

HOCKERILL E:NEWS



Principal's Column

Dear Parents

As the evenings draw in it is wonderful to see that the range of activities on offer at the College continues to grow and that the students can once again be commended for their wonderful achievements.

It was lovely to see so many parents at the Careers Fair last week, and to hear such positive feedback from those running the stands as to the insightful questions they were posed. I am sure you will join me in thanking Ms McCulloch for her organisation of the event which has certainly played a part in enriching the diet of Hockerill students this month.

I hope that the final weeks of term and the build up to Christmas are just a productive. I also hope to see you at the many events that are planned before the end of term.

Mr Richard Markham

Duke of Edinburgh Charity Walk



When I took up Bronze Duke of Edinburgh at Hockerill last year, choosing what I wanted to do for my Physical Section proved difficult as sport was never my strong point. However, my father told me a few weeks later that I'd been given the opportunity to sign up for a 26 mile charity walk. So the next three months consisted of doing ten to twenty mile walks once a fortnight, taking from 3-6 hours each.

The charity walk took place on the 7th September. I was originally meant to be doing the walk with my father, but he injured his knee, so I had to do the walk with some of his colleagues from Princess Alexandra Hospital in Harlow.

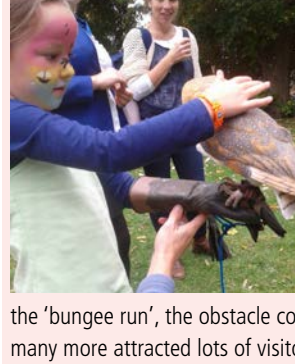
The walk started at Stonehenge and went on for 26 miles to Avebury. After 11 miles, there was a lunch break and the opportunity to choose to drop out of the walk at that point. But none of us did. After 18 miles, there was another stop, after which it was a bit of a mental challenge to get going again. The walk passed through many ancient and beautiful sites, such as the White Horse and Salisbury Plains.

In the end, the walk took me around 9 hours, and I finished ahead of my father's colleagues by half an hour. The final money raised was split between two charities; The Alzheimer's Society, and the Intensive Care Unit at Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow. Sponsorship from my relatives, family friends and students at Hockerill, helped me to raise over £800.

I'd like to thank everyone from Hockerill who either sponsored or supported me for those few months. It really is a pleasure to know that behind every pound raised was a person who was helping others through me. As a final remark, I'd like to strongly recommend the DoFE Award you can take at Hockerill; it is a fabulous opportunity and it is something not to miss out on.

Jonathan Phillips Year 11

Hockerill Old Students' Fun Day



The 2013 Fun Day was a great success. There were numerous events taking place that were well supported during the afternoon: Harlow Birds of Prey who offered the opportunity to hold one of their birds had a very successful afternoon. The 'smash the crockery' stall,

the 'bungee run', the obstacle course, the football game and many more attracted lots of visitors all afternoon. The event was opened by HOSA's own 'Elvis' Paul who once again travelled some distance to support us. The Hockerill Music department provided some excellent music when Elvis was resting! Visitors were able to sit and listen to the music whilst they enjoyed food from the barbecue, cheese & wine and cake stall and pondered on how many balloons were in the BMW car, the prize was the use of a BMW for the weekend. Little ones were able to hook a duck or bounce on the castle or take a lucky dip.

The HOSA Committee have received so many positive comments on the Fun Day and we would like to extend our thanks to family, friends, colleagues, members of HPF who helped us and local businesses who supplied many raffle prizes. Thank you to Pestell's Estate Agents who sponsored the barbecue. Special thanks to Mr Steven Grant for his continued support. £1,112.00 profit was made which will be donated to the College Chapel restoration fund.

Mrs B Shellard

Sports News

The U16 Netball Team went to Colchester on 15th October to play in an Essex Netball Cup game. The team consisted of Year 11 and Year 10 girls who worked hard and played well throughout the game. Unfortunately Colchester made the most of every opportunity and we lost 26 – 17.

The U14 Netball team with the additions of some Year 8s went to Stanborough on 12th October to take part in the U14 Netball National Competition. Hockerill played 6 games and came third in the pool narrowly missing out on qualifying for the semi-finals. The results were as follows:-

Hockerill 4 v St Albans 9
Hockerill 6 v Haileybury 10
Hockerill 5 v Dame Alice Owen 5
Hockerill 7 v St Georges 10
Hockerill 6 v Broxbourne 3
Hockerill 14 v St Edmunds 8

The U13 Netball team took part in the first round of the Schools Magazine Cup game against John Warner School. The team played extremely well and won 19 – 14. They are due to play Chauncey in the next round of the cup.

The U13A & U13B girls' Hockey teams took part in the Hockey Districts at Newport on Monday. Both teams came third in their pools and the results were:

Hockerill A 0 v Newport A 2
Hockerill A 0 v SWCS A 0
Hockerill A 4 v HRS A 0
Hockerill B 1 v Newport B 0
Hockerill B 0 v SWCS B 2
Hockerill B 2 v HRS B 0
Hockerill B 1 v Friends 1

On Saturday 12th October our lower school A and B teams took on Felsted at rugby and despite losing all four fixtures the U12 A team narrowly lost 0-12 in a tightly fought encounter.

The boys have also taken part in the Rugby Districts, with the results being as follows:

U12s District Rugby – Runners up.
U13s District Rugby - Runners up
U14s District Rugby – Runners up
U15s District Rugby – 4th Place
Senior 1st XV Rugby District – Winners
Senior 2nd XV Rugby 3rd place in the same competition narrowly missing out on an all Hockerill final on tries scored.

U15s Rugby team beat Knights Templar 43-0 in the NatWest Vase competition and are through to play Hitchin Boys School in the next round.

We had four lower school football fixtures vs Bishop's Stortford College for our U12A & B teams and U13A & B teams. Again the commitment and effort were excellent and the results were as follows:

U12s A Lost 2 v 5 Bishop's Stortford College
U12s B Won 1 v 0 Bishop's Stortford College
U13s A Lost 4 v 8 Bishop's Stortford College
U13s B Won 7 v 4 Bishop's Stortford College

Congratulations on an outstanding period of District Rugby, National Vase competition local fixtures, and thank you to all the boys, girls, coaches and parents involved for their enormous hard work, commitment and support so far this term.

This term so far we have seen some excellent performances from many of the students; both individually and whilst working in teams. The high standards set at clubs have been very positive and we encourage students to continue to attend extra-curricular clubs after half term. Well done to everybody who has represented the College. Attend practices and has been involved in PE and sport this half term.

Mr R Loveday & Miss N Hyde

Space Showcase



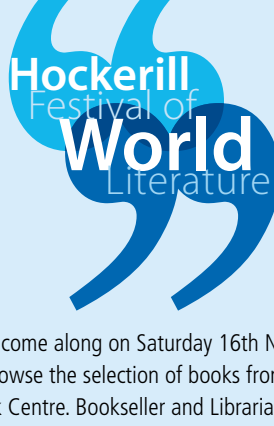
On Wednesday 9th October, Hockerill hosted their first Space Showcase. This started with the Space Stations which involved a range of fun experiments and activities. Jamie Atkinson, Max Bennett, Charlie Hofer, Eleanor Ivey, Rebecca Keddie, Kris Peters, Benett, Chadler and I, were presenting out with Space Stations in E1 and E2. Some of these experiments involved looking at layers in a planet made of chocolate, making rockets and searching for signs of alien life! Chris Welch, Vice President of the British Interplanetary Society and Professor of Astronomy was also there answering questions and trying to make a winning rocket!

The students who took part also had the chance to meet Jane MacArthur, a Planetary Science student at UCL.

After dinner there were dance and music performances and presentations including some of the entries for the NASA Humans in Space Youth Arts Competition as well as an interesting presentation from Chris Welch and a talk from Jane MacArthur.

We would like to give a big thank you to all those who participated, especially to Chris Welch, Jane MacArthur, Mr Vine and Heather McRae for making this event out of this world! It was a great experience and we would love to be able to do it again next year!

Rebecca Hayward Year 8



Don't forget to come along on Saturday 16th November from 11.35 am to browse the selection of books from the Norfolk Children's Book Centre. Bookseller and Librarian, Marilyn Brocklehurst will be available to provide invaluable advice and the Library will receive 10% commission from every purchase.

Tickets are still available for the Melvin Burgess event. This is your chance to listen to the award winning author talk about his career, teenage fiction and censorship. This event is on Tuesday 19th November at 7pm.

There are also some tickets available for the four workshops with Marcus Sedgwick, Ali Sparkes, Beverley Naidoo and Bali Rai and for younger children we have the Roald Dahl Storytellers on Saturday 16th at 2pm.

An order form can be downloaded from the Hockerill website or contact Library@hockerill.herts.sch.uk or telephone 01279 658451.

Mrs J Ballard

Dance Trip



On 17th October during the Creative Activity Day, Year 11 GCSE Dance students went to the Graham School of Dance for a workshop with Erin Simpson (a professional dancer and choreographer who is currently working on a show called Cabaret). We began with a warm up and stretches before learning a short variation that Erin had choreographed. Some of the ideas within the dance really opened our eyes as to what other moves there are within dance that we could use. We talked about how to structure a dance and how to link that with the highlights in the chosen piece of music. After a quick break we each showed our own choreographies before getting feedback from Erin. Her comments were very helpful and her kind persona meant that her criticisms were easy to take but always seemed clear and positive. Overall the day was very enjoyable and inspirational, making us all want to do well in our final exams.

Charlotte Mills Year 11

CCF Update



September saw a new intake of Year 8 and 9 recruits and also on this occasion some Year 12s too. The first fieldcraft weekend was planned for early October and all the young Cadets were eager and enthusiastic about their weekend away. We deployed onto Thetford Army Training Estate and set about teaching the younger cadets the basics and the senior cadets more advanced operations. The two sections did join together at times and senior experience was passed over. The senior cadets were kept busy leading and advising the recruits on patrolling, section attacks, camouflage and concealment and other activities in what was surprisingly dry and warm weather. The cadets finished the weekend tired, dirty and thoroughly happy. We now look forward to the Remembrance parade in Bishop's Stortford where the Contingent will march to the memorial monument and pay their respects.

There have also been some climbing days at Harlow Outdoor Centre, this has been worthwhile and given some younger cadets the appetite to carry on indoor wall climbing in their own time.

The Junior NCOs are due to attend a Method of Instruction course after half term and this will be a good tool to add to their confidence and teaching abilities

Last but certainly not least, Captain Ashlee-McCrae was recently presented with her Cadet Forces Medal by the Principal during staff briefing. It is a fantastic achievement to have earned this medal as it shows the commitment and effort shown over 12 years to Hockerill College CCF. Well done from the staff and cadets of your Contingent Ma'am.

Mr P McGrath

Out and About with the Science Department



Imperial War Museum, Duxford

Have you ever wondered why the leads from your earphones always seem to tangle themselves in knots or what is the optimum dunking time for biscuits in tea? The Year 12 and 13 students who attended the evening lecture on the IgNobel Prizes at the University of Hertfordshire should be able to tell you.

A total of sixty Year 10 students attended the Physics at Work exhibition at the Cavendish Laboratories in September. They attended four talks on a variety of Science topics, not only Physics. All of the students came away with a realisation of the different skills needed in a company, gaining excellent career advice as well as seeing some of the topics that they had covered in theory put into practice.

On Wednesday 16th October a group of potential engineers from Years 11 and 12 attended an Engineering Exhibition at the Imperial War Museum at Duxford. The students attended talks and workshops on all aspects of Engineering, set among the classic aircraft in the main hanger. The day was very well organised by STEM Team East, and all of the students came away enthused by what they had seen.

Mrs J Chalmers

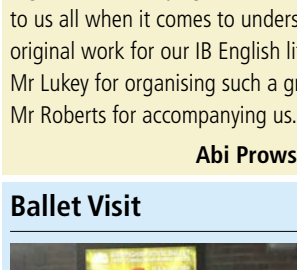
Othello at The National Theatre

Emerging from the Embankment tube station, we seized the opportunity to explore London's theatre in preparation for what we were sure was to be an extremely enriching afternoon. After grabbing a quick bite to eat, we reconvened outside the National Theatre, ready to quench our literary thirst. As the lights went down and the play began, we ventured in anticipation, as many members of the group had not ventured beyond the likes of modern west-end musicals. We were at first apprehensive yet intrigued as to the modernisation of this Elizabethan drama (we're pretty sure there were no leather jackets back then!), however, as the play developed and we were drawn further and further to the edge of our seats, we came to appreciate such contemporary twists as the way in which the rather modern military base symbolised and contrasted the power and subsequent downfall of the antagonist, Iago. Scanning the audience, it became apparent that the Shakespearean language, alongside the tragic lives of the characters, had had a profound effect upon us all: Abi, of course, sobbed her way through the final act. Meanwhile, Harry wasn't much better, rising from his seat to award the cast with its first (and by far most enthusiastic) standing ovation of the matinee. By the end of it, we were all finally able to comprehend the reason for the English Faculty's love of this historic masterpiece.

It goes without saying that this experience will prove invaluable to us all when it comes to understanding and exploring the original work for our IB English literature course. Many thanks to Mr Lukey for organising such a great trip and to Ms Barker and Mr Roberts for accompanying us.

Abi Prowse and Harry Lukakis, Year 13

Ballet Visit



On Tuesday 15th October, the Year 11 GCSE Dance class visited the Sadler's Wells Theatre to see the Birmingham Royal Ballet perform David Bintley's Penguin Cafe Triple Bill. After taking the train to the famous theatre and

buying programmes and confectionery, we made our way to our seats. They were quite high up but we still had a clear view of the stage. The show opened with E=mc² and Tombeau; two dance works the class hadn't seen before. These were both very inspirational and interesting pieces, giving us insights into the professional dancing world. The show concluded with a fantastic display of 'Still Life' at the Penguin Cafe, one of the dance works we have been studying in class. It was really exciting to see this performed live and we all thoroughly enjoyed it.

Elisa Walker Year 11

NOTICES

Saturday 16th - Friday 22nd November Festival of World Literature (various activities)

Tuesday 26th November E Safety presentation to parents (details to be announced)

Thursday 28th November Year 11 Parent Teacher Consultation evening

Thursday 5th/Friday 6th December Christmas Show (details to be announced)

Saturday 7th December Boarders Open Weekend (College closed to Day Students)

Sunday 8th December Christmas Market run by Hockerill Parents and Friends

Thursday 12th December Carol Service at All Saints' Church 7.30 pm

Friday 13th December Closing date for Sixth Form Boarding applications

End of Term (students depart at 12.35)

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

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Interact News

For Interact, this year has already been a very successful one. We started with a non-uniform day raising money for Chilterns and we raised £780. We also had a bake sale on that day which made the event a very successful one. Carrying on from this we had the Sixth Form Freshers' disco, which raised £189 towards cancer research. Other events have included a doughnut bake, which raised £600. A further bake sale made £230. Lately and more importantly, we have played a very active role in volunteering, mainly at Grove Cottage and we are so happy with how much support Hockerill have been able to give them. Overall we have raised £1700 so far, and we hope future events will be just as successful.

Misty Nicholson Year 13

Oxbridge Update

Year 13 University applications are moving forward very well, especially our applications for Oxford and Cambridge universities, which had an early entry closing date of mid-October. This year we have 26 applicants for Oxbridge and we will be working closely with these students during November and early December to prepare them for potential interviews. We already have a database of helpful Hockerill parent and friend volunteers, many of whom have provided valuable practice interviews for our students in the past. If you would be willing to help out with these then please contact the Oxbridge Co-ordinator at BarkerJ@hockerill.herts.sch.uk

Ms J Barker

Postcard Competition

Congratulations to Emilie Fung in Year 9 who is the winner of the Geography department's summer postcard competition. Many thanks to all of those who entered. Hockerill students certainly explored some interesting places this summer!

Miss F Johnson

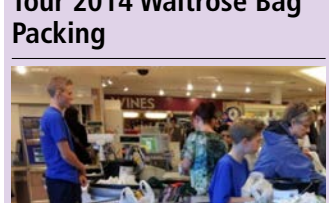
Read for RNIB Day



On Friday 11th October, a charity event was held in the Library to support Read for RNIB Day. The combination of a raffle, cookie sale, Braille Challenge quiz and donations raised a total of £150, to be shared equally between the Guide Dogs and RNIB charities. Students also had the opportunity to explore a Learning Braille Instruction Course and particularly enjoyed meeting two retired guide dogs, Megan and Cresta, who were brought in by their handlers. First prize in the Braille Challenge went to Anna Box 7D, with James Greatrick 10P and Sophie Brixton 7P coming second and third. The lucky raffle prize winners were: Ellie Bond 8B, Jack Beverley 7B and Tracy Fu 7B.

Mrs S Bruce

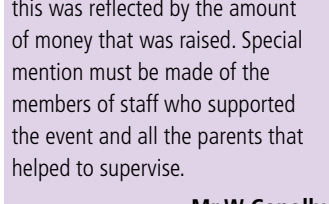
USA & Canada Rugby Tour 2014 Waitrose Bag Packing



On Saturday 2nd November 'Rugby Tourists' spent the day packing customers' bags at Waitrose in Bishop's Stortford to raise money for the upcoming rugby tour. Students worked from 0900 until 1700, each undertaking a shift of two hours. The 27 students that were involved worked hard and interacted well with members of the public. Many shoppers commented on how the students behaved and this was reflected by the amount of money that was raised. Special mention must be made of the members of staff who supported the event and all the parents that helped to supervise.

Mr W Conolly

Disco Dancing!



The Year 10 Certificate of Personal Effectiveness students arranged a fantastic disco for the Year 8 and 9 students on Friday 11th October. Sam and Luke Gazzard were the disc jockeys and Luther Okoli-Golding, Cillian Noquet-Page and John Awomolo helped by selling refreshments. The challenge was to work together to raise money for a charity. The event was a great success raising over £374.00 for Grove Cottage. Well done boys!

Ms A McCulloch