

GENERAL NEWS

Ukraine

We are delighted that so many students across the community have supported the collection for Ukrainian refugees. A number of boxes have been filled with essentials and with some touching treats too. We are very proud of all our students and staff have done thus far. Thank you to Mrs Hernik for organising the collection and drop off.

A financial donation to one of the organisations below will have an immediate impact and help fund what is most needed on the ground:

- [The British Red Cross](#) has launched an appeal to help the Ukrainian Red Cross to provide food, medicine, clothing and shelter, as well as first aid training in bomb shelters.
- [The UNHCR](#) refugee agency is funding emergency shelters, repairs for homes damaged by shelling, emergency cash assistance, psychological support and warm clothing.
- [UNICEF](#) is helping to ensure families have clean water and food and that child health and protection services continue.
- [The Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain](#) is fundraising for medicine, food and other essentials.
- [Save the Children](#) is providing cash assistance, food and other support to refugees crossing into Romanian and Lithuania, as well as in Ukraine itself.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 8th March
Year 12 Student Parent Teacher evening

Tuesday 15th March
Year 9 Student Parent Teacher evening

Wednesday 16th March
Boarding Parent Forum
(further details below)

Contact us:
General communications to:
admin@hockerill.com

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How to talk to your teenager about the invasion of Ukraine

Find tips from a clinical psychologist on how you can talk to your teen about war and help them to manage any anxieties they might have in this [BBC Bitesize article](#)

HOCKERILL NEWS

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education

As part of your child's education at Hockerill we promote personal wellbeing and development through a broad Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education programme. PSHE education is the curriculum subject that gives children the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential.

In September 2020 new Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) statutory requirements came into effect and the entire PSHE programme was re-launched to our students. Full curriculum information can be viewed on our website [by clicking here](#)

PSHE is taught twice a cycle to all students in Years 7-11.

All students receive lessons which include the following themes:

- Relationships and Sex Education (including relationships and sexual health)
- British values (including an understanding of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs) whilst maintaining a global understanding
- Health and wellbeing (including mental health and personal safety)
- Living in the wider world (including careers, personal finance, study skills and character and values education)

RSE is about the emotional, social and cultural development of young people, and involves learning about relationships, sexual health, sexuality, healthy lifestyles, diversity and personal identity. RSE focuses on giving young people the information they need to help them develop healthy, nurturing relationships of all kinds including:

- Families
- Respectful relationships, including friendships
- Online and media
- Being safe
- Intimate and sexual relationships, including sexual health

Our curriculum has been written in collaboration with student and staff focus groups, student surveys, parental feedback and statistical analysis of local issues in Bishops Stortford. Our own student-led club Spectrum was also instrumental in the preparation of some of the RSE lessons, contributing specifically to content which covers equality, diversity and inclusion. We have worked closely with the PSHE Association and the Sex Education Forum, to ensure we cover a broad range of topics, that are essential to the development of our students. We provide a safe learning environment where students are able to ask questions and learn without fear of negative feedback from peers.

In addition to the PSHE curriculum, students will have the opportunity to listen to guest speakers who are invited in to present. This year's topics include drug and substance misuse and abuse, mental health and resilience and diversity and inclusion.

Parents have the right to request that their child be withdrawn from some or all of RSE curriculum. Parents can request this up to and until three terms before their child turns 16. After this point we must be guided by the student's wishes. Requests for withdrawal should be put in writing to the Principal.

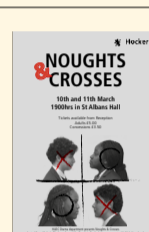
Further information regarding opting out can be found in our Health Educations and RSE policy [found on our website](#)

Alasdair Mackenzie (Vice Principal) & Sauda Dambatta (Acting Head of PSHE)

Tickets on sale!

Tickets for Noughts and Crosses are now on sale, £5.00 for adults, £3.50 for concessions (incl. students, children, seniors). Tickets can be purchased in cash from Reception at break/lunchtime or alternatively online via WisePay. We recommend that audience members are 10+ in age due to some adult themes, but this is at parents' discretion.

The students are working incredibly hard to prepare the show for you, so we hope you will come and support them on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th March at 7pm in St Albans Hall.



Holi Games – Saturday 26th March

Hello students! Young Enterprise presents **The Holi Games**, a fun collection of games such as 'Bulldog', 'Stuck in the Mud' and 'Cross the River'. We will also be throwing Holi paint, so you will be able to change from your College uniform in the field changing rooms.

Tickets can be purchased for £3.50. This price will include 200 grams of Holi powder, but we will be selling extra powder on the day. Tickets will be sold from the 21st March at breaktimes, outside the Drama Studio (old Sixth Form Centre).

All money raised will go to the [Stonewall charity](#), which supports LGBT+ people.

The games will commence at 12.45 and will be held on the field next to the all-weather pitch.

Can't wait to see you there!

Young Enterprise



Thank you!

Thank you so much for bringing and buying bakes to the Valentine's Day Bake Sale in February. You are really making the difference in people's lives! The Bader Ginsburg equipe brought the most bakes and Clover van Baal (Year 7) won the prize for the best bake. Congratulations! We raised £371.50 that is going to be donated to the Saint Demetrios Church Food Bank in Edmonton, London.

Equipe places:

1st Bader Ginsburg

2nd Mandela

3rd Seacole & Turing

We appreciate all the efforts that students and teachers made to make this bake sale a success.

Talitha van Beek

Year 12



BOARDING NEWS

Boarding Parent Forum – Wednesday 16th March 19:00

A reminder that there is an online Boarding Parent Forum meeting scheduled for Wednesday 16th March at 1900hrs. I would be grateful if questions could be submitted prior to the event via the [link here](#). The deadline for questions is Wednesday 9th March 1700hrs, the questions submitted will define the agenda items.

Information on how to join the meeting and the agenda will be sent to parents via email on Tuesday prior to the meeting.

YEAR 12

Head of Year 12 Presentation -Tuesday 8th March

On the evening of the Student Parent Teacher consultations, Mr Kaufman, Head of Year 12, will give a short recap of the year so far and outline upcoming events. Please [register here](#) if you would like to attend.

YEAR 13

Graduation Ceremony

A graduation ceremony for Year 13 students will take place on Saturday 23rd April. Each student may bring up to **two guests**. Due to extremely limited space, we are unable to offer any more than 2 tickets per family. To ensure we have accurate numbers, please complete the form enclosed in [this letter](#) by 5pm on Sunday 20th March.

IBDP Examinations

Please find a useful Information booklet for parents and students [here](#).

MUSIC NEWS

Virtual Soloists Concert - Monday 7th March, 1900hrs

Please find a link below for this term's live-streamed Virtual Soloists Concert, showcasing a variety of student solo performances from all year groups.

[Virtual Soloists Concert link](#)

CAREERS NEWS

National Careers Week 7th-11th March

Next week is National Careers Week (NCW) and assemblies and form time activities will have a careers focus for the week.

There is a huge range of resources and events online during the week that students and parents might want to take advantage of and there will be links posted in Year group teams to inform students. All students have an account with Unifrog, who are running a Next Steps fair on Tuesday, and all students will be sent a link to register today.

Similarly **UCAS** are running a number of events during the week, details can be [found here](#):

National Careers Week 2022 | Exhibition | UCAS

Monday – UCAS/Discovery online: Just like a careers fair, this is your chance to meet and speak to universities and apprenticeship providers about the opportunities open to you. Ask questions. Join in live workshops. Get real advice from the experts. Open 10:00 – 18:00 – it's free to join, you just need to sign up for your [place here](#).

Specifically for parents **Google** are running an insight webinar which if your student is interested in tech should be of interest:

[Click here](#)

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Spotlight on Green Jobs - WorldSkills UK

Our Spotlight on Green Jobs is bringing together the UK's leading employers and apprentices to inspire young people from all walks of life to consider the vocational pathways which will lead them to green careers.

www.worldskillsuk.org

Google Apprenticeships Parents' Insight Webinar Tickets, Wed, Mar 9, 2022 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite

Eventbrite - Success at School presents Google Apprenticeships Parents' Insight Webinar - Wednesday, March 9, 2022 - Find event and ticket information.

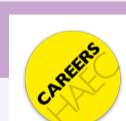
www.eventbrite.co.uk

NCW are also working in partnership with the High Performance Podcast and if you haven't come across that before it is definitely worth a look: <https://www.thehighperformancepodcast.com/>

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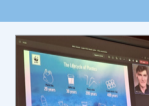
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LIBRARY NEWS

Online Author Event

On Wednesday 2nd March, author Mitch Johnson, winner of the 2018 Branford Boase Award, spoke to Year 7 students as part of the ongoing Juniper Book Awards shadowing. Mitch discussed his shortlisted book, 'Pop!' This is an exciting adventure story which integrates the topics of marine plastic pollution and the role of large corporations in contributing to this. The book has at its centre a fictional fizzy drinks company called Mac-Tonic™. The students found the event engaging and informative, and particularly enjoyed Mitch's interactive 'Spot the Product Placement Game'.



World Book Day

All students received a £1 World Book Day book token which can be used towards any book purchase of £2.99 or more, in participating bookshops, or exchanged for one of the specially written £1 WBD titles, by acclaimed authors such as Sophie McKenzie and Sharna Jackson. Year 8 students will be receiving a copy of the Sophie McKenzie title during their Library lessons over the next cycle.

Alternatively, the WBD token can be used against a purchase from our online Scholastic Book Club, as there is the opportunity to redeem the voucher on the payment page.

The link is <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/hockerill-anglo-european-cllge/digital-book-club>. **For every £1 spent** in this month's Book Club, our **school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards. Please place orders online by **March 19th, 2022**.

HOCKERILL PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Annual General Meeting

We will be holding our AGM on Thursday 24th March at Hockerill College (Annual UC1/2), 8.00-9.00 pm.

We have lots to discuss, including the election of new positions and plans for future fundraising events, and it would be great to see as many faces as possible.

As a Hockerill parent, you are automatically a member of HPF, so your input in what we do for the benefit of the school and students is always welcome.

We hope to see you there!

If you have any questions, suggestions or feedback, please contact hpf@hockerill.com



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Virtual Soloists Concert	Monday 7th March
Year 12 Student Parent Teacher evening	Tuesday 8th March
Noughts and Crosses Drama Performance	Thursday 10th and Friday 11th March
Year 9 Student Parent Teacher evening	Tuesday 15th March
Year 9 Options morning	Saturday 19th March
Spring Concert	Monday 28th March