

HOCKERILL NEWS



The Spring Term has begun with yet another variation on the back-to-school routine. This time we began with a staggered start and all students asked to complete a lateral flow test (LFD). 99% did so and helped to keep our community safe. We actually identified very few positive cases, but we suspect that this was because students completed LFD tests at home the night before returning to College and so positive cases were picked up then rather than at school. Thank you to everyone for supporting us with enacting the governments recommendations. The wearing of face coverings has also been observed by all students other than those who have exemptions. To help us if your child is exempt, it would be useful if they could have one of the lanyards that are worn by face covering exempt people in society in general.

Beyond the Covid related actions the start of term has gone very smoothly and learning is up and running as we would have hoped. Please do let us know if your child is having any difficulties or changed circumstances that we should be aware of.

David Woods
Principal



IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 19th

January

Year 11 Parent Teacher Consultation Evening (further details below)

Wednesday 26th

January

Boarding Parents' Online Boarding Forum

Friday 11th February

Half term holiday commences (students depart at 1205)

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Election of Parent Governors

At the end of last term we held an election for two new Parent Governors. We are pleased to share with you the outcome of the election and Anna Gray and Erika Payne have been elected. Copies of the statements they used for the election can be [found here](#).

12-15 COVID-19 vaccination programme

We have been informed that the School Immunisation Team will visit Hockerill on **Wednesday 2nd March** to deliver the second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine for students aged 12 to 15 years old. However, you can book an appointment for your child at a vaccination centre before this date. Appointments are available online at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/> or by calling 119.

There are also a wide range of walk-in options at vaccination sites across the region for adults and some specific clinics for young people. Please check which sites are running clinics for young people on the website before you book. You can find times and addresses at: <https://covid.healthierfuture.org.uk/events/vaccination-walk-in-clinic-times>

Young people, parents and carers can find more information about COVID-19 vaccinations at: <https://covid.healthierfuture.org.uk/vaccine-information-for-young-people>

The local Covid vaccination hub (**Bishop's Stortford Football Club, CM23 5RG**) is running a drop-in clinic this **Sunday 9th January** between **0830 – 1230hrs and 1300 – 1700hrs**, no appointment necessary. Anyone aged over 16 who is eligible for a 1st, 2nd or booster vaccine can attend.

Please note:

- For those aged 16-17 years, there is a requirement for a minimum interval of 12 weeks between the first and second doses.
- Over 18s can get a booster dose if a 2nd dose of the COVID-19 vaccine was given at least 3 months ago.
- After a positive Covid test, adults must wait a minimum of 28 days and children a minimum of 12 weeks before having a vaccination.

Talking to your child about online sexual harassment: A guide for parents

The Children's Commissioner has put together a useful guide for parents on this matter. [This guidance](#) is based on the voices of young people giving adults their tips on how to tackle this subject.

Behaviour at Hockerill – Parent Suggestions Welcomed

We are in the process of updating our behaviour policy and would welcome any suggestions for improvement. Please complete [the form](#) before Tuesday 11th January.

Clubs Programme

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

Music Lessons

A reminder that the Lent term instrumental, vocal and theory lessons will start next week (w/c 10th January). Timetables are available to view on Teams. Please ensure your child checks both the time and day of their lesson.

Lost Property

We have an abundance of unnamed Lost Property in Reception (e.g. coats, water bottles, pencil cases and jewellery). Students may visit Reception at Break or Lunch times to look for their items. If they have lost glasses, a watch or any jewellery they will be asked to describe it and we will check what we have. Any unnamed lost property in Reception that is not claimed by 31st January will be donated to a local charity shop.

PE kit is kept in the PE Office and students are able to visit at Break or Lunch times to search for any lost kit.

YEAR 11

The Year 11 Parent Teacher Consultation evening will take place on Wednesday 19th January. Please find details [here](#) which includes a guide to appointment booking. Please note that the system to book appointments closes on Friday 14th January. Following the consultation evening if parents would like to speak to a careers advisor from Hertfordshire Services for Young People we would be happy to arrange that, please contact Mrs Winship in the Careers Office via winshipa@hockerill.com

SIXTH FORM

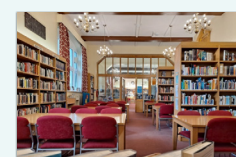
UCAS Application Deadline – Wednesday 26th January

The deadline for applying to UK universities through UCAS is Wednesday 26th January and we still have students working on their applications. If your son or daughter is yet to "pay & send" their form to be checked and have references and predicted grades added, can you please encourage them to get that done this weekend to give us time to make sure everything correct before submitting.

Congratulations to Patrick Feerick who is the first student this year to receive offers from all 5 of his choices and to Zach Ingham who is the first student to accept offers from his top 2 choices.

LIBRARY NEWS

- All students and staff have a College Library account.
- Both the Library and Study Room house a wide variety of resources for a diverse readership, including: fiction and non-fiction books; foreign literature; study guides; careers and reference books, as well as a range of newspapers, magazines and subject-linked journals.
- The OPAC can be used to search for resources by Title, Author, Subject, Genre or List. Lists include: book award shortlists, BAME and Shelf Help. The OPAC search facility is also available as a remote app.
- The Study Room offers a peaceful and well-stocked work environment for Sixth Form study.
- The Librarian can advise students on the use of JSTOR to assist research for IB Extended Essays and IAs. JSTOR is a digital library of academic journals, books and primary sources.
- There are two book clubs hosted by the Library, a monthly club for parents and a weekly club – Books & Biscuits – for students. Student book club activities include: working on international projects with partner schools abroad; reading for pleasure; exploring real world issues; film trailer making and shadowing book awards.
- The Library works to support other departments with extension events for students, such as CAS presentations and external speakers.
- Suggestions for new resources are most welcome, from staff and students, and the Library will do its best to accommodate these.



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