

THE HOCKERILL HUB

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HOCKERILL ANGLO-EUROPEAN COLLEGE 15 DECEMBER 2021

HOCKERILL NEWS



The end of term brings a close to 2021 and a year of uncertainty and challenge. Hockerill has navigated the new normal very effectively and whatever 2022 brings we are ready for it and will continue to support your children on their school journey. As things stand January will be a return to College and face-to-face learning - but we said that last year too and things did not turn out that way. If we do move to virtual learning, then rest assured our past experience will put us in a strong position to maintain learning as normal. If we are in College then we will continue with the Covid protection measures that have served us so well for most of the year. Whatever is required we will be ready but please keep an eye on your email during the break as we will be updating you as and when we know what we are planning for.

Thank you for all your support and encouragement through this year. Knowing that we have your support is greatly appreciated and helps us to focus on the task at hand. We wish you an excellent holiday season and look forward to welcoming everyone back in 2022.

David Woods

Principal

Testing and Phased Return for Students on Thursday 6th January

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.

Students will need to come to College at the time shown below. They must not arrive outside of this time. If for any reason they cannot make this time, parents need to contact the College and an alternative slot may be arranged for them. Students cannot arrive with a sibling from a different Year group.

All testing will take place in the Refectory – students must report directly to the Refectory, accessing it from the Cedar Lawn. Registration will also take place in the Refectory.

Regardless of this test all students should complete a test at home on the evening of **Wednesday 5th January**.

Students will be issued with testing kits at school and therefore do not need to bring their own kit in.

If a student receives a positive test result a member of staff will escort them to the Health Centre. Parents will be contacted and will have to take them home to begin isolation in line with the latest government guidance.

Residential boarders must test prior to arriving back in to Boarding. Residential boarders will stay in the House whilst they are awaiting to be tested with their year group, at the time allocated below. This will mean that Residential boarders will test twice in a short period of time, once prior to arriving back in boarding and the second time with the rest of their year group. There are separate arrangements for International boarders which Mr Conolly has sent to parents.

Flexi boarders should arrive at College and test in line with the rest of their year group (outlined below). Should this be problematic, please contact your child's Head of House directly.

Details of the time in which students must come to College, to be tested, can be seen in the table below:

Year Group	Arrival & Test Time	Time of Dismissal to Lessons	Additional Information
11	08:45	09:15	Students will be dismissed and report directly to their exam location after receiving their test result. Students who take their exams in the Chapel will be dismissed first.
7	09:30	09:55	Students to be supervised by their Period 1 teachers. Students dismissed to Period 1, under the supervision of their class teacher, after receiving their test result.
8	10:00	10:25	Students to be supervised by their Period 1 teachers from 10:00 – 10:15, then their Period 2 teachers until their return to lessons. Students dismissed to Period 2, under the supervision of their class teacher, after receiving their test result.
9	10:30	10:55	Students to be supervised by their Period 2 teachers. Students dismissed to Period 2, under the supervision of their class teacher, after receiving their test result.
10	11:00	11:25	Students to be supervised by their Period 2 teachers from 11:00 – 11:20. Students dismissed to morning break after receiving their test result.
12	11:30	11:55	Students to be supervised by their Period 3 teachers from 11:40 Students dismissed to Period 3, under the supervision of their class teacher, after receiving their test result.
13	12:00	12:25	Students to be supervised by their Period 3 teachers from 12:00 – 12:40 Students to go directly to lunch after receiving their test result. Period 3 teachers to supervise lunch from 12:25 – 12:40.

Every student will need to show their negative test result to a member of staff before being dismissed.



Clubs Programme

Please follow [this link](#) to the Clubs Programme for the Lent Term.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Monday 13th December staff and students wore their Christmas Jumpers to College. **£1662.20** was raised for various charities.



EQUIPE NEWS

It has now been a Term since we renamed the Equipes and saw some major changes in how the Equipes are organised. Our Heads and Deputy Heads of Equipe are now very well settled into their roles and have each delivered two excellent assemblies, an undertaking not to be sniffed at and one that can even make teachers nervous. They are looking forward to their last half term before they step down to focus on their examinations and we appoint new Heads from the Year 12s. This half term's highlights were the very successful Mandela Celebration and the Food Waste competition, which saw Turing move above Bader Ginsburg again in the Vine Cup standings. There are vast numbers of points still to earn this year, however the current standings, which were announced to students this morning, are:

- 1st Mandela 2922
- 2nd Seacole 2615.5
- 3rd Turing 2490
- 4th Bader Ginsburg 2224

Mr G Dinwiddy

Head of Equipes

CANTERBURY HOUSE NEWS

Having borrowed the Library's excellent copy of the Discworld boardgame Anhk-Morpork, some of the Canterbury boys played a few rounds of it over this weekend. Whilst it takes a while to get the hang of it, I played the role of a "Dungeon Master" to help them get the hang of it whilst they moved their minis into the dark underside of the Disc's largest and most dangerous city, vying for power, money, and control. Kamal Ogunlola won the first game, despite the others ganging up on him quite often! Kamal said "don't give up, even when you're being bullied (in the game!). I really enjoyed the game and would play it again."

We finished Saturday night with an early set of Christmas presents for the House: some computer games and a Nintendo Wii. Sunday saw the boys having a wonderful time bowling and playing tennis in the Common Room - and burning off a few snack-related calories at the same time!

Mr G Dinwiddy

Deputy Head of House

MUSIC NEWS

Lent term instrumental, vocal and theory lessons will start the week commencing 10th January.

Timetables will be available to view on Teams by Friday 7th January. Please ensure your child checks both the time and day of their lesson.

Thank you to all who attended the Carol Service and Christmas Concerts. It was fantastic for the students to be able to perform in front of a live audience. Thank you also for your kind donations.

Wishing you a very happy Christmas and New Year from the Music Department.

WE ARE RECRUITING

We are currently looking to appoint looking to appoint three Deputy Heads of House, two of whom will live on site and one who will be in a non-resident post.

Details of the posts available are as follows:

- Deputy Head of Winchester House, Girls Years 7-10
- Deputy Head of Roding House, Girls Years 11-13
- Acting Deputy Head of Winchester House (Non-Resident), Girls Years 7-10

For further information, please visit our website- [Vacancies - Hockerill Anglo-European College](#)

CAREERS NEWS

Webinar this evening, Wednesday 15th December 19.30

Apologies for short notice but this came through too late for last week's Hub but Into Games and Creative Assembly are running a session for parents to inform them about what career paths are in the games industry, what their child's journey into their first games role could look like, and an introduction to some free resources to get them started. It will help you to:

- Understand how to lead children to healthy gaming, as well as discover what games are helping children to unleash their creativity and build their own virtual experiences
- Find out the truth behind some common games industry myths
- Learn about what resources are available to help kick-start your child's journey into making games.

To Join [click this link](#):

CLUB NEWS

The Greek club of this year was a place where we could all share our cultural backgrounds, learn about Greek culture and language, and talk about places to visit in Greece shared by Mrs. Piperaki. We ate delicious Greek desserts such as Bougatsa and Greek biscuits. The Greeks can really make delicious desserts! We really enjoyed every second of this club.

Talitha Van Beek Year 12

