

HOCKERILL E:NEWS



Principal's Column

Dear Parents

Unbelievably the end of term is fast approaching and we seem to cram more and more into these final few weeks. This week has seen all of year 7 spending three days under canvas in Wales on an Adventure team building exercise. The majority of Year 8 students are either in Germany or France for the next two weeks. Year 9 were on Work Shadowing followed by the Trenches trip to Northern France. Year 10 students were engaged in Work related learning and Personal Project Planning with an opportunity then to go to the Outdoor Centre to let some steam off. Finally Year 12 spent two days working on their group 4 Science projects. My thanks must go to Mr Pollard and his team for putting together such a superb programme I know the students have a fantastic experience.

Finally with the exam season coming towards the end and I would like to thank Mrs Wright and her team for all their hard work to ensure that everything has gone smoothly.

Mr Simon Dennis

Year 9 Work Shadowing Day



Daniel North with Andrew Thomson of Linden Homes during his work shadowing day. The whole of Year 9 went out this week on work shadowing placements mainly sourced by their parents. Mrs Shellard and Ms McCulloch managed to find placements for those whose parents were unable to find places by twisting many arms! Many thanks to everybody who agreed to take our students for the day, the students always benefit from the experience of seeing exactly what it is like to be in the workplace.

Mrs B Shellard and Ms A McCulloch

Mathematics Team Challenges



I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the Mathematics Team Challengers this year. It has been a very good year for Hockerill Anglo-European College students with regards to these Challenges. All the teams have done very well and I am delighted with the improvements that the students are making within these competitions.

Earlier in the year - 25th February - the Year 10 Maths Team consisting of Dan Hodder, Charlotte Mills, Julienne Joppa-Dzahini and Louis Boyce went to Linton Village College. The team were doing reasonably well during the initial rounds, yet they found that during the later questions they really started to do very well. They ended up coming fifth overall within a competitive field. I was very impressed by their positive attitude and it was an enjoyable event.

Mrs D Spackman

Visit by Carnegie shortlisted author



On May 13th, Dave Shelton, professional cartoonist and 2013 Carnegie Medal shortlisted author, visited the College. He gave an entertaining and informative talk, in the Library, to the Books and Biscuits Club and other College students. Dave described how his career had progressed from working as a cartoonist and illustrator, for such publications as the Phoenix comic, the Guardian newspaper and Horrible Histories magazines, to writing his first novel. He confessed his surprise and delight that his very first book, 'A Boy and a Bear in a Boat', has been nominated for so many awards, and most uniquely in both the writing and illustration categories. The audience was treated to a slideshow of Dave's many original sketches and illustrations, and he explained the process of working with his editor and publisher on everything from revising drafts of his story to the challenging task of designing an eye-catching book cover.

Mrs S Bruce

Mock Interviews and more!



Year 10 had a busy schedule this week on Monday and Tuesday. Some even managed to fit in their Maths exam as well! Every student took part in a mock interview, with a business volunteer, based on a CV they had produced in their Wellbeing lessons. The aim of the exercise was to get students to understand the pressures of the interview process and get feedback on their performance both orally and in a written report. The business volunteers were very impressed by the students and the students were very nervous before they went in, but very positive on their exit. Some were even promised work experience opportunities in the future due to the quality of their CVs and performance at the interview. As if that was not enough for one day, the students also took part in a session with our Connexions Adviser, Sian Shadbolt, about the careers they might be interested in, an Enterprise session with an outside provider and some team-building activities with CCF volunteers.

The second day of the programme was a visit to the University of Essex. This was designed to give the students the opportunity to start to think about course choices and whether they want to go to a campus or city university in the future. Interestingly, the thing that they discussed most on return was the quality of the accommodation (or lack of it) We will use this as a motivational tool to encourage students to get their firm choice offers, once in Year 13, as then they get to choose their accommodation!

As always the students experienced the College well and hopefully gained a lot out of the presentations. A big thank you to all the parents and friends who volunteered to take part in the interview process.

Ms A McCulloch

CCF Biennial Inspection 2013



On the 7th May the CCF conducted the RAF Biennial Inspection. This inspection was our most important event of the calendar year and was attended by all those regular service personnel from the RAF and Army that support us throughout the year. Parents were also invited to see their children carry out CCF activities.

The inspecting Officer was Air Commodore Dawn McCafferty who is Commandant Air Cadets. The day began for the cadets with an inspection and some rehearsals prior to the arrival of the Inspecting Officer, as the time limit for such rehearsals was limited the cadets performed very well. On the arrival of the Air Commodore, the Contingent marched on to the parade square and were formally inspected prior to dispersing to five activity stands such as Fieldcraft, Command tasks, First aid, Drill and Weapon training. These stands were run by senior cadets for the Air Commodore to observe.

On conclusion of the stands all Cadets, Parents and Staff moved to the Sports field to observe the senior cadets carry out a section attack, conducted with blank ammunition. The cadets performed in a hard, fast and aggressive manner to defeat the enemy.

A final parade concluded the inspection, the cadets were a credit to Hockerill College and performed above and beyond expectation. Presentations and promotions were given out by the Inspecting Officer:

- Best NCO: Michael Prescott
- Best RAF Cadet: Luke Malcolm
- Best Army Cadet: Taha Alibhai

Mr P McGrath

It all adds up!



Ieuan, Emily, Harry and Shadeh travelled to the University of Cambridge School of Mathematical Sciences to represent Hockerill in the UKMT teams competition. Mrs Goldsmith had prepared the team exceptionally well and their performance was a credit to the College. Amongst over 30 schools and a full day of competitions the team achieved third place. This was less than two percentage points behind the first placed team. At the moment this is the best result the College has achieved in such competitions but with the outstanding progress of our teams over the last few years this is a record that is not expected to stand for long.

Very well done to all those involved.

Mr A Hill

Hockerill Amnesty International Society



Ruby Breward (Y13), Mrs Rittman and Maria De Juan Bullejos (Y12) ask the government to sign the treaty on 3rd June.

On Wednesday 15th May members of the Hockerill Amnesty International Society were honoured to be invited to a reception at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London. It was held to celebrate the agreement of an Arms Trade Treaty on April 2nd at the United Nations in New York. This was a huge achievement which has been many years coming. The reception was organised to thank campaigners from different groups across the country for their hard work in securing the treaty. More importantly, it was designed to persuade foreign ambassadors to sign the treaty on the first day it is open for signature and ratification, 3rd June. At the reception we heard inspiring talks from the Foreign Secretary, William Hague MP, and Alastair Burt MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Counter Proliferation. He credited the work of Youth Groups like our own in holding the government to account and keeping the pressure on the campaigning process. We also heard inspirational talks from Kate Allen, the Director of Amnesty International UK, and Anna Macdonald, Head of Arms Control at Oxfam. It was very encouraging to see that campaigning can make a difference. Thank you to everyone who supported this campaign.

Mrs S Rittman

Year 10 Geography Field Trip



On Monday 20th May, 45 Year 10 students set off on a rather cold and grey looking morning to Epping Forest Field Studies Centre (EFFC) to gather research for their up and coming Geography Controlled Assessment. Once we arrived at the centre the students began planning their fieldwork investigation, with the help of two expert tutors at the EFFC. When the planning was complete the fun part began. We visited three river sites and at each the students measured width, depth, velocity, gradient and bedload in order to help them understand how a river changes downstream. I was very impressed with how well the students listened and how thoroughly they undertook the tasks. Both EFFC tutors also acknowledged how good all the students were at working as a team and participating in the fieldwork. All that remains now is to continue the write up in preparation for the Controlled Assessment. Well done to all our Year 10 Geographers, keep up the hard work!

Miss F Johnson

Year 12 Geography Field Trip



After a rainy couple of days, the sun decided to shine again just in time for our year 12 students to visit Flatford Mill Field Studies Centre in Suffolk and conduct their fieldwork, looking at the differences between a managed and unmanaged section of the coast at Walton-on-the-Naze. We travelled to the centre by train, which was an adventure in itself. When we arrived at the train station we were greeted by our tutor Rachael, who then took us back to the field centre via a beautiful walk through the countryside. Flatford was peaceful and picturesque and one of our accommodation buildings was built in the 15th century! The typical day was very long, with lessons not finishing until 8.30pm. All the students worked really hard over the two days; gathering and analysing data as part of their IB Geography Internal Assessment project. I am sure all the students will continue to work hard and produce some excellent projects. Well done Year 12!

Miss F Johnson

More Maths Challenges?



Joe Houlte, Ieuan Chappel, Sam Tatchell and Emily Roberts took part in the Year 8 team maths challenge. In the first round they tied for third place although there were only two points between third and first. We then received notice that they were through to the Hertfordshire final. They took part in various rounds, learning each other's strengths and weaknesses as well as working together and debating the correct answer. They came second and left with a trophy. Overall they thoroughly enjoyed the event and would love to do it again.

Mr D Oclooc

Charity begins at home

Every year the boarders of Canterbury Upper have come together to raise money for selected charities. This year our fundraising went towards the local charity Kisses4Kids, and to the British Heart Foundation, in memory of my father Christopher Honey. The boarders were very enthusiastic with their ideas for fundraising and very committed to organising the events. The Year 9 boarders carried out tuck shop sales and organised a non-uniform day in the College on the 23rd of March. The Year 10 boarders sold snacks and drinks at the Equipe Performing Arts competition and were very successful, with long queues at the interval of the show. I would like to thank everyone that took part in and contributed to the events that raised over £1000. Bring on next year!

Sam Honey Yr 9

NOTICES

- Saturday 15th June**
Non Uniform Day
- Saturday 22nd June**
11 – 12.20 Speech Day
- Evening** - Hampers and Champers
- Wednesday 26th June**
Sports Day
- Friday 28th June**
Term ends – students depart at 12.35
- 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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Student Newspaper

I am pleased to announce that the following students have been appointed as the editorial committee of the new student newspaper:

- Content Editor - Olivia Tomlinson
- Production Editor - Millie Berrett
- Sub Editors - Amelia Chivers, Esperanza Jimenez Jaso, Kirsty Winship and Kadiatou Diallo
- Layout Editors - Kristie To and Shaan Gill
- Photo Editors - Harriet George and Amelia Coles
- Fashion Editor - Grace Mitchell
- Sports Editor - Sam Watts
- Copy Editor - Jade Lai
- Advertising Editor - Abigail Dallas
- Photographer - Iona Macpherson
- Sports Photographer - Tristan Turner

Well done to all the students involved! The inaugural issue of the newspaper will be published in September.

Mrs E Scott-Stevens

Hockerill Old Students' Association

We will be holding a quiz night on Saturday 13th July in the College Refectory. The quiz will start at 8pm and the cost will be £10 per head to include a fish and chip supper, eight people per table.

Please start asking your friends and neighbours to make up a table! Details of how to obtain tickets will be sent in a parentmail. All proceeds to the Sports Hall project.

We will be holding our next Fun Day on Saturday 5th October from 12 – 4pm. There will be lots of games for all ages, and ferret racing, decorate a cup cake and the ice cream lady with her bicycle to name but a few! If you have any unwanted crockery (not bone china as it splinters) and old yale keys they would be gratefully received.

We will also be calling upon your kind hearts to donate full bottles and cakes. The proceeds of this event will go to the continuing work of refurbishing the Chapel.

If anybody knows of anybody we might contact for raffle prizes we would love to hear from you, or if you have any unwanted gifts you would like to donate we would really appreciate them.

Mrs B Shellard

G & T Corner

Following the success we have had with Ms Barker's new Oxbridge-focus group, Hockerill will establish a similar group aimed at the Gifted and Talented students within the school in Years 7 to 11. The group will start at the beginning of the next academic year and will provide a forum for students with particular academic passions and talents to share their interests and knowledge with like-minded students of all ages. Any students who would relish the opportunity to be academically challenged beyond the classroom would be warmly welcomed.

G&T On-line

There are outstanding resources for our motivated learners on-line. Here are a few links which are worth exploring:

The Khan Academy: <https://www.khanacademy.org>

This US-based virtual school/university is the brain-child of Salman Khan, and provides inspirational video tutorials at every level predominantly on topics in maths and the sciences, but expanding to include finance and history. Be amazed!

Schoolscience.co.uk: <http://www.schoolscience.co.uk>

There are lots of wonderful competitions on this site, as well as links and articles about science. Parliament Education Service: <http://www.parliament.gov.uk>

<http://www.parliament.gov.uk> On this site, you can win money prizes, and an invitation to Westminster with members of your family and teachers.

G&T Residential Programmes

Over the summer there will be a number of wonderful age-specific residential and non-residential courses provided by GIFT, who specialise in provision for the Exceptionally Able, Gifted and Talented child. These programmes are designed to be lots of fun, but have an emphasis on providing plenty of intellectual stimulation for the highly able child. For more information about these courses, and details of how to apply and the costs involved, please follow the link: <http://www.giftttd.co.uk/>.

Watch this column for more news about Gifted and Talented education in future editions of Hockerill E:News

Mrs A Rajakumar