We were treated to a spectacular show and were able to observe the Moon and Jupiter through both modern and historical telescopes.

Everyone was in awe to see the Moons of Jupiter and there was some over-excited reaction, (however, our students did manage to quieten their parents down!). Many thanks for the support of all parents who came and especially to Dr Carolin Crawford who explained how the solar systems and stars were formed and confronted us with the mind boggling size of the Universe and made us really think about what "To infinity and beyond" really means.

Mr E Vine

News from Hockerill Careers Department



Please follow the Hockerill Careers Department on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/HockerillColl>.



Morrisby Profiling

If there are any students in Year 10 who would like to sign up for the Morrisby Profiling Questionnaires on Saturday 8th June 2013, there are still places available. The test will take place from 1pm-4pm.

Please contact Ms McCulloch at mccullocha@hockerill.herts.sch.uk.

Ms A McCulloch

International NASA Arts Competition:

Back in November our students were invited to enter this global competition. The competition covers all forms of visual art, music composition and performance, creative writing and poetry.

There were 2076 entries from 52 countries in the overall competition:

Our students achieved some fantastic results!! Every one of our students achieved participation certificates and some achieved still more:

In the literary competitions

In their respective categories:

- Simone Eizagirre gained 1st place
- Amelia Coles gained 2nd Place
- India Gill gained a Spirit of Exploration Poetry Award + TLA (Train Like an Astronaut) Award
- Kristie To gained a Poetry Literary Criterion Recognition Award

In the worldwide music competition:

- Charlotte Vine gained 2nd place with a TLA Award in her category
- Sam Tatchell & Robert Palmer-Fenny gained 2nd place joint project
- Robert Winup gained 2nd Place + TLA award
- Owen Crawford gained 3rd Place

To quote from NASA: "Competition winners will receive awards and have their art displayed and performed worldwide and viewed by scientists, astronauts, engineers, artists, and the public. A few winning artworks will be displayed in orbit on the International Space Station and at the 19th International Academy of Astronautics' Humans in Space Symposium in Cologne, Germany, July 2013 and locations across the United States associated with NASA's "50 Years of Solar System Exploration" Celebration... Artwork will also be continuously displayed in our online gallery."

Two of our students (Robert Winup and Charlotte Vine) have also been especially invited to Cologne in July to present their work to International Academy of Astronautics' Humans in Space Symposium.

If you would like to see and hear the winning entries: they can be accessed on the NASA Humans in Space website <http://www.lpi.usra.edu/humansinspaceart/>

Mr E Vine

NOTICES

Monday 13th May

GCSE exams begin

Friday 17th May

Year 12 Annual Report published

Friday 24th May

Year 10 Annual Report published

Half term holiday begins (students depart at 3.40 pm)

Monday 3rd June

Term recommences

Special Notice

College closed on Monday 4th November 2013

To view Term Dates for 2013-14 please [click here](#).

To view the dates of Parent Evenings for next term please [click here](#)

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Breakthrough Breast Cancer Wall Unveiling

As a £1,000 Challenger for this charity I was invited to the fifth wall unveiling at the Toby Robins Research Centre in South Kensington. For every £1000 a Challenger raises a name can be nominated to go onto a memorial wall. Having raised £21,000 with the help of staff, students and their families here at Hockerill, there have been a number of names put forward for inclusion. There are 690 names on each wall and this was the first time that I have been able to attend an unveiling, it was quite special, because the name I had nominated for this wall was Michael Ullmann. Meeting the scientists and visiting their laboratories and hearing them speak about their research was extremely interesting, as was the fact that they kept thanking us Changellers' for our fund raising, and making the point quite strongly that without it they would not be able to carry out the research that they do. I would also like to thank everybody who has helped me raise money for Breakthrough, I have now seen first hand what a difference the funds make in the quest for a cure for breast cancer.

Mrs B Shellard

Careers Speed Dating Saturday 15th June 2013 - 10am-11am St Alban's Hall

Thanks to parents who have volunteered to help out at the Speed Dating careers event for our Year 12 students. Any more offers of help will be gratefully received as it will mean the students can circulate in smaller groups. If you are able to offer an hour of your time on the above date, please contact Ms Alison McCulloch at mccullocha@hockerill.herts.sch.uk