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Principal's Message

Richard Markham

As we draw to the end of the half term, I am once again struck by the breadth of activities and achievements of our students. Ranging from rugby to synchronised figure skating; Guinness World Record attempts to space exploration, life is very full at the College.

In my most recent Assembly I spoke to the children about Ernest Shackleton and how they might look to model themselves on his leadership style. At the same time, it gave me the opportunity to share with the students the advert he is alleged to have placed prior to his attempt to cross Antarctica:

MEN WANTED

FOR HAZARDOUS JOURNEY, SMALL WAGES, BITTER COLD, LONG MONTHS OF COMPLETE DARKNESS, CONSTANT DANGER, SAFE RETURN DOUBTFUL, HONOUR AND RECOGNITION IN CASE OF SUCCESS

I particularly like the honesty of this appeal and spoke to the students about the resilience and spirit of adventure which prospective applicants would have had to possess. At a time when there is a great deal of press interest in Wellbeing and Mindfulness it is nice to be able to report the initiatives which the College are embarking upon in these areas and the benefits which we have seen in the approach of students.

I am also delighted to announce that the College has been awarded a regional prize (one of 40 nationally) for the progress demonstrated by the College's Pupil Premium cohort. It is nice to receive Government and Department for Education praise for our inclusivity as this is a value held dear by the College.

I hope that you enjoy reading about the various areas of College life featured in this edition, and wish you a very happy half term.



From left to right: Will Hart, Amandine Donovan, Sebastian Priest (Head Boy), Mr Markham, Francesca Pettengell (Head Girl), Bram Goede, Rebecca Blaxland

Prefect Leadership Team

It was both a delight and a privilege to be appointed as the Prefect Leadership Team for this calendar year. As a group, we hope to emulate the successes of the outgoing team by striving to adapt the systems already in place, as well as introducing new and original ideas of our own.

We hope to further strengthen the

school's ethos by reinforcing the strong sense of community, on which we pride ourselves. We feel that the alumni will be instrumental in this and look forward to enhancing the relationship between current and former students. We look to the year ahead with excitement and anticipation of what we hope to achieve.

Seven Hockerill Anglo-European College students receive Oxbridge offers for 2015

Staff and students were celebrating at the beginning of January after receiving two unconditional and five conditional Oxbridge offers.

Last year's head girl, Freya Lawson, received an unconditional offer from Emmanuel College, Cambridge to read Modern and Medieval Languages whilst Emilie Facon received an unconditional offer to read Economics at St Catherine's, Cambridge.

Conditional offers for Cambridge were given to Tilly Harding (Natural Sciences), Sonja Rijnen (Human Social and Political Sciences at Newnham) and Jessica Young (History at Trinity). Oxford offers were made to Tom Evans to read Biological Sciences at Hertford College and Josie Smith to read History at Merton.

Johanna Barker, the College's Oxbridge Co-ordinator said "I am very proud of the effort of all our students who applied for Oxford and Cambridge and particularly delighted for these seven who have received offers".

Richard Markham, Principal, commented "their success is clearly rooted in their diligence and hard work, but is also the product of excellent guidance from their teachers. It is heartening that Oxford and Cambridge clearly value the IB Diploma and are prepared to make offers for the full range of courses".

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NOTICES

Monday 23rd February

Term recommences

Friday 27th February

Liege exchange group arrives at Hockerill

Monday 2nd March

National Careers Week Seminars (all day)

Tuesday 3rd March

Year 10 Parent Teacher Evening

Friday 6th March

Italian exchange group arrives at Hockerill

Saturday 7th March

Quiz Night

Friday 13th March

Interact Quiz Night

Saturday 14th March

Non Uniform Day

Tuesday 17th March

Spring Concert

1900 St Albans Hall

Wednesday 18th March

Uganda trip information evening
1900 St Albans Hall

Thursday 19th March

India trip information evening
1900 St Albans Hall

Friday 20th March

End of term (students depart at 12.35)

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Photo (L to R) Mr Steve Clark, Head of Sixth Form, Josie Smith, Tilly Harding, Tom Evans, Emilie Facon, Sonja Rijnen, Freya Lawson, Richard Markham (Principal), Johanna Barker (Oxbridge Co-ordinator) not pictured is Jessica Young

Governor News

The following parents were successfully voted on to the governing body following the recent ballot: Rachel Lawson, Patrick Lewis and Jim Tatchell



Rachel Lawson



Patrick Lewis



Jim Tatchell



Brian McArthur-Muscroft

The governors would like to thank parents for their involvement in the election. They were delighted with the quality and number of candidates and very pleased with the number of votes cast.

Brian McArthur-Muscroft was also recently appointed onto the governing body as a Community Governor.

Visiting Research Fellow

Katharina Donn



As visiting fellow, I will take an active part in the research activities at the Department of English. It gives me the opportunity to present my current project, entitled Material Metaphors: Practices of Knowledge in Modernist Literature, to specialists in the field of Modernism Studies. I am looking forward to interesting discussions and challenging feedback. My other area of expertise is contemporary trauma literature (I received my doctorate with a thesis on Emergent Wounds: Poetics of Trauma after 9/11), and I share this interest with quite a few members of staff at Westminster. Being appointed visiting research fellow, therefore, is all about dialogue, discussion and networks of research – and I hope that I can bring back new texts and ideas from Westminster to Hockerill!

Charity Non-Uniform Day

Ceci Sutcliffe, Year 11

On the 17th January I organised a non-school uniform day in hope to raise money for a charity called Rainbow Trust. This charity provides practical and emotional support to families that have a child with a life threatening or terminal illness. Between 2013 and 2014 Rainbow trust supported 1650 families around the country, which involves giving hospital and sibling support.

I have had personal experience with Rainbow charity, as when I was 4 years old I was diagnosed with kidney cancer. The charity provided support workers who entertained and talked to me, making my time in hospital a lot more enjoyable.

Before the non-school uniform I wanted to ensure all my peers understood where their money was going, therefore I explained in an assembly what a huge difference

their money would make. I told my peers that £9 would pay for a sensory toy, £18 for transportation costs, £22 for a distraction box in hospitals, £126 for a day's visit from a Rainbow family support worker and £540 would pay for the 24 hour telephone helpline to run for one month. I am delighted to announce that together we managed to raise £830, which is such a substantial amount that we have managed to pay for all of the above. Finally I would like to personally thank everyone for donating as it means a lot to my family and I. If you would like to donate further, I have written the link at the bottom, and I know for a fact Rainbow Trust would appreciate it greatly along with many families around the country.

<http://rainbowtrust.org.uk/donate>

Interact

Charles Kerr

President of Interact

Over the past few weeks, the Interact Club at Hockerill has been very busy raising in excess of £1500 for various charities. We started the term with a social event for the Sixth Form, raising money for Barnados, followed swiftly by a social event for Year 7 and Year 8 with the funds raised going to the Alzheimer's Society. However, the most successful event proved to be the Final of Hockerill's Got Talent which was held on the 28th January and was open to the wider community. The winner was Brett Rushman from Year 8 who performed a superb rendition of 'Man in the Mirror' by Michael Jackson. It was a very enjoyable and entertaining event raising money for the British Heart Foundation and Macmillan Nurses. Last Saturday we organised a bake sale and our next event is a Valentine's Auction/Lunch on the 12th and 13th of February, the money from which will be donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. Over the coming weeks we shall continue to be actively fundraising and donating to various local and global charities and look forward to seeing many of you at our Quiz night on Friday 13th March.



Brett Rushman

Young Enterprise

Ms McCulloch

Our two Young Enterprise teams sold their products on Saturday 7th February 2015 at the East Hertfordshire Trade Fair in Jackson Square, Bishop's Stortford.



A&O were selling home-made candles and chalkboard coasters hoping to sell to an audience looking for Valentine gifts. The candles sold out after 7 hours of trading. Their Managing Director is Bram Goede



The Hockerill Branding Company sold T-shirts with bespoke pockets sewn on by a tailor. They too traded well and made a healthy profit. Their Managing Director is Carlo Avati.

Both teams were awarded the Customer Service Award at the end of the day. All profits from both teams will go to charity at the end of the Young Enterprise process.

The next stage of their journey is to enter the East Hertfordshire Young Enterprise Competition at County Hall on 17th March.

Equipe Prefects

We are delighted to announce the following students as Equipe Prefects

Brunel – Helena Rauxloh and Alex Waring

Da Vinci – Charlie Ridler and Rachel Ivey

Goethe – Katie Philpot and Marcus Deal

Pascal – Fernando Ageo Damas and Ellie Martin



Hockerill visits the Royal Courts of Justice

Francesca Bilocca - Budding law student

On Wednesday 28th of January I was fortunate enough to receive the opportunity to attend an educational Law Trip in London with 17 other aspiring law students from Year 12. The trip entailed visiting various interesting buildings and areas that are strongly associated with the world of law and extremely advantageous for an aspiring law student such as myself. During the day we were lucky enough to be accompanied by a Barrister, (and Hockerill Parent Governor) Patrick Lewis, who educated and advised us in great detail regarding the world of law, as well as guiding us for the day. On arrival, he greeted us and provided us with a descriptive introduction into law. He then showed us around the Royal Courts of Justice and the Inns of Court whilst explaining their history and allowing us to appreciate their importance. We spent the majority of our time in Middle Temple, one of the four main active Inns of Court, where we partook in an interactive lecture with the Head of Education of The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple, and gained insight into the key steps in becoming a Barrister. For lunch, we were invited into the Dining Hall of Middle Temple where we were able to enjoy a three-course meal with various Barrister's and Judges seated around us, whilst discovering interesting facts such as how it was crucial for an aspiring Barrister to dine here twelve times before gaining membership of the Inns of Court. Finally, after lunch we glimpsed inside the Temple Church and visited various court hearings in the Royal Courts of Justice where we could experience the conduct of real-life trials. Overall I found the day extremely beneficial and intriguing; I feel that this experience both increased my knowledge and interest in studying law at University, and has definitely left me better prepared and confident about pursuing a career as a Lawyer.

To Space and Beyond

Mr Roberts and Mr Pollard

February 11th saw the third IB Enrichment Day of the academic year and for many Year 7 and Year 9 students this was the one that they had been most looking forward to.

Mission X is an interdisciplinary exploration of the scientific and technological aspects of space travel. Students had the opportunity to get up close and personal with a real Mars Rover (see picture) and design, build and fire their own rockets.

The day was orchestrated by Hockerill's own space expert, Mr Vine, who was ably assisted by visitors from Airbus Defence and Space, the British Interplanetary Society and the UIC Space Agency.

Students were engaged throughout the day and many are hoping that they will get the opportunity to work in the ever-expanding Space Industry in the future.



Alice Somerville



Bridget the Mars Rover

MFL Debate Competition

On Thursday 15th January, Bexley Grammar School held the London and the South East MFL Debate competition. It was a fantastic opportunity for 8 schools to come together and discuss a controversial topic in a foreign language. This year, there were teams for 5 languages: French, German, Spanish, Italian and Japanese, all debating the legalisation of marijuana for 10 minutes with only a side of notes to fall back on. Teams were allowed to prepare arguments before the competition, but would not find out whether they were debating for or against until the

day – 5 minutes before their debate began to be exact!

Hockerill sent ten Sixth Form students to be involved in the competition and we won the German and Spanish debate and were highly commended in the Italian and Japanese.

The students involved were: Maria Muller - Spanish, Sonja Rijnen - Spanish, Charlotte Prowse - Spanish, Phoebe Evans - Italian, Patricia Metcalfe-Jones - Italian, Tom Evans - German, Taliesen Renouf - German, Anna Spivack - Japanese, Olivia McGran - Japanese and Ellen Brierley - Japanese.



Münster



Münster students returning to Germany after a successful work experience in Bishop's Stortford. During Lent half term 23 Hockerill students will travel to Münster for the return visit and their work experience there.

Santiago de Compostela



Spanish Exchange: Photo taken on top of the cathedral roof in Santiago de Compostela. Enjoying the views over the beautiful city

Once upon a time...

Last week saw three successful nights with collaborations between the Music, Drama and Dance departments. The theme of the show was fairy tales taken from the inspiration of the Grimm Brothers book of Fairy Tales. The show involved 115 students with noticeable performances from Solenne Boyce, Beatrice Braithwaite, Hallie Copping-Jones and Charlotte Mills. Well done to all the students involved.



Library News

Guinness World Record Attempt for National Libraries Day

On Friday 6th February, staff and students took part in a Guinness World Record Attempt. The event took place in the Chapel where we 'swapped' one hundred books. This will be added to the other schools in the UK taking part in the record on the same day. The whole event was organised to raise the profile of Libraries for National Libraries Day. The paperwork and evidence will have to be collated and verified before the record is announced.

Harry Potter

On Monday 2nd February we invited students to join our Books & Biscuits Club to celebrate all things Potter! This included a full size Platform 9¾ at the doorway, the Sorting Hat process to select Houses, magic potions, balloon owls, Bertie Bott's Beans, puzzles and other craft activities. Each House table had a selection of activities all of which earned them House Points. Half way through the Librarian, Julie Ballard and D of E helper, Esther Grunbaum put on a display of magic potions supplied by the Science department. We finished the event with a Harry Potter quiz and the overall winning House was Hufflepuff with 2390 points.



Dan North, William Wallace and Toluwani Osiyemi at the Book Swap



Beverley Naidoo Visit

To tie in with the Year 9 English curriculum which looks at Exploring Other Cultures through literature, the South African author Beverley Naidoo visited Hockerill on Monday 19th January. Her first three novels featured life in South Africa where she lived until her exile in 1965.

Her first book, Journey to Jo'burg was banned until 1991; the year after Nelson Mandela was released from jail. She talked about her love of stories and said 'they are windows to other worlds. A good story doesn't tell you what to think. But if it can hook you in, maybe you'll find yourself compelled to think, feel, imagine... and to begin a new journey of your own.'

Later that afternoon she joined our Books & Biscuits Club and Bronze Arts Award Group for an informal session in the Library.

Staff Football

Mr Clark

On Friday 23rd January Hockerill staff took on the staff from St Mary's Catholic School in Bishop's Stortford. With many years of experience behind them the Hockerill staff were quickly off the mark with the lively Coleman crossing for the evergreen Clark to drill the ball into the corner of the net. Hockerill were then gifted a penalty and without a member of our German department present it was left to the youthful Abraham to take the spot kick. Abraham's spot kick eventually reached the arms of the

opposition goalkeeper. St Mary's equalised soon after with a well taken free kick, but from the resulting kick off Coleman launched a long range effort from the half way line that sailed over the St Mary's keeper and into the net. St Mary's equalised just before half time with a breakaway goal. The second half was equally as dramatic, Hockerill were again awarded a penalty and this time Coleman stepped up to fire the penalty past the St Mary's keeper.

St Mary's came back into the game with a well-deserved third and the game was finally won by the Hockerill Captain – Soriano who fired in from 30 yards. With the terrier like Russell in midfield, alongside the disciplined McGrath and the wandering Loveday the match was always going to be entertaining. The cultured Markham at left back and the very solid Roberts at right back gave the side rigidity, seniority and experience. Mr Conolly made a brief appearance and Mr Jones also played.



A final scoreline of Hockerill 4 – St Mary's 3 was a fair reflection of the game and Hockerill now progress into the quarter final of the SAGA cup

College Sport

Mr Loveday & Miss Hyde



BMX Club



U14 Girls' Distinct Squad



Gabriel Evans with an assist for Benedict Miles who scored four goals (Year 9's)



Gymnastics Club

Hockey

The Under 12 Hockey girls have made a good start to playing hockey. We regularly get 28 – 30 year 7 girls attending training. They are rapidly learning and developing new skills including technical hockey skills and teamwork and, for some of them leadership skills. Thank you to Stephanie Parsons, Eva Radukic, Olivia Brookhouse and Francesca Pettengell who all give up their time and put a lot of effort in to assist in coaching the year 7s and thank you to Harry Croft and Niall Trimble who umpired some matches.

The U13 Hockey Team has gone from playing 7 a-side to 11 a-side and the students involved in this have undertaken this challenge with confidence and commitment. The girls have continued to develop skills and now apply these with confidence when playing against of schools of the same age. The team has competed against schools in both the Essex and Hertfordshire Cup.

The U14's have been entered into both the Essex Cup and Herts Cup and therefore have played several games this half term. They have recently played and beat Dame Alice Owen 4-0 and Swayne Park 3-0. There are more games to come after half term so keep up the good work.

Netball

Year 7 Netball club has always attracted large numbers and this season has been no different. Starting in September has helped the girls to learn and adapt to a new sport and we have found strong netball players already. The Essex Cup squad improved throughout their matches and finished on a high when they beat JFA 16-7. Netball club continues throughout the Lent term on a Wednesday with many more matches to play and hopefully more wins!

Netball continues to be popular amongst the Year 8 girls and during training we have been able to develop skills and apply these in to games.

Gymnastics

Gymnastics club has been running on Friday lunchtimes since the beginning of the academic year.

It is great to see such a diverse group of students attend week-in week-out and display the commitment and enjoyment every time. The students have been learning new skills and building their confidence across a range of floor, vault and even bench work!

Swimming

Swimming continues to be popular amongst students throughout the College. Tuesday morning sees students work on their individual technique and fitness whilst Friday afternoons is an opportunity for the swimming squad to train and for students to take part in swimming for fitness. We recently took 24 students to the District Swimming Competition where we competed against other schools in the area. Our students worked extremely hard and a special mention should go to Will Picton who flew through the water during his 50m Butterfly race. Well done to everybody who took part and everyone who continues to attend the Clubs.

Hockey

On the Boys' Hockey front we continue the excellent play in the Year 9 team winning both our Essex Cup fixtures 11-0 v Eastwood and 7 – 0 Jo Richardson Academy.



Synchronized Ice Skating Championships

Congratulations to Isabelle Tischler, Year 7, who is part of Team Aura, a synchronized ice skating team. The team were gold medal winners at the mixed age British Synchronized Ice Skating Championship and also competed in the Mozartcup in Salzburg in January. The team scored a personal best, coming 5th overall.





Ashley Ladbroke (Year 7)

The U16's team won 3 - 1 v Alec Hunter including a number of younger students.

We recently had 3 students represent the college at a Cross Country event at Verulamium Park, St. Albans. All our students completed in very competitive races with the results as follows:

Ashley Ladbroke (Year 7 Boys) 38th place

Hallie Copping - Jones (Year 7 Girls) 12th

Brett Rushman (Year 8 & 9 Boys) 12th

BMX Club

Mr Russell's BMX club is proving very popular with Students from Y7-10 on a Monday Lunchtime.

Senior Football

The Senior football teams have played every week since the beginning of the team with victories over Birchwood 2-0, The Bishop's Stortford High School 4-0, and a draw against Leventhorpe 2-2. The commitment of the senior boys yet again like the rugby season has been excellent and this is a perfect example of the service Hockerill students demonstrate for the College.

The Senior B team have played against The Bishops Stortford High School and narrowly lost 0 - 2. They however have beaten our own Senior C team twice during CAS lessons.

Senior Boys' Hockey

The Senior Boys' Hockey team have played twice this season in the EHA School's Cup. They met strong opposition on both occasions but should be commended for their effort and commitment



**England
Rugby**
London & South East U18

Brandon Bowden (Year 13) should be congratulated on his selection for the London and South East U18 rugby side who will play in the forthcoming regional tournaments. The England U18 team will be selected from this tournament. Our best wishes go with Brandon.

Brandon Bowden and Teddy King
representing Hertfordshire



Brandon in action for Bishop's Stortford RFC



Senior Boys Hockey



Senior A team



Senior B team

Boarding News

Boarders Go Crazy Golf Activity



On Sunday 18th January, the boarders took part in a very unique and original activity...Crazy golf...in our very own gym!

There were 9 holes in total all with varying levels of difficulty and obstacles and boarders had the opportunity to practice each hole before doing it seriously to achieve a final score for all 9 holes!

Hole 9 was rather difficult...particularly with the water but some boarders managed to overcome this with ease; while others struggled a little!

It was great to see the competitive spirit coming out in everyone and the boarding staff thoroughly enjoyed the activity just as much as the boarders; if not more!

A big well done to all the top scorers below:

Winchester: Tamara (19) and Renata Gonzalez (20)

Canterbury: Max Hopkins (an honorary Canterbury boarder for the day) (20) and Timi Adeyemo (23)

Durham: Marco Merienne (31)

Rochester: Rebecca Wye (31)

Roding: Mara (29)

Thames: Cosimo (16)

Staff: Mr George (22)

It really was an enjoyable afternoon and it was great to see all the boarders and staff getting stuck in!

Chocolate Studio visit

The boarders took part in a 'Chocolate workshop' which involved learning about chocolate, moulding chocolate in to various shapes, eating chocolate and eventually ending up with some lovely chocolates to either eat themselves or save for someone special! It was lovely to see the boarders work together to temper the chocolate and get it to 30 degrees where they could then pour the chocolate in to their moulds.

The boarders really enjoyed themselves particularly when they were able to try different types of chocolate; although I'm not so sure the chilli chocolate was a big hit!

A big thank you to Mrs Whiteley who allowed us to use her classroom which was an excellent space for the workshop.

Well done to all the boarders involved; and I look forward to hearing how much your parents enjoyed the chocolates you made for them.



Let the music play...

Mr Bond

The College is delighted to announce the following results in Music examinations this term.

Candidate	Subject	Grade	Mark
Chole Allan	Singing	04	131
Ella Bloomfield	Piano	01	133
Chiara Cuccu	Violin	08	130
Felicity Henry	Alto Sax	07	138
Katherine Lewington	Clarinet	07	133
Thomas Lewington	Tenor Sax	05	131
Nadia Nishizono- Miller	Organ	06	130
Sophie Porteous	Singing	03	135
Jade Rutter	Violin	07	132
Dominic Tatchell	Trumpet	02	132

These build upon some excellent Michaelmas term results.

Chiara Cuccu	Year 13	Grade 8 Violin with distinction
Felicity Henry	Year 8	Grade 7 Alto Sax with Distinction
Joe Hoult	Year 10	Grade 7 Piano with Distinction
Katherine Lewington	Year 9	Grade 7 Clarinet with Distinction
Jade Rutter	Year 9	Grade 7 Violin with Distinction