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Principal's Message

Richard Markham

In attempting to look back over the last term I am again reminded of how rich and varied the life of Hockerill is. It seems only yesterday that we returned from Easter and entered into that peculiar period of the life of any school which is the Summer term, dominated as it is by examinations and departures.

The pages that follow attempt to provide a summary of high points of the term. The task is next to impossible, and I hope that you can add your own high points to those selected by the Editor.

It was wonderful to see so many people at Speech Day last weekend, and I am glad that the sun shone so brightly on our end of year celebration. Thankfully we did not need to resort to the Duke of Wellington's standing order to his officers during the Peninsula Campaign that "umbrellas will not be opened in the presence of the enemy."

As the year draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff, students, parents and friends of the College for their unstinting support. The heart of the College lies in its emphasis upon community, and I am delighted to be able to report that this community remain in good heart. I wish you all a wonderful summer and hope that you will take the time to rest and reflect upon another successful year, ready to return refreshed in September. Good luck to all those who await public examinations results and to those staff, students and parents who leave Hockerill.

Year 10 Art



Students, London Street Art Tour Tuesday 16th June with Mrs Lumbers.

Goodbye Hockerill

Stewart Chalmers



On Tuesday I was travelling back from London with the Year 12 students who had been at the Royal Society's summer exhibition and I started to reminisce. During my eighteen years at Hockerill I have had the pleasure of both organising and taking students on many trips within the country. I have also been very fortunate to have accompanied students on many occasions to France, Romania and Rwanda. In every case the students have been a credit to the College and as I embark on the next stage in my life, I shall always look back on my time at Hockerill with fond memories.

NOTICES

Tuesday 1st / Wednesday 2nd September

Inset Days

Wednesday 2nd September

All new boarders arrive

Thursday 3rd September

Term commences for all new students and Year 12 students

Existing boarders arrive

Friday 4th September

Term commences for all other students

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Hockerill Parents and Friends Staff Bids

Hockerill Parents and Friends offer staff up to £2,000 of the money it has raised for the purchase of equipment, kit or resources to directly benefit the students' learning experience and keep Hockerill at the forefront of teaching resources and methodology.

Staff were asked to submit bids to HPF for small departmental projects and the following bids were successful:

Art

SLR (DSLR) Camera (£280)

Mathematics

6 x Hue HD USB classroom cameras to capture student work and projects onto a white board (£180)

Green Club

Water cooler (£800)

Thank you to all parents who attend events, support the College and help to raise important funds in this way.

Speech Day

'Instruction does much but encouragement everything'

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1768)

Speech Day once again provided a wonderful opportunity for the College to recognise and reward students for their achievements this year.

Under blue skies record numbers of awards were given and the audience were treated to the customary excellent musical performances.

Videos of the event are available on the College website at <http://www.hockerill.com/33/video-gallery/cat/9/speech-day-2015>



Hampers and Champers

Thank you to all the performers, parents, staff and friends of Hockerill who came along to Hampers and Champers last weekend. We are delighted to report that the raffle raised £2,700 to go towards a Grand Piano for the College and nearly £12,000 overall.





Canterbury Charity Bake Sale

Rael Taylor-Sezgin and Theo Clark (Year 8 Canterbury Boarders)

On Tuesday 5th May, Canterbury Boarding House had a charity bake sale in the House garden. It was an extremely successful afternoon due to the kindness of the Canterbury boys, parents and staff.

A lot of boys helped to prepare the event either by baking cakes, helping set up during the lunchtime on the day as well as getting in touch with the charities and finding things online that could be useful for the event.

The 2 charities that were chosen were Grove Cottage and Macmillan Cancer Support which are very close to some of the boys and their families. The bake sale went very well as some items sold out in minutes with additional sales being made by going round to the boarding houses and students walking around the College campus. There were also some fun events such as 'sponge a teacher' (Mr Coleman!), apple bobbing and knock the cans.

In total, we managed to raise a brilliant £436.06!

Thank you to everyone for their kind support in helping the Canterbury boys raise such a substantial amount of money. We are sure the money raised will be greatly received by the 2 charities.



Mind with Heart 'Connected with Myself'

Anne Rajakumar

On Thursday, May 7, nine Hockerill teachers and boarding staff joined nine participants from all over Europe, to spend three days training to implement the Mind with Heart 'Connected with Myself' programme. The 'Connected with Myself' programme is a complete social and emotional learning curriculum for secondary schools, through which students become familiar with tools for cultivating mindfulness and compassion. CONNECTED has been successfully piloted by trainers and educators with more than 500 young people aged 10 to 18 over three years. It is also enthusiastically received by teen psychologists.

With participants from Germany, Holland, Switzerland and France working together with Hockerill staff, the 3-day workshop was both inspiring; and a model of how educators from all over Europe can benefit from sharing their experience, passion and ideas in a supportive and stimulating environment.

This 3-day workshop complements the work that we have been doing this year at Hockerill in cooperation with Mind with Heart, to trial the practice of Mindfulness both as a starter in lessons, and an extra-curricular activity. It has been successfully piloted in 14 classes across the school, in subjects as diverse as Maths and Modern Foreign Languages. As part of our boarding provision, Hockerill has also begun introducing Mindfulness as a tool to help students cope with the particular stresses associated with life as a boarder in a highly competitive academic environment.



CCF

Nicola Ashlee-McCrae, Captain

On the 14th May we were delighted to welcome Air Cdre John Prescott OBE to the College to conduct our Biennial CCF Inspection. Despite the weather the cadets were outstanding and enjoyed demonstrating their knowledge and skills gained during their time in the CCF. In his inspection report Air Cdre Prescott stated that his "abiding memory is of the cadets' resilience, enthusiasm, cheerfulness and pride in their achievements in the face of adversity". Well done to all those involved.

The Annual CCF Dinner took place on 23rd June 2015. Once again the evening provided an excellent opportunity for senior cadets and CCF staff to enjoy a formal Regimental Dinner in the College Chapel. We were serenaded into the chapel by LCpl Nick Barra on the piano before enjoying a wonderful 3 course meal. As always at the end of the year we say goodbye to some cadets who are off to pastures new. This year saw goodbye to Sgt George Dennis and RSM Michael Prescott who have been with Hockerill College CCF since 2010. CSgt Laurence Duggan is also leaving us to pursue a career in the Royal Marines. We wish them all well in their adventures.

Sixth Form Induction Day at Go Ape

Steve Clark

On Thursday 25th June, we took 90 students (some current and some new) to High Lodge, Thetford Forest, for the Sixth Form Induction Day. Students and staff had a fantastic and exhausting day swinging through the trees at great heights, balancing across challenging high wires and leaping across expanses to grasp hold of safety netting.

Combat teams took part in Battlefield Live; authentic combat experience using gaming guns. This was a hugely popular activity and a rematch may need to be arranged following the huge success and competitiveness of staff and students alike!

Several students had the opportunity to go mountain biking through the forest, whilst others took a slightly less active option to Segway through the trees.

We all enjoyed a delicious BBQ, thank you to the excellent chefs!

It was a brilliant day where students and staff had the opportunity to get to know one another and form new friendships in a relaxed but adventurous way; it was great to see so many overcome the challenging activities with such spirit and camaraderie.



Sports News



U14's Team, winners of the Essex Plate Competition 2014-2015.



Gabriel Evans, the winning Captain in the 7-0 victory over Becket Keys.



Martha Hoults, Yr 9, has been nominated for the East Region Performance Centre (JRPC) by Herts Hockey.

Sports Day 2015

Rhys Loveday

Despite the disruptive weather in the morning the Hockerill Sports Day yet again proved to be a huge success with many school records being broken yet again. Notable performance from Ashley Ladbrooke and Hallie Copping-Jones in Year 7 in the 1500/800 saw the pair also win the more recent District competition also.

Well done also to an outstanding Year 10 performance by Ben Pollard in the 100m and Long Jump and brilliant relay races by all equipes.

Congratulations to Geothe the overall winners by just 10 points!! Who knows who may win next year!



Staff Cricket



Hockerill Golf

Pete Hopkins

This year we have actually had a pretty good year for golf in the Hertfordshire Schools Golf events. We were the leading school from Bishop's Stortford at the Team Championships, a competition played during our Easter holidays, which is particularly good as Birchwood had won the overall prize for the last 2 years.

Jon Hopkins (Year 11) is in the Herts U16 Playing Squad. He has a handicap of 4 and played in both the Herts Schools Team Championship and the Herts Schools Golf Rose Bowl Scratch Championship. In the Team event he shot a 3 over par round at Redbourn Golf Club (73) for the 6th best stableford score of the day (39 points). In the Rose Bowl he shot 6 over par, 78, to finish joint 8th overall and the 4th best u16. He has also been selected to play for the Men's Scratch Team at Bishop's Stortford Golf Club this year.

Max Hopkins (Year 7) is in the Herts U14 Team and has already played in 2 matches this year, winning all of his games. I have included a photo from his match at Harewood Downs Golf Club where he played in a triangular match Vs BBO and Bedfordshire winning both of his singles matches 3&1 and 5&4 respectively. He played in both of the same Hertfordshire Schools events as Jon and in the team event he scored 32 points at Redbourn. In the Rose Bowl he also shot a 78, joint 8th, and he was 1 of only 4 players to shoot under his handicap, winning a prize in the process. He was the top u14 player and beat many county u18 and u16 players. As a result of this his handicap has now been cut to 6 – very impressive for someone in Year 7 aged only 12!

Rory Sale (Year 11) played in both the Team event and the Herts Schools Mid Handicap Championships at Chesfield Downs Golf Club. He didn't have the best of days in either comp but willingly gave up 2 days of the Easter Holidays to play and has contributed fully to our successful season!



The Somme Battlefields Visit

Marina Fraser

During Enrichment week, Year 9 visited the Somme battlefields. We had a great day exploring sites of the battle : the Ulster tower, Sunken Lane, Lochnager crater and Delville Wood. We also had the opportunity to visit the new international memorial at Notre Dame de Lorette.



Lessons from Auschwitz – our experience

Francesca Bilocca and William Hart



We were privileged to be selected as Hockerill's student ambassadors to the national "Lessons from Auschwitz" programme, which aims to educate young people about the Holocaust and supports them in informing others about this human catastrophe. This programme included a one day visit to the Auschwitz concentration camps in Poland, in which we recently took part.

We both agreed that the visit was deeply impactful and emotional. The experience successfully re-humanised both the victims and perpetrators of the Holocaust, reminding us of what people can do to one another

when they forget to respect all members of society. We do not believe that our descriptions will ever do justice to the immense sadness, pain and suffering felt by those who were victims of this tragedy. It is something simply indescribable. However we look forward to engaging with our fellow students over the coming months and using our experience to help others better understand this atrocity, as well as considering how we can use our understanding to help build a safer and more accepting future society.

Young Chef Competition

Fay Whiteley

The team came 2nd overall and I've included a picture of their menu too. Fern Lawrence impressed the judges greatly with her skill and won 'Best Individual Chef' out of 42 students taking part. She received her silver plate and prizes from David Green who is the local Bishops Stortford Rotary Club Chairman. Fern will now go on to compete in the District final which will be in Chelmsford early next year.



Mock Election

Marina Fraser

Alongside the rest of the country, Hockerill too went to the polls on May 7th.

The following votes were cast:

Fernando Ageo- Green Party- 121 votes
Conrad Leaton Grey- Labour Party- 78 votes
Beth Maher- Liberal Democrat- 67 votes
Ross McGarry- Conservative party- 119 votes
Ryan Oliver- UKIP- 88 votes

I hereby declare that Fernando Ageo, Green party is duly elected.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the candidates and their teams for the superb work.

England Hockey Association

Students from Hockerill were invited to carry flags for the International teams at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in June.



Ball patrollers group

Language Faculty News

The Summer Term has seen the usual abundance of Languages trips for Year 7 and 8 students. Here is just a taste of the fun they have had learning while taking Europe by storm!



Year 7 at Mont St Michel in May



Enjoying the Berlin sunshine in June



Harry Croft work experience in February



Heimatmuseum Muenster in June

A Six Week Immersion Experience In Spain

Dr Millan

For the first time at Hockerill, three Year 9 girls (Ellie Bennett, Faye Crawford and Missey Stephens) have taken part in a six week exchange with our partner school in Spain (IES Rosalía de Castro in Santiago de Compostela, from 23 May – 4 July).

The girls have been living totally immersed in Spanish culture. They have attended lessons following a normal timetable and have stayed with Spanish host families. This unique experience will have an obvious impact on the students' development of their Spanish language skills but we are also certain that it will be hugely beneficial to their overall personal and academic development.

We are looking forward to hearing about their experiences and to welcoming their exchange partners here at Hockerill in September.



Climbing frame Muenster June

Year 11 Leavers' Prom

The prom was based around the theme The Mad Hatters Tea Party from the Alice in Wonderland novel. Miss Swann and Mrs Lumbers designed the prom and was supported by the rest of the Year 11 form tutors and Heads of Year. This was a break from tradition as it was an outdoor event, in the summer house garden. A mad time was had by all!



Year 13 Leavers' Ball

The graduands from Year 13 and many staff enjoyed an elegant evening with a leavers' ball held at the picturesque Parklands, Quendon Hall.



Summer 2015 Final Assembly

The Final Assembly held on Friday 3rd July provided another opportunity to reflect on a busy term and year, recognise students' achievements and give an opportunity to wish those students and staff who are leaving our best wishes for the future.

