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> HOCKERILL NEWS



The end of the calendar year will bring a few changes to the staff at the College. We will be saying goodbye to: Mrs Maria Green, who is retiring; Mrs Federica Matafara (Boarding House Tutor) who is returning to her home in Italy; Mrs Christine Higgs; Mr Richard Poles (Maths teacher) who is moving to a new post at The International School of Florence; and Mr Rhys Jones (Assistant Principal) who is taking up a new post as Headteacher of Avanti Grange Secondary School in Bishop's Stortford. We wish them every success and thank them for their excellent service to the Hockerill community.

In January we will be welcoming a number of new staff. Mr Eric Charpentier, will be joining the French Department; Mr Jamie Millard will be working in PE; Mrs Tanya Panayiotou will become our SENDCo; Ms Grace Sullivan will be our Pastoral Support Officer; and Mr Graham Samuels will be Assistant Principal. We are excited to welcome them to Hockerill and look forward to you having the opportunity to meet them.

David Woods
Principal



Christmas Shows – Important Preventative Measures

If your child is a performer at the Christmas Show, please ensure that they take a lateral flow test before the Saturday morning rehearsals.

If you are attending one of the Christmas Shows, please be aware of the following measures in place:

- All attendees are required to take a lateral flow test
- Masks should be worn throughout the performance
- Refreshments will not be available at any performance
- Doors and windows in St Albans Hall will be open to aid ventilation. Please wrap up warm.

Please be aware these shows are subject to cancellation at short notice. If you require a refund this can be arranged via Reception (please retain your ticket for this purpose). **However, if you would be willing to forego this refund we would be very grateful, as the Music Department have already incurred costs for the show that cannot be recovered.**

Testing for Students on Thursday 6th January 2022

The start of term will be a phased return to enable all students to complete a Lateral Flow Device Test on site – this is a Government requirement for all schools returning after the Christmas Holidays. Further details will be sent shortly.

Christmas Jumper Day – Monday 13th December

On Monday 13th December we invite students to wear their Christmas Jumper to College for the very small charitable donation of £2.

As usual students and staff were given the opportunity to nominate a charity in which they have a particular personal interest or attachment to receive this money. We always divide the collection equally by four. This year we are pleased to support the Bishops Stortford Food Bank, The RNLI, Dementia UK and The Essex and Herts Air Ambulance. Please find links to these charities below:

<https://www.bishopsstortfordfoodbank.com/>
<https://rnli.org/>
<https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/>
<https://www.ehaat.org/>

Students may wear their jumper, in addition to, or instead of their blazer. All other uniform rules remain unchanged. All donations of at least £2 must be made by parents using WisePay before the date of the event. It is always very disappointing if a student chooses to wear a Christmas Jumper and participate in this annual event without first asking their parent to make the charitable donation on their behalf via WisePay.

In addition, on Monday 13th December we will serve our annual College Christmas lunch, and the Christmas jumpers always make a festive addition to this eagerly anticipated whole College event.



> BOARDING NEWS

Please see [this letter here](#) for parents of International Boarders which outlines arrangements for the end of this term and the start of next term.

Mr W Conolly
Director of Boarding

> YEAR 11

Year 11 students are currently discussing their plans for Sixth Form with various members of staff. Please be reminded that they need to apply for Sixth Form online and details can be found via [this link](#).

The closing date for applications is 15th December.

> ECO CLUB NEWS



With the help from Holroyd Howe our wonderful catering company, the Eco club were able to run competition between the equipes to highlight the food waste problem in the College. For breakfast, lunch and supper students and staff were asked to place their tray in the appropriate equipe area. The refectory staff then weighed each individual equipes food waste. The initiative was supported by the Heads of Equipe encouraging the students to be mindful of how much food they take in the servery – competition was fierce!

The winners received 500 valuable equipe points, yet this was not the main objective, the aim was to encourage an overall reduction in food waste and we succeeded in this. The week before an information presentation was provided by Zoe and Yvette in Year 12 highlighting the problem of food waste and how the competition would work on the day. The results are as follows:

	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Total kg
Turing	3.0	8.9	5	16.9
Mandela	5.7	7.7	4.5	17.9
Seacole	5.6	10.5	5.7	21.8
Bader Ginsburg	6.2	12.6	10.8	29.6



Sadly this still represents 86.2 kg of food wasted in one day which is still unacceptable. A positive point is that the daily total was 20% lower than normal.

Thank you to all the staff at Holroyd Howe and the Eco Club and Equipe teams who helped made this a success.

We will be back in the New year with more initiatives to help our local and global environment.

The Eco Club team.

> CCF NEWS

This term has proved to be another highly successful one for Hockerill College CCF. The contingent now has regularly 60-70 cadets parading on at Tuesday evening. We have been able to conduct both Army and RAF training for the first time since before COVID. This has been down to the support of our new staff and the support from our regular counter parts from the Military both Army and RAF. The cadets have worked extremely hard during this period focusing on various activities including basic foot drill for Remembrance Day. Hockerill CCF continued its tradition of supporting the local Remembrance parade in Bishops Stortford with thirty cadets taking part in the parade. The Cadets were a credit to the College with their dress and bearing immaculate. The cadets have also had the opportunity to refresh their weapon handling skills using the SA80 DP Rifle, enhancing their skills for future opportunities.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank all our Cadets and families and wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.



> LIBRARY NEWS

Books & Biscuits Refugee Project

This week, students in Books & Biscuits were privileged to receive an online presentation from Awmaima Amrayaf. She spoke to them about what it means to be a refugee and how the experiences and challenges faced by refugees can differ. Awmaima was forced to flee Libya herself and now works for DLA Piper, a global law firm, where she works on projects supporting refugees to understand their legal rights. She kindly shared her personal story, along with some thought-provoking statistics from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, followed by a Q&A session.

Year 9 student, Elexcia, wrote: On Monday the 6th of December, Books & Biscuits had the amazing opportunity to speak with a refugee. While learning about what it is like to be a refugee, we were given the opportunity to ask some questions of our own that we had previously thought of. Learning about what being a refugee is like was such an amazing and interesting experience and it has helped many of us open our eyes to what's going on in the real world.

Year 7 student, Ava M added: I really enjoyed the visitor speaking to us in the library because I found it very interesting and it made me put a new perspective on refugees and their different journeys.

The students had prepared some excellent questions and our speaker was very impressed with the way they presented themselves. Books & Biscuits Club has also been holding a charity book sale and raffle in the Library, all week, and the students are looking forward to donating the proceeds of these to <https://chooselove.org/> and <https://www.walkwithamal.org/> once the total is finalised.

> WE ARE RECRUITING

We are currently looking to appoint Boarding House Tutors to work in several of our boarding houses:

[Vacancies - Hockerill Anglo-European College](#)

We will also shortly be advertising for two Deputy Head posts in Winchester Boarding House. One role will be a residential and the other non-residential. Please keep an eye on our website over the Christmas break for further details.