# HOCKERILLNEWS

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# Welcome back!

Richard Markham, Principal

Returning from the summer break is another use of the anomalies of working in a school. As I said to the students, only in schools do you celebrate 'New Year' in September, along with the associated resolutions, new leaves and optimism usually reserved for January.

This first edition of the newsletter is a mixture of reflection and forwardthinking. There are accounts of trips which took place over the summer, as well as further information upon our examination performance.

I hope that the students think hard upon their resolutions, and do make sure they are suitably aspirational but based on sound realism. As Henry Ford famously stated, "Whether you think you can or think you can't, you're probably right.". This should be the mantra for all those returning in setting their goals for the year.

The College is delighted with the examination results achieved this

# Open Morning

Richard Markham, Principal

Once again we welcomed prospective students and parents to the College last Saturday. The Principal's address is available at http://prezi.com/yrlqkwdfeapl/?utm\_campaign=share&utm\_medium=copy&rc=exOshare

and the theme for the talk was focused on the rationale behind the College's status as a world College and the opportunities that exist for students to take advantage of. The welcome to Hockerill booklet which accompanied the day can be viewed on the College website.

# **Leadership College**

Parents are cordially invited to attend this term's Leadership College events. These talks are designed to raise awareness of issues in modern education and to consider possible solutions. This term's events come on the back of two highly successful launch events last year, and they offer a wonderful opportunity for visitors to hear experts in their field and to participate in what promises to be lively debates.

#### Saturday 11th October in the Chapel at 09.30 – 11.30 The Challenge of Change Hardus Brunt

Senior Lecturer in Change Management/Organisational Learning and Development/ Organisational Behaviour NHL University of Applied Sciences, Groningen Faculty for Educational Masters Saturday 29th November in St Alban's Hall at 09.30 – 11.30 Leadership: What must leaders know? Professor Anthony C Grayling

Master of New College of the

If parents are interested in attending please could they contact Mrs Lynn Watson

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summer at GCSE and IBDP. There are detailed breakdowns available on pages 6 and 7 of the Newsletter. It was most satisfying to find the school rated as the highest performing non-selective comprehensive in the Daily Telegraph League Table (15th August 2014). I would like to thank the staff who gave so much to support the students and to say well done to the students for their application, hard

work and excellence.

As we look forward, I would draw your attention to the new Calendar on the website, and extend our invitation to the Leadership College. Finally, if you have news which you would like to include in future editions of the Newsletter, please pass them to admin@hockerill.com with the subject 'Newsletter'.



#### **NOTICES**

#### **College Calendar**

Part of upgrade of the College website (www.hockerill.com) includes a more powerful Calendar of events. This can be accessed via the My Hockerill tab in the menu bar, and allows users to filter events. It is also possible to subscribe to the full Calendar or to add individual events.

I hope parents find the information contained in the Calendar helpful in allowing forward planning.

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Parents are invited to 'follow' the College's Twitter accounts which provide insights into areas of school life.

**@HockerillCol** is the main College feed, and will feature key news.

**@HockerillColl** is the Careers feed with news about Universities and careers.

**@HAECBoarding** is the College's boarding account which shares the daily events for the boarding community.

## USA & Canada Rugby Tour

Mr W Conolly

This summer 38 students and 5 members of staff undertook the College's first trans-Atlantic Sports Tour. During the two week tour of the USA and Canada the two teams played four matches each, against both club and representative teams.

Hockerill students were provided with excellent hospitality by American and Canadian families allowing them to develop friendships with their opponents before the matches. We played eight matches, winning four, improving throughout and providing our students with the opportunities to develop their skills and rugby knowledge. Character was tested during an extreme activities trip to the Rocky Mountain ski resort of Whistler where boys were plunged into ice cold water whilst white water rafting. The tourists also enjoyed mountain biking and a visit to Wild Water Kingdom in Seattle.







The tour was a complete success and has contributed to the international culture at the College. There is a real sporting momentum building at Hockerill with increased opportunities for all our students to participate and represent the College. We would like to thank the students, parents and staff for their enormous contribution to the success of this tour, particularly the fundraising committee who raised £20,000.













# **India**

Anna Dickinson, Year 13

I had never visited India before this trip and I have absolutely fallen head over heels in love with the country. Without question, India is one of the most engaging, colourful, chaotic, spiritual and life-affirming countries in the world. It is an assault on the senses. It is not a place for the faint-hearted, there is much that is shocking: the poverty, the noise and dirt, the overladen vehicles playing dodgems on the road; yet there is never a second where I catch myself questioning my decision. Although in Mumbai we visited world famous sites such as the Gateway to India, an incredible piece of architecture, I am sure that I am not the only one who knows it was the people that impacted us the most. There was a natural friendliness in everyone we met, from the chefs and door men at the Hotel, to the students and staff at Kings School. Every one we met had something to say and questions to ask, and we were just as curious. Working at the Kings School was no easy task due to the language barrier and cultural difference. "The school was a place which truly reflected the ambition of the students both

in their academic and non-academic areas of life." (Beth Houghton). Every assembly, we were greeted with smiles and waves from an array of students, most of whom we never met. No matter what background they came from, the children were always ready to give it their all in rehearsal and, some of us were shocked at how enthusiastic they were no matter what time of day or how hot it got. Even though the days were long, the evening swim was just what we needed and most dinners were followed by playing guitar, singing and chatting under the mesmerising starry night sky. All in all the whole experience was truly ineffable. We bonded with the students in a way I didn't think was possible and their final performance of The Wizard of Oz made us so proud, and truly reflected the amount of work we all put into it. I would encourage anyone who is thinking about the trip to go, I can firmly say on behalf of everyone that it was one of the most incredible and yet surreal experiences of our lives. We cannot thank Dr Purday enough for this unique experience. Thank you.











# Uganda

Mr L Jackson

At the start of the summer holiday a group of twenty-four year 12 students and four staff travelled to Uganda to spend two weeks working with Amigos UK at their Kira Farm Training Centre just outside Kampala. Our students worked with a group of 40 disadvantaged young people from across Uganda most of whom are orphans who lost their parents either in conflict or to HIV/AIDS. In addition we visited Green Valley school, spending a day teaching their primary students. After time in Kampala we set off to explore the rest of the country, visiting Murchison Falls National Park for a game drive and Jinga to go white-water rafting on the Nile.

**Hockerill** News









# New Boarders



The College has welcomed the new boarders into Winchester, Canterbury, Thames and Roding. The freshers' events were enjoyed by all present, and it is nice to see so many new faces taking advantage of all that the boarding community can offer.





## Hockerill Anglo European College - IB Results 2014

Hockerill's
average UCAS points
score in 2014 was 490.
(420 UCAS points would
be equivalent to 3 A\*
grades at A' Level.)

One student achieved the elusive maximum **45** points. Only 146 students achieved this worldwide!

15% of the 2014 cohort gained 40 points or more.

**52%** achieved grades 7 and 6 (equivalent to A\* and A at A' Level) in IBDP subjects in 2014

THE DAILY TELEGRAPH | FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2014 A-level results RESULTS FROM 365 STATE SCHOOLS KEY
(a) C-Comprehensive, G-Grammar, PS-Partially selective, SFC-Sixth Form College
(b) B-Boys, G-Girls, M-Mixed
includes IB Results submitted by schools yesterday. A table of independent schools results will be published on Saturday, August 23 (a) (b) % A\* % A\*AB G B 35.24 G G 38.92 G M 36.70 35.24 Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet Henrietta Barnett, Hampstead Garden Suburb Pate's Grammar, Cheltenham Pate's Grammar, Chattenham
\$1 Olave's Grammar, Orpington
Tiffin Girls', Kingston Upon Thamas
Colchester Royal Grammar, Essex
Altrincham Grammar for Girls, Bowdon
Dartford Grammar, Kenl. \*
Wilson's, Wallington
Bearling Rarkships G M 31.77 G G 34.69 29.93 23.54 16.08 88.94 88.12 Wilson's, Wallington
Reading, Berkshire
Nonsuch Girls' High, Cheam
Lumen Christ High, Cheam
Lumen Christ Coll, Londonderry
Chelihsford County Girls' High, Essex
St Michael's RC Grammar, North Finchley
Hockerili Anglo European Coll, Bishops Stortlord
King Edward VI Camp Hill for Boys, Kings Heath
Cardinal Yaughan Memorial RC, London
Yavneh Coll, Borehamwood
King Edward VI Camp Hill for Girls, Kings Heath
Colchester County Girls High, Essex
Dame Alice Owen's, Potters Bar
Kentrick Girls' Grammar, Reading 87.99 87.96 87.81 87.69 87.11 19.40 14.90

Total number of Candidates 115
Average points per student 34.5
Average UCAS Tariff 490

Average UCAS Tariff	490				
Subject	Entries	%7	%6+	%5+	%4-
HL English Lang & Lit	24	8	50	100	
HL English Literature	31	6	61	94	6
SL English Lang & Lit	45	13	69	98	2
SL English Literature	13	15	85	100	
HL French A Lang & Lit	4	75	100	100	
HL German A Literature	14	21	71	100	
HL Italian A Literature	5		60	100	
SL German A Literature	3	33	67	67	33
SL Italian A Literature	3		67	100	
SL Self Taught A	5		40	60	40
HL French B	29	21	69	90	10
HL German B	7	14	100	100	
HL Spanish B	12	33	67	83	17
SL French B	12	25	75	100	.,
SL German B	7	14	57	86	14
SL Italian B	1		100	100	
SL Italian Ab Initio	10	20	50	50	50
SL Japanese Ab Initio	5	20	20	60	40
SL Japanese B	6	17	17	100	10
SL Mandarin Ab Initio	1	17	100	100	
SL Spanish Ab Initio	12	8	67	100	
SL Spanish B	5	60	80	100	
HL Business Studies	22	5	27	82	18
HL Economics	11	18	45	91	9
HL Geography	14	50	79	93	7
HL History	29	17	72	100	,
HL Social Anthropology	25	8	40	92	8
SL Business Studies	9	33	78	89	11
SL Economics	5	40	80	100	11
SL Geography	6	33	67	83	17
SL History	9	22	56	89	11
SL Social Anthropology	20	10	70	95	5
HL Biology	42	5	31	74	26
HL Chemistry	21	5	14	67	33
HL Physics	18	17	56	89	11
HL Design & Technology	1	17	30	05	100
SL Biology	31	10	29	81	19
SL Chemistry	11	10	9	45	55
SL Physics	3	33	67	100	33
SL Sports Science	9	11	33	78	22
SL Design & Technology	6	17	17	100	22
HL Maths	15	17	20	60	40
SL Maths	51	6	29	59	41
SL Maths Studies	49	12	49	86	14
HL Art	6	50	83	100	
HL Music	6	33	50	100	
HL Theatre Arts	10	30	70	90	10
SL Art	5	60	100	100	10
SL Music	1			100	
SL Theatre Arts	1			100	
Totals	690	15	51	85	15

### GCSE Results 2014

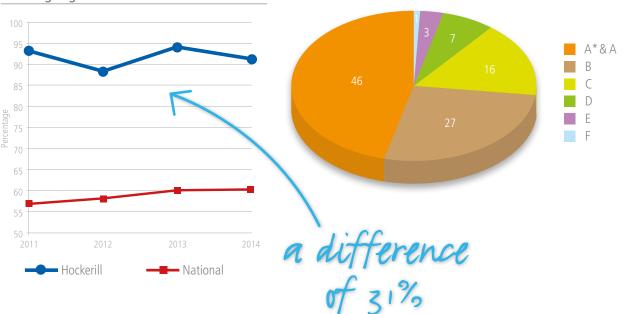
### A year group of 115 candidates was entered for GCSE

						%	%
Subject	Number of Entries	A*	Α	В	C	A*-A	A*-C
English Language	114	18	38	27	23	49.1	93.0
English Literature	114	15	37	34	19	45.6	92.1
Maths	114	30	25	39	17	48.2	97.4
IGCSE Biology	114	25	27	26	16	45.6	82.5
IGCSE Chemistry	113	24	20	26	15	38.9	75.2
IGCSE Physics	104	21	20	17	24	39.4	78.8
Business Studies	19	0	6	3	5	31.6	73.7
Economics	23	1	7	9	4	34.8	91.3
Geography	45	3	14	16	8	37.8	91.1
History	76	28	24	13	3	68.4	89.5
Religious Studies	14	4	4	3	1	57.1	85.7
French	99	21	32	25	11	53.5	89.9
German	60	11	11	24	12	36.7	96.7
Italian	18	10	5	1	2	83.3	100.0
Japanese	7	1	4	2		71.4	100.0
Spanish	40	9	10	8	6	47.5	82.5
Computing	13	0	2	7	4	15.4	100.0
Chinese	2	2				100.0	100.0
CiDA	2	1	0	0	1	50.0	100.0
Art & Design	25	7	8	8	2	60.0	100.0
DT: Electronic Products	8	3	3	1	0	75.0	87.5
DT: Food Technology	11	4	3	3	0	63.6	90.9
DT: Graphic Products	10	0	3	5	0	30.0	80.0
DT: Resistant Materials	10	1	5	3	1	60.0	100.0
DT: Textiles	17	4	8	5		70.6	100.0
Drama	26	0	2	12	9	7.7	88.5
Dance	6	0	0	2	3	0.0	83.3
Music	18	1	8	7	2	50.0	100.0
Physical Education	30	4	3	11	9	23.3	90.0
Statistics	1	0	1			100.0	100.0
Totals	1234	241	324	333	197	45.8	88.8



### Percentage gaining 5+ A\*- C grades at GCSE including English and Mathematics

#### **Proportions of grades achieved at GCSE**



### **Student News**

**Sebastian Priest** and **Katie Philpott** were interviewed at the Learn to Live presentation and have been aired on RORFM

http://www.bobfm.co.uk/news/localnews/students-hear-hard-hitting-roadsafety-messages



Oliver Barrett and George Parks deserve congratulations of being awarded highly prestigious Arkwright Scholarships. These will provide them with invaluable internships at industrial companies.



**Rebecca Hayward**, Year 9, attended the Christmas Reception of the Parliamentary Space Committee last year. Rebecca is pictured with Bill Wiggins MP and the Sokol space suit. Rebecca gave an excellent, confident talk and a mini marshmallow demonstration of the effects on the human body when in space.



Laura Warbrick Former Hockerill student, Laura Warbrick, took part in a Marathon canoe event, which was a race over 12 miles. Laura was placed 11th nationally!



**Derin Akinbobola**, Year 9, (pictured on the right) has been chosen for the England U15 national basketball development team after impressing the selectors at the regional competition earlier this year. Twenty five players have been chosen and Derin deserves our wholehearted congratulations and best wishes.

# **Year 12 Induction Day**

We have welcomed our new Year 12 students to the College with an intensive team building based induction day. The Year 12 students were challenged to work in small groups to solve a variety of challenges, some whilst experiencing sensory deprivation. Well done to all for their amazing start to the school year and for the spirit of adventure and excitement which they brought to the day.











Kristin Barrett joined the exalted group of IB Diploma candidates who achieve full marks in their examinations. Her 45 marks places her in a group of approximately 140 students out of the 127,284 who took the Diploma. She is also the recipient of a Royal Society of Geographers award of all UK candidates sitting Geography exams this summer.



## **Looking ahead**

	DAY TO DAY	BOARDING/EXAMS/OTHER EVENTS
MON 29 Sept	Sixth Form Assembly Woodwind Ensemble 1300-1330 Theory Club 1600-1700 Soccer Development 1730-1930	Yr8+ CCF Harlow Kayaking 16.00-18.30 Yr12 Christopher Clark Lecture London 18.00 E4 Digital Boarding Committee meeting 1600 1900 Bilingual Parents' Information meeting, St Alban's Hall
TUES 30 Sept	Upper College Assembly Whole School & House Photographs	1900 Parents' Information Evening Italian Exchange for Year 10, the Chapel Rugby U12 home U13 away v St Marys 1600 U14 Hockey v Freman home 1600 1600-2000 Staff First Aid Course
WED 1 Oct	Lower College Assembly Brass Ensemble 1300-1330 Lower College Choir 1600-1700 Chapel Choir 1700-1800 Soccer Development 1730-1930	Yr 10 Design Ventura 2014 09.00 -17.00 BS&DSSA District 1st Hockey jointly played at Leventhorpe and Newport 1400 Rugby 2nd XV v St Marys away 1600 Senior 1st XV Rugby v Nicholas Breakspear home 1430 CCF AEF 08.00-15.00 8 Students
THUR 2 Oct	Sixth Form Assembly JCh/Charles Kerr Year 11 Assembly Yr8 girls HPV vaccinations, Health Centre Upper College Choir 1600-1700	1900 Parents' Information Evening Japan exchange for Year 10, the Chapel Rugby U14 home U15 away v St Marys 1600 Whole Boarding Committee meeting 1900
FRI 3 Oct	Lower College Assembly Year 10 Assembly Saxophone Ensemble 1300-1330 Gym Soccer Development 1730-1830	Year 12 IB Art Trip Roding/Thames Social Yr12&13 2045-2230
SAT 4 Oct	Hockerill Teacher Training College Class of '64 – 50th Anniversary Reunion	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Musical
MON 6 Oct	Sixth Form Assembly Woodwind Ensemble 1300-1330 Theory Club 1600-1700 Soccer Development 1730-1930	1900 Year 7 — 13 Music Tour Parent Information evening, St Alban's Hall
TUES 7 Oct	Upper College Assembly Calendar Committee Meeting 1255-1325	Rugby U12 away U13 home v Newport 1600 U14 Hockey v BSC home 1600 U13 Hockey v St Marys away 1600 International Space Week Launch at Olympic Park (20 students) pm and evening Boarding Catering Committee meeting 1600
WED 8 Oct	Lower College Assembly Brass Ensemble 1300-1330 Lower College Choir 1600-1700 Chapel Choir 1700-1800 Soccer Development 1730-1930	1st XV Rugby v SWCHS away 1400 U13 Hockey Districts away 1400
THUR 9 Oct	Sixth Form Assembly Year 7 Assembly Year 9 Assembly Upper College Choir 1600-1700	Rugby U14 home U15 away v Newport 1600 1800-2100 Careers Event (various locations around College)
FRI 10 Oct	Upper College Assembly Year 8 Assembly Y11 Knitting and Stitching show at Alexandra Palace (7 students) all day CH Saxophone Ensemble 1300-1330 Soccer Development 1730-1830	Get on Board Year 6 Boarding experience 1830-2000 Yr 8 CCF Fieldcraft weekend (Return 12/10)
SAT 11 Oct	College leadership talk by Mr Hardus Brunt 1130-1220 Library Parents' Reading Group	Rugby U12/U14 away U13/U15 home v St Edmunds 0930 U14 Netball Anne Miles Schools Tournament 0845 1830–2300 Sixth Form Masquerade Ball Halloween Disco
MON 13 Oct	Woodwind Ensemble 1300-1330 Theory Club 1600-1700 Soccer Development 1730-1930	U14 Hockey Districts jointly played at Leventhorpe and Newport 1400 1600-1730 Year 13 IB Drama Rehearsal Yr8+ CCF High Ropes Harlow 16.00-18.30
TUES 14 Oct	Upper College Assembly	BS&DSSA District Tournament U13/U15 Rugby at Jobbers Wood 1400 U12A&B Hockey v St Marys home 1600 1600-1730 Year 13 IB Drama Rehearsal
WED 15 Oct	Lower College Assembly Year 13 Assembly Brass Ensemble 1300-1330 Lower College Choir 1600-1700 Chapel Choir 1700-1800 Soccer Development 1730-1930	BS&DSSA District Tournament U12/1st Rugby at Jobbers Wood 1400 1st XV Rugby v Coopers away 1400 1600-1730 Year 13 IB Drama Rehearsal Yr7/8 Boarders Sport 1930-2030
THUR 16 Oct	IB Enrichment Day 1 Upper College Choir 1600-1700	Year 13 Progress Reports published BS&DSSA District Tournament U14/U16Rugby at Jobbers Wood 1400 U15 Hockey Districts jointly played at Leventhorpe and Newport 1400 1600-1730 Year 13 IB Drama Rehearsal Yr10 Boarders Social 1930-2100
FRI 17 Oct	Lower College Assembly Year 10 Assembly Saxophone Ensemble 1300-1330 1440 Boarding Parent Forum, the Chapel Half term holiday (students depart at 1540)	Japanese, Italian and Spanish Exchanges Depart Year 9 & 11 Progress Reports Published Year 10 Targets Report Published Boarding Reports (new students) published Music Tour to the Netherlands Departs 0600/Returns on 25/10 at 1900 Year 13 History trip to Berlin 1600-1730 Year 13 IB Drama Rehearsal