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A busy 2 weeks!

Richard Markham, Principal

In my last assembly I asked students to reflect upon the story of Dalia Eshkenazi and her work in Ramle, at the Open House. The purpose of this was to show how international understanding can arise in even the most unlikely places.



is a UNESCO school

This week we were visited by a representative from UNESCO who came to visit Hockerill which has been affiliated with the organisation for a number of years. I am delighted to report that the representative reflected very positively on our vision and values and identified Hockerill as a Regional Centre of Excellence. This is heartening news and worthy praise for all the hard work which goes into meeting the College's Guiding Principle of 'International Outlook'.

I hope that you are looking forward to the run-up to Christmas with the Concert, International Boarders' Weekend, Christmas Market and Carol Service. It is due to be a busy 2 weeks!



Hockerill Evening of Careers Presentations

Alison McCulloch

On Thursday 9th October the College hosted an Evening of Careers Presentations. The event was open to students in Years 9-13 and was designed to help students to explore a range of careers and options. We were fortunate to have presentations from a range of organisations including:

- Oxford University
- Year in Industry
- Airbus (formerly Astrium)
- Astarfuture – studying abroad
- University of Law
- Addenbrooke's Hospital
- EY Schools
- Tesco
- Stansted Airport Academy

The evening was a great success and will be followed next year by a Careers Fair with up to 50 presenters.



Solarbox

Amanda Everett

Earlier in October Hockerill's former Head Boy, Harold Craston, launched an entrepreneurial idea to transform London's disused phone boxes into mobile charging stations. Harold, along with a fellow graduate from the London School of Economics, came up with an answer to the problem by installing solar panels and charging equipment so that people can charge their phones and other mobile devices using green energy.

The first Solarbox, backed by Boris Johnson, was unveiled on Tottenham Court Road. Since then they have managed to attract funding, awards - including runners-up in the Mayor's 2014 Low Carbon Entrepreneur competition - and the support of Mr Johnson.

They now hope to roll out the scheme across London - with six further Solarbox installations planned for next year.

NOTICES

Thursday 4th December

Christmas Show
7.30 pm - St Albans Hall

Friday 5th December

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Saturday 6th December

Boarders' Open Weekend
College closed to Day students

Sunday 7th December

HPF Christmas Market
11.00 am - 3.00 pm

Thursday 11th December

Christmas Carol Service
7.30 pm - All Saints' Church

Friday 12th December

End of Term - students depart at 12.35 pm

Monday 5th January

Term commences


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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.

Mission X to Colombia:

International Connecting Classrooms Program

2pm Tuesday,
30th September 2014.

Mr Edward Vine & Dr Carmen Millan

Strangely, it was like sitting in front of my TV screen, waiting for Neil Armstrong to make contact from the Moon back in 1969. A test transmission on Monday 29th had not proved straightforward: were solar flares playing havoc with the signal or was it sea creatures eating the undersea cable?

Our intrepid team of experienced Mission X survivors sat with baited breath before our screen, technicians twiddled leads and the pc, a blurry image appeared on the screen, could we contact our new found friends in Colombia? Would our link across 5000 miles of the Atlantic Ocean hold out?

The loudspeakers crackled and was that a picture?

Teams of year 6 students and classes from several schools had assembled at 8 o'clock in the morning to link



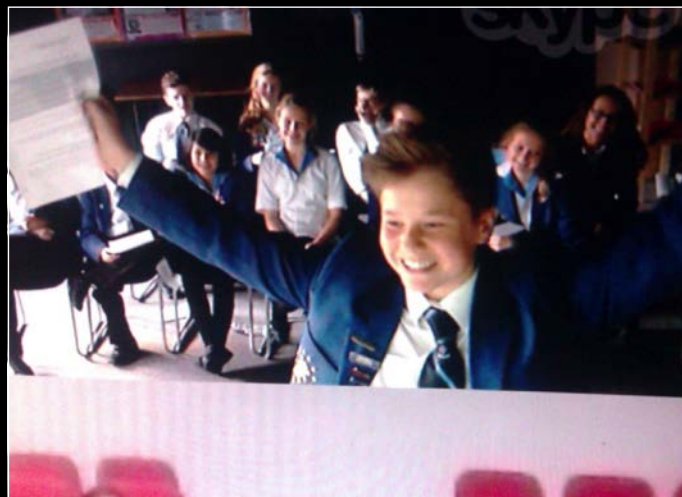
with Bogotá: they have just finished their MX missions and were together at the Planetario Distrital de Bogotá to share their experiences with the Hockerill team.

A chance for us to try our Spanish language skills, for them their English and to talk about how Mission X had worked.

The sound quality proved to be dreadful: however, it added to the fun. Sign language, gesture and repeating what we had to say very precisely and clearly became vitally important.

After half an hour we had to close, but felt a true connection and have promised to continue the link, we hope to set up a blog or perhaps more direct pen pal connections as we work through our Mission X programme in the Lent term.

Space is international and there is



Kristian celebrates getting his message through!

a strong theme of being a global citizen, a common humanity and developing international ties through the Mission X projects all year 7 students will undertake around February time. The project is being developed next term:

science, PE, Well Being and Modern Languages departments are working together to make it possible. The project is backed by the British Council and the focus will be on Global Citizenship.

Space News: Hockerill Launches Technopop 2014: Mission X : NASA Video Arts Competition



Two years ago Hockerill played host to the NASA Astronaut Training Team at the Radisson Blu Hotel when they, with MX delegates from across the world, visited the London Olympic site and training Centre as part of the closing events for 2012 Mission X projects. Our reputation has spread far and wide, our musicians and our student MX Ambassadors achieved international praise and adulation. So when Technopop 2014, the biggest schools Technology Event ever in the UK, launched with the first week dedicated to Space our

big band were invited to entertain the VIPs.

NASA Arts Competition 2014

Two Hockerill groups are already working on entries, more entries are invited to the NASA Humans in Space Video Arts Challenge Competition: closing date 30th November. For details please see the website: <http://www.lpi.usra.edu/humansinspaceart/challenge/>



Activity day 11th February 2015

Another visit for the day from 'Bridget' (a real Mars Rover), built by Airbus at Stevenage, here in the UK with her friends a team of Space Engineers.



Mission X "Train like an Astronaut" has launched this term: see the MX website.

<http://trainlikean astronaut.org/content/mission-x-uk-seeks-astronaut-class-2015/092314>
Hockerill MX projects start early in the Lent term.

Hockerill visits Berlin

Lee Jackson

In October 2014 a group of twenty Year 13 History students visited Berlin for five days. Whilst there students learnt more about the history of the city; putting their knowledge of Germany under National Socialism into a wider historical context. Students completed tours and workshops in a range of museums and sites of historic interest, including the German Historical Museum, the House of the Wannsee Conference and the Topography of Terror. During the visit students were also able to interview a 'historical witness' to find out for themselves what life was like in East Germany during the Cold War. Students also saw modern Berlin at its most interesting – visiting Mauer Park for Sunday afternoon Karaoke and participating in a street-art tour and graffiti workshop. The trip, a first for the History department, was a great success and a valuable experience for all involved.



Leadership College Talk by Professor Anthony Grayling

Shamiela Davids

On Saturday 29th November between 09:30 and 11:30 we will be honoured and delighted to have Professor Anthony Grayling, Master of New College of the Humanities, with us. Professor Grayling, an eminent philosopher, author and academic will be talking to members of the College community about "What All Leaders Should Know". In addition to addressing facets of leadership for the 21st Century, he will be making links with Theory of Knowledge. Professor Grayling is a formidable voice in the world of thought leadership and a significant contributor to Prospect Magazine. This promises to be a stimulating and engaging morning and we look forward to hosting Professor Grayling who is also a Fellow of both the Royal Society of Literature and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

Student News

Amnesty Youth Advisory member – Leo Kilkenny



Congratulations to Leo Kilkenny of 12GKdN who has been selected to represent Hockerill on the prestigious

Amnesty International Youth Advisory Group. He is one of only 20 Amnesty Youth Group members selected from across the country. They attend 3 meetings in order to help inform Amnesty International's policy and campaigns, in particular giving the point of view of young campaigners.

Cricket



We are delighted to share the news that Martha Hoults (Year 9) and Amber Mays (Year 8) have both been selected for Essex County Cricket development squads for their age group. We look forward to further news of their success.

Rotary Club Competition

Rotary Youth Speaks public speaking success



Barnaby Papadopoulos, Will Speed and Sam Honey

The senior team competed in and won the Bishop's Stortford Youth Speaks Competition and have qualified for the district competition in March.

Boarders' visit to Harry Potter Studios

Celestine Faiers

On Sunday 16th November 52 Boarders from Years 7 – 12 experienced the magic of the Harry Potter Studio Tour. With a treasure trove of thousands of intricate and beautifully-made artefacts, many of which wouldn't have been saved on a typical production. The students had the unique opportunity to explore two soundstages and a back lot filled with original sets, animatronic creatures and breath-taking special effects.



Links

Sixth Form Open Morning

We welcomed a number of prospective students to Hockerill on Saturday 15th November for the Sixth Form Open Morning. For those of you who missed the presentation, or who wanted to revisit the content, a copy of the slides used can be accessed at: http://www.hockerill.com/uploads/asset_file/3_0_sixth-form-open-morning-2014.pdf

Term Dates

The term dates for 2015-16 are now available to view on our website http://www.hockerill.com/uploads/asset_file/3_0_termdates15-16.pdf

Vacancy for a Higher Level Teaching Assistant

We are seeking to appoint a well-qualified, enthusiastic and energetic Higher Level Teaching Assistant to join Hockerill Anglo-European College. The post holder will work closely with classroom teachers with the intended outcome being an increase in the progress and attainment of the core areas of numeracy and literacy, in particular our Pupil Premium cohort. The post holder will provide tailored intervention programmes to students in lessons, in small groups and on a one to one basis as required.

To apply please complete the application form and send, together with a letter of application.

An application pack and job description can be downloaded from our website:

<http://www.hockerill.com/34/vacancies/vacancy/26/higher-level-teaching-assistant>

Closing date for applications is Monday 1st December 2014.

College Photograph

The whole College photograph was taken on Tuesday 30th September and all students received a proof of the photograph in their registers. A ParentMail was sent giving parents their unique photograph ID and password to enable them to purchase a copy of the photograph. Although the deadline for photographs to be delivered to the College has passed, you can still order by following this link <https://v6.kittleorders.com/kp/Home>

Class of '64

Mrs Catrina Lambert (Mrs Marriage) was Deputy Head of Hockerill from 1982 to 1992 and one of the ladies for whom this was their 50th Anniversary. We came to understand that it was, in fact, 50 years "to the day" since the ladies first met!

Unfortunately there were a few of the Class of '64 who could not make it to the reunion and Catrina wrote her report to them, "I thought you would like to know that on Saturday seven of us, who originally met 50 years ago this weekend, had a grand reunion at Hockerill. The weather was not great but this did not stop us enjoying brilliant hospitality.

We arrived and parked in especially labelled reserved spaces; had coffee and cake in the Menet room (on the walls of which are now a selection of photos of the College dating from the late 19th century), collected our especially designed programmes and name badges and were introduced to our guides who were all members of the VI form and like us, so long ago, are residents on the campus in Thames and Roding.

The Principal Richard Markham welcomed us and spent time chatting with us and learning about our time at college. We then had a group photo beneath the Cedar tree and were conducted on a

tour of the campus, residential buildings and academic areas. It was such a delight for those who had not been back for many years to see their 'old' rooms, common rooms and lecture rooms as well as new developments.

Then: delight of delights! An hour of music in the Chapel including Bach's Jesu, bleibet meine Freude, sung in German and the Hockerill Hymn sung as originally intended by three (or in this case 6) female voices! This was a most moving experience. The organ sounds wonderful; the triptych looks beautiful and the silver crucifix appropriately on the wall brought tears to our eyes.

Following sherry back in the Menet room our male escorts departed to find their lunch elsewhere whilst we had a delicious three course lunch in the company of the Vice Principal, Dee Spackman and Head of Lower College, Andy Whiteley in the College refectory where we shared reminiscences, stories and laughter.

We returned to the Menet Room for coffee, cheese and port and the opportunity to explore further the Senior Parlour (now the Staffroom, sadly the hand blocked William Morris wallpaper, curtains and



carpet installed in our time by Alice Eden are no longer there other than in our memories), the Chapel and the Library

Before we left we were given little bags of especially commissioned, Class of 64 - 50th Anniversary Reunion, wrapped chocolates and a copy of the photo taken earlier in the day. We had a fabulous time and are grateful to not only the Principal and Vice Principal but also to my friends Andy and Fay Whiteley who organised a fantastic 50th Anniversary Reunion for us.



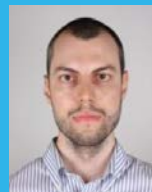
Student News

IB Learner Profile Awards Guy Dinwiddy



James Follows (Year 10) was awarded the first IB Learner Profile Award this term, by his Head of Equipe Mr Dinwiddy. The award came out of a working group run by Ms Davids aimed at embedding the Learner Profile across the curriculum as well as rewarding student achievement for a wide variety of reasons beyond just academic performance. Nominated by his form tutors, James was presented with the award for his "perceptive and thoughtful comments in our class discussions".

Dr Claudio U Köser BA MA PhD (Cantab)



Claudio Köser, who studied for his International Baccalaureate from 2002 to 2004 at Hockerill, has recently

become a Fellow of Wolfson College, Cambridge.

After leaving Hockerill Claudio went on to study Natural Sciences and Part II Genetics at the University of Cambridge as an undergraduate and gained additional research experience at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard Medical School. He returned to the Department of Genetics in Cambridge for his PhD.