

# HOCKERILL E: NEWS



## Principal's Column

Dear Parents

This is the final edition of Hockerill E:News before the summer break and I would ask all parents to check the arrangements for the start of next term. Last Saturday saw our annual Speech Day, which is always a highlight in the College calendar. It is lovely to see so many students being recognised for their excellent achievements. Our guest speaker Baroness Shirley Williams was entertaining and thought provoking in equal measure. This was followed in the evening with Hampers and Chambers - another sell out event. My thanks must go to all the staff who gave so freely of their time, Mrs Waring and her team did a fantastic job. The Big Band were superb, ably led by our Musical Director Mr Bond, to play over forty numbers at such a high standard was a real achievement.

Sports day yesterday was excellent and we were delighted to see so many parents and grandparents come along and support all the athletes. Mr Loveday and his team did an excellent job.

This is my last contribution to Hockerill E:News I would like to thank the College community for their support over the last five years. It has been an honour and privilege to be the Principal of such an amazing school with such superb students. I would like to wish the new Principal Mr Markham and his family good luck in September.

Mr Simon Dennis

## Careers Speed Dating Event for Year 12 students



Year 12 took part in a Careers Speed Dating Event on Saturday 15th June in St Alban's Hall. Over 30 volunteers, including parents and Alumni, spent an hour discussing a range of careers and career paths. The event was a great success and will become an annual event. Thank you to all the volunteers who took part.

Ms A McCulloch

## CCF Annual Dinner



On Thursday 20th June the CCF held their Annual Dinner in the Chapel. This was an opportunity for cadets in Year 9 and above to attend a formal dinner to celebrate the year's achievements and to say goodbye to cadets that are leaving the College. This year's dinner was also an opportunity to say 'thank you' and goodbye to Mr Dennis and George Dennis who has been a cadet in the CCF since Year 9. After a number of speeches we presented Mr Dennis and George with a leaving gift to remind them of Hockerill College CCF. On behalf of the College and the CCF I would like to thank all the Cadets and staff for their hard work and commitment over the year. A number of cadets will be attending CCF Central camp on 29th June and RAF Summer camp in August. I look forward to welcoming you all back in September ready for another year of new challenges.

Captain N Ashlee-McCrae

## Hatfield Heath Fun Run



On Sunday 16th June the students who are touring USA & Canada in the summer of 2014 started their fundraising campaign. At 10.00 the boys began their 5km through back roads of Hatfield Heath. The boys displayed great commitment and enthusiasm throughout the run. Special mentions must go to Rory Sale for winning the adult's race and Nick Phillips for winning the children's race. Thanks must also go to the parents that competed and supported during the race.

Mr W Conolly

## Oxford Study Day



On the 19th June I, along with three other Hockerill Year 12 students, headed out with the Oxbridge Co-ordinator Ms Barker to a Literature, Language and Culture study day at Oxford University. We had been invited by Brasenose College's School's Officer on a previous visit to the university and were told that the day had been specifically tailored to give a complete and comprehensive introduction to the English, Modern Languages and Classic courses at Oxford. Our visit began with a tour of the college and its vicinity (which included the Radcliffe Camera and other nearby colleges such as Exeter and Hertford). We were then invited to participate in a mock-tutorial in our various subjects. For both the English and French tutorials, we had been asked to read several texts in advance for the day, which we then discussed with a college tutor, exploring different interpretations of the texts. In the afternoon, we attended lectures in our respective subjects on various topics, which aimed primarily to give us a taste of university-level teaching. We then were able to observe a mock-interview, in which two English tutors interviewed one of their first-year students as they would a sixth form applicant. Overall, the study day was very informative in terms of the high expectations that such institutions hold of potential applicants, but also allowed us to experience a taste of university life and teaching, which has further encouraged us to apply to the university.

Alice Keane Year 12

## Year 10 Team Building at Harlow Outdoors.



After spending two and a half days in College working on careers related tasks and their personal projects, Year 10 went to Harlow Outdoor Pursuits Centre to develop their team building skills. All students were able to take part in two activities from climbing to abseiling, high ropes and raft building. Despite the threat of rain throughout the afternoon the 120 students were fantastic in their attitude to all activities and they were all willing to try new things and encourage each other. A highlight for me as their Head of Year was seeing them listen to each other and work together to encourage everybody to try new challenges, whether it was abseiling down the wall or competing the high ropes course despite a fear of heights. Also I will never forget the shrieks of laughter which came from the river as gradually the shafts began to sink and the students fell in! Once everyone had dried off we returned to College for a barbeque in the Cloister garden to round off the days activities. I would like to thank the students and staff who accompanied the trip for a very enjoyable afternoon.

Mrs N Ashlee-McCrae

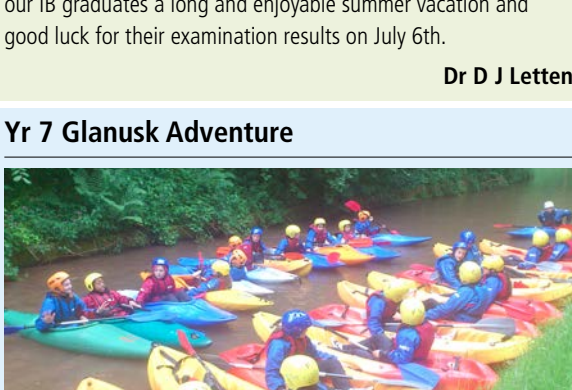
## Year 13 Leavers Prom



Year 13 students gathered at Parklands Hall, Quendon for their Leavers Prom on May 23rd 2013. Students and a large number of Staff shared an excellent meal and a glass of wine to toast the end of the IB examinations. (Some students finished their last exam at 5:30 p.m. then completed hasty changes to arrive for photographs at 6:30p.m.) Students presented a series of videos from each tutor group and an 'HAEC Got News for You' reviewed some of the lighter moments of the Sixth Form. We wish all of our IB graduates a long and enjoyable summer vacation and good luck for their examination results on July 6th.

Dr D J Letten

## Yr 7 Glanusk Adventure



On Sunday 9th June, 118 year 7 students and 13 keen Hockerill staff campers set off for an outdoor pursuits adventure in Wales. The Glanusk estate where we stayed was set at the base of the black mountains in the most beautiful setting. At base camp we experienced "Glamping" with everyone getting to sleep on camp beds, our food cooked for us and hot water showers. When the groups ventured off to the remote camp they had to trek all the way there but the view from the top was well worth the walk. In the remote camp the students learnt to cook for themselves and camped out in three man tents and managed to sleep all night even after Mrs Vernons scary "ghost story". The trip was a huge success and lots of the Year 7's completed activities they had not done before such as climbing, abseiling and canoeing. We all learnt new skills to survive in the bush and Mr Whiteley's fire making skills are second to none. As usual Hockerill students' behaviour was outstanding and they were a pleasure to spend 4 days with. The trip was such a success that it will be repeated next year for the new Year 7 intake.

The Hockerill Staff Camping Crew

## Speech Day 2013



Baroness Williams of Crosby and Sally Havers, Chair of Governors

## Design & Technology Exhibition



On Friday June 7th the Year 11 Design & Technology Exhibition was held in the Cloister Garden. The weather behaved itself and the work looked fantastic. It was a very strong year for creativity and many of the parents who attended commented on the commercial viability of many of the products on show. However, the visitors' favourite this year was without doubt Eleanor Treadwell's water sprinkler tree made of recycled plumbing materials. It received at least five different enquiries as to whether it was for sale! The Design & Technology team would like to officially congratulate all of the Year 11 students for their hard work this year, which promises to be the most successful so far; and to thank all those who took the time to come along to the show. Have a good summer.

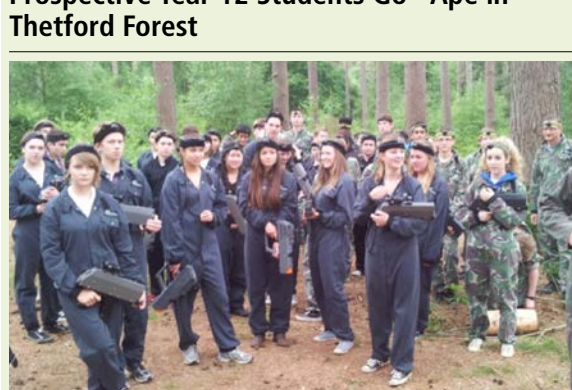
Mr A Russell

## Global Issues Committee

This term the Geography Department have been running lunch time sessions looking into important global issues selected by the students. One topical global issue over the last few months has been the review of the Millennium Development Goals. The United Nations established the eight goals back in 2000 with the intention of improving various aspects of development throughout the world, such as: hunger, income, child mortality, maternal health etc... With the goals due to expire in 2015, David Cameron has been leading a group established to revise the goals and create new post 2015 goals. Our global issues committee began thinking about new ideas post-2015 and came up with some wonderful ideas, which we then entered into a UK wide competition run by the government Department for International Development. Ieuan Chappel in year 8, led his group to success and their entry was shortlisted into the top 15 entries out of 115. A fantastic achievement well done. Watch this space for more global issues updates or follow our Geography Department twitter feed to keep up to date with global issues @haecgeography

Miss F Johnson

## Prospective Year 12 Students Go - Ape in Thetford Forest



Chief Ape (Steve Clark) along with a troop of silverbacks (Teachers, Admin Staff, Year 12 Prefects and Ex Pupils) took 115 trainee chimps (prospective Sixth Form students) to Thetford Forest Go-Ape and Battlefield live Adventure Activities Centre on 20th June. The weather for the day was as much a challenge as the courses but 28 external students and a large group of returning Hockerill students all partook in an excellent day of challenging physical and mental activities. Teachers were a particularly favourite target in Battlefield live, both for students and other staff, and there were also a number of casualties through friendly fire! We look forward to seeing all of our returning students in the new academic year.

Dr D Letten

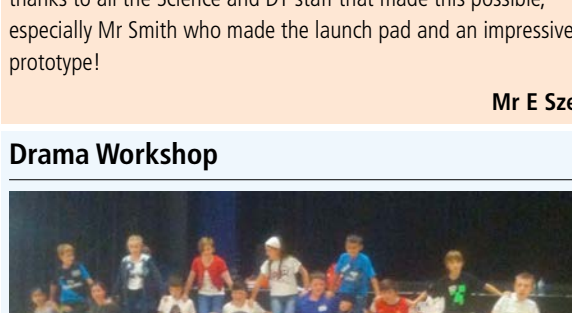
## Rockets!



In the past two weeks students in Year 8 were involved in a project that built water-powered rockets. Given a 1 million pound budget and mission from NASA, they engaged in the planning and construction of rockets made from bottles and cardboard. In DT lessons. They researched the evolution of rockets and produced excellent body and fin designs for their teams. Launch day was scheduled on a rainy day but we were blessed with a dry spell; students had fun letting loose their products. Many thanks to all the Science and DT staff that made this possible, especially Mr Smith who made the launch pad and an impressive prototype!

Mr E Sze

## Drama Workshop



The Longest Story is certainly the most exciting drama workshop I have ever been to. It was a chance for me to work with other children I had never met before, and I very much enjoyed it. The Longest Story was a week of drama and dance at the Rhodes Centre in town. We worked with 2 other schools, a primary school and a school for children with disabilities. We worked together to make a play that we would perform on the last day. Throughout the week we did various activities that involved art, dance routines, drama scenes and a bit of gymnastics, so that we could build a human wall. The first day was a day of getting to know each other, the other days it was about learning and perfecting the routine.

The performance was my best thing. I felt incredible on the stage, I wanted to stay there. That is one of the good things about Longest Story, you feel good about yourself. I learnt a lot of useful drama techniques and it built up my confidence for acting in front of a lot of people.

Ella Bloomfield Year 7

## Sports Day 2013



Hockerill Sports Day took place on Wednesday 26th June 2013. Hundreds of students and staff witnessed some fantastic sporting achievements. In the morning we saw the field and long distance events with the rest of the track events in the afternoon. There were some Hockerill records broken throughout the day and some noticeable performances by James Ogunro in the Y12 100m and by the Y10 boys and girls Goethe equipe in the 4x100m relay .

Here are the final results from Sports Day 2013.

BRUNEL	811
DA VINCI	906
GOETHE	953
PASCAL	943

Congratulations Goethe Equipe.

Well done everyone, thank you for your commitment and have an enjoyable summer!!!

Mr R Loveday

## The Trenches Trip 2013.

On the 11th June 2013, the majority of Year 9 woke up early in the morning and travelled to Belgium to see the trenches and cemeteries from World War One. We met in the car park at 4:25 in the morning to start our journey. We took the Euro Tunnel train at 7am and drove from Calais to Lijsenthoek cemetery, North West of Belgium. After the first cemetery we went to some others called Essex farm and Tyne Cot. We were told that these were two of the biggest communal cemeteries in the world, killed up to 12,000 graves of English and international soldiers held in the Great War. The next stop was to the German trenches. They had been renovated, but they looked very similar to what we imagined. We were allowed inside to explore, and we really got a feel of what life would have been like during the war. We also visited a German cemetery. This was totally different to the others as there were many oak trees shading the graves which made it feel more solemn. The weather seemed much duller and colder. More of the German graves held more than one unidentified bodies, whereas the other cemeteries had a grave for each soldier. The part that struck us the most was a massive flowerbed in the middle that held over 25,000 German bodies. On the way home we visited Tyne Cot. The cemetery had a wall that is inscribed with over 30,000 names of soldiers whose bodies were never found. Our last stop was Ypres where we saw the daily parade through the Menin gate. A wreath was laid by Shadeh Sohrabien Bailey, Thomas Lewington and Barnaby Papodopolous and we had a few minutes of silent reflection. We finished off by experiencing the delicacies of Belgium such as their chocolate which we got a chance to buy and sample. Overall the day was immensely thought provoking, touching but very tiring. We got back to school very late after a great trip that I think was very important and will stay with us forever.

Lily Hamer and Beth Cave Year 9

## NOTICES

**Friday 28th June**  
Term ends – students depart at 12.35

**Monday 2nd September**  
Term commences for all NEW students

**Tuesday 3rd September**  
Term commences for all other students

**Wednesday 4th September**  
Club Market

**Special Notice**  
**College closed on Monday 4th November 2013**

**To view Term Dates for 2013-14 please click here.**

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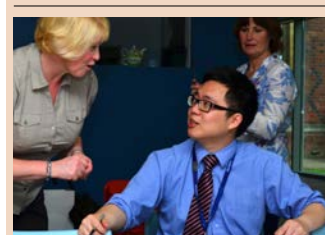
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## Eugene Sze



It is with some sadness that the maths department is saying goodbye to one of its stalwarts in Mr Sze. Mr Sze joined the College immediately after graduating from University and has contributed to the success of maths at Hockerill in a multitude of ways. He has decided to move to Hong Kong to follow the love of his life and we wish him the very best in his new position at the Po Leung Kuk Choi Kai Yau School. His enthusiastic, friendly and unflappable manner will be sorely missed at Hockerill - not to mention his excellence in the trickier elements of the IB Higher Level course.

Mr A Hill

## Jack Petchey Award



Evie Hopwood has been awarded a Jack Petchey award for outstanding achievement at her Netball Club, Crosskeys. Congratulations to a fantastic achievement.

Mr R Loveday

## Geography summer holiday postcard competition

Going on holiday this year? Whether it is near or far the Geography department want to know about it! Send us a postcard showing a geographically related picture of the place you are visiting. Write a short geographically related message on the postcard and post it back to Hockerill addressed to the Geography Department. There will be a prize for the best postcard!

Miss F Johnson

## Maths News



I am delighted to be joining the Mathematics Department at Hockerill Anglo-European College as a teacher this September.

Born in Padua, near Venice, to an English mother and Italian father, I left Italy at the age of 19 to read Structural Engineering and Architecture at the University of Edinburgh, where I graduated in 2006. After working as an engineer in Scotland and Denmark, where I contributed to exciting construction projects such as the New Museum of Liverpool, I moved to Berlin to study earthen buildings. While living there I worked with and tutored young people as a volunteer. The joy and rewards of this experience led my decision to work in education, and I embarked on a Post Graduate Certificate in Education in Secondary Maths at the University of Exeter.

I very much look forward to meeting you all and wish you an enjoyable summer.

Ms C Perrone

## Quiz Night

Hockerill Old Students are holding a quiz on Saturday 13th July in the College Refectory. Tickets are available from the College Reception or email shellardb@hockerill.herts.sch.uk in advance at a cost of £10 per head – to include a fish and chip supper. Please bring your own drink and glasses. All proceeds to the Sports Hall appeal.

Mrs B Shellard

## Physics at Work next Year's Year 10 students

We have been very fortunate to obtain 60 places at the Physics at Work Exhibition at the Cavendish Laboratory at Cambridge University at the end of September. This is an excellent opportunity to attend talks and demonstrations about a wide variety of careers in the Sciences and Engineering. It is not only for those who are interested in Physics.

All of the present Year 9 students have been invited by letter, and there are still places available in the minibuses for those who have not yet returned their reply slips.

Mr S Chalmers

## Year 7 Girls Cricket Club

This year's Cricket club has seen a huge increase in attendance from Year 7 girls. Over the last 6 weeks, they have learnt the basic skills from throwing, catching and bowling to the more advanced skills of working in a partnership when batting. Their enthusiasm and commitment to the club has made it enjoyable for both myself and Mr Ribbens as the girls are always willing to do their utmost. We have also had a few sessions with an Australian coach called Kirsten who has provided more knowledge about the sport and ways to get involved outside of College.

I hope we are able to develop this club further and ensure future commitment from new and existing Hockerill students.

Miss L Watts