

HOCKERILL E:NEWS



Principal's Column

The run-up to the end of term has been an incredibly busy period, but it has seen a series of events which have clearly demonstrated the strength of community at Hockerill. The International Boarders' Open Weekend was thoroughly enjoyed by all. It is hard to select a highlight – was it the excellent concert, the Hockerill Parents and Friends Christmas Market, or the wonderful food supplied by Holroyd Howe our College caterers?

The Festival of World Literature was superbly organised by Mrs Ballard and it was wonderful to watch the faces of the students as they were entertained by a series of speakers.

I must also thank Mrs Whiteley for organising the inaugural GCSE Presentation evening. It was lovely to formally congratulate current and former students and to hear Mr Topolski's words of encouragement.

The Music department and Mr Bond deserve special praise for their efforts this past fortnight. The rehearsal schedule has been intense, but at all times the students have been smiley, confident and professional in their approach and Mr Bond has been unflappable in his calmness! I was very proud of all those involved in the organisation and execution of all these events.

Thank you to all parents and friends of the College for your continuing support.

We will be calling for nominations for Parent Governors at the beginning of next term. I hope that interested parents will be putting themselves forward.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy Christmas and I look forward to a prosperous and successful New Year.

Mr Richard Markham

Hockerill Careers Fair



Thank you to all the parents and students who attended the Careers Fair on 7th November. It was a great success.

We are planning to hold another careers related event in the Michaelmas term 2014 which will involve seminar providers on a range of careers related topics.

Ms A McCulloch

Fundraising in Winchester

This year, Winchester prefects decided they wanted to organise events to raise money for the Girl Effect, a charity which helps girls from different countries who live in poverty, receive a good education and learn skills they can use later in life.

The charity was created by the Nike foundation, United Nations Foundation and Coalition for Adolescent Girls. Already, thousands of people around the world have raised money for this charity that strives to create a better future for underprivileged girls.

So what did we do? Well, a disco is fun for everyone so we could help break the ice in Year 7 while raising money for a brilliant charity. We decided that on Friday the 13th September (very ironic) we would hold a Year 7 disco in St Albans Hall. As none of us had ever done anything like this before, we knew organising it was going to be a challenge but we wanted to help the Girl Effect in any way we could.

The first thing we did was to talk to Mr Whiteley, the Head of Year 7.

It was then time to sort out the actual disco. Music is of course essential so we asked Sam Ainsworth in Year 12 to DJ for us. We also needed refreshments. We bought crisps, fizzy drinks and decided on the prices and then we bought glow sticks to make the disco a little more special.

On Saturday the 12th of October, we had a bake sale in the refectory at break. We had asked people to bring in cakes and thankfully the bake sale was fantastic. We had delicious chocolate and sponge cakes, cookies, cupcakes, doughnuts and lots more. In the end, we were almost sold out and after counting the money, we realised we had made £300! A massive thank you to everyone who baked or brought in a cake!

Organising these two events was great experience for us. We used our leadership, communication and team skills to raise money for an extremely important charity. We also had fun and it was lovely working together as a team, to do something that may help other girls our own age, across the world.

Olivia Tomlinson Yr 10

Technology Trip



On the 21st November the Year 12 Design and Technology class travelled to Helsinki. The packed four day itinerary included a workshop on Finnish design in the Design Museum, a trip up the 1938 Olympic tower, a visit to architect Alvar Aalto's house and studio and the excellent Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art. However, the highlight for everyone was undoubtedly the day spent at Nokia's world headquarters (pictured below). After a presentation in the Vision Lounge, normally only reserved for important clients and dignitaries, the group were invited to be the subject of the Design Studio's weekly Creative Brunch. In front of 50 Nokia designers having their lunch the group stood up and presented their ideas for "Apps for Teenagers Designed by Teenagers". Having only been given the brief by Mr Russell and Ms Dalby at Gatwick Airport 24 hours earlier, and only having had a few hours to work on the concepts, the students were amazing. One senior designer, who would later that afternoon speak to them about how Nokia are employing nanotechnology, said that without exception their ideas were stronger than 90% of the ideas he had seen at an apps conference in Los Angeles the previous week.

Mr A Russell

Hockerill Festival of World Literature



The Festival provided an exciting and stimulating programme for all our students as well as events for the wider community. Marcus Sedgwick, Ali Sparkes, Melvin Burgess, Beverley Naidoo, Christopher Lloyd and Bali Rai all inspired the students and multi-award winning poet Daljit Nagra launched our poetry writing competition for students, staff and parents. Daljit was introduced as our Poet in Residence for 2013-14 and will be working with students throughout the year. He takes over from Pauline Francis who was our Writer in Residence for 2012-13. Afternoon tea was held in the Library on the Wednesday to launch Where is Home? written by our 2012 Short Story Competition winners. The students spent the year working with Pauline Francis and copies are available from the Library at £3. The students who contributed to the book are Barnaby Papadopolous, Francesca Benvenuto, Amelia Chivers, Olivia Tomlinson, Georgina Priest and Giselle Turner.

Mrs J Ballard

Boys PE

Well what a fantastic Michaelmas Term of sport it has been. During the last couple of weeks the boys have wrapped up the rugby season culminating with a block fixture last Saturday versus Bancrofts, another school with the same sporting philosophy as our own – competitive fixtures and getting as many students involved as possible. We had a total of seven fixtures with them with the Year 7 and Year 8 teams playing both A and B team fixtures.

Thank you to all the parents who supported the fixtures both at home and away. This fixture was particularly pleasing to me as I wanted the opportunity for our international parents who were visiting Hockerill College last weekend for the Boarders' consultation day to see their sons represent the College at sport. This for some is the first time they have had an opportunity to see their child play for the College so thank you to all the staff involved in facilitating this opportunity.

Also over the last few weeks I have been to various Basketball fixtures for both boys and girls, senior girls Rugby tournament, Football fixtures v's Bishop's Stortford College and a host of Hockey fixtures. I am also looking forward to some Tour rugby training later in the Lent term. Well done to all those involved. All our results are online for you to view and also on the College sports noticeboards.

I am already looking forward to next term's fixtures. We have more clubs than ever occurring at Hockerill College thanks to the dedication of staff and students. These will continue to run before school, at lunchtimes and after school. In particular, I would like to thank the Hockey, Basketball and Football clubs that will be starting in January. These will be for all year groups so please pay close attention to the Clubs programme.

This half term we have yet again seen some excellent performances from many of the students; set individually and whilst working in teams. The high standards set at clubs have been very positive and we encourage students to continue to attend extra-curricular clubs in the New Year. Well done to everybody who has represented the College, attended practices and been involved in PE and sport this half term. Have an enjoyable Christmas and a happy New Year.

Mr R Loveday & Miss N Hyde

Hockerill Speaks!



Samuel Honey, William Speed and Daniel North

It has been a busy few weeks for members of our Debating and Public Speaking Society (Years 7 to 11) who have represented HAEC in a number of external competitions. On Monday 18th November a team of three Year 10 students (Barnaby Papadopolous, Samuel Honey and Jacob Grunberger) came close runners up in the Rotary Youth Speaks Senior competition held at Bishop's Stortford College, speaking on the topic of social media; this was a particularly impressive achievement as the other teams they were up against were all Sixth Formers. In the Intermediate age category for Rotary Youth Speaks we put forward two teams of Year 9 students, with Ben Pollard (joined by Jacob Capener and Jacob Gazey) speaking on why football is no longer the beautiful game and Emily Roberts (with Ruskin Harding and Theo Chan) giving a speech about commercialism ruining music. On Monday 2nd December Year 12 students Charles Kerr and Brandon Bowden competed in the Cambridge Schools Debating competition, held in the beautiful surroundings of the Cambridge Union, discussing such controversial topics as whether housewives/husbands should be paid a salary and whether essential workers should be allowed to strike. Finally, on Tuesday 3rd December a Year 10 team of William Speed, Daniel North and Samuel Honey travelled to Haileybury for the English Speaking Union Public Speaking Competition; they were highly commended by the judges and have progressed to the next round to be held at Habadasher Aske's Boys' School in February. We are also delighted to announce that next term we shall be hosting the Oxford Schools Debating competition, with 51 teams from across our region joining us on the evening of Tuesday 21st January.

Ms J Barker

Sports News

All pupils have had the opportunity to take part in various sporting fixtures and events this half term including; Hockey, Rugby, Netball and Cross Country for the girls and Rugby, Football and Cross Country for the boys.

The Senior Girls A and B Rugby Teams took part in a rugby triangular against Richard Hale and Presdales on Tuesday 3rd December at Hertford Rugby Club. The girls worked extremely hard and were playing against tough competition. The A Team worked well together and narrowly lost both games. The B Team beat Presdales 8 – 4 and narrowly lost to Richard Hale by 4 tries to 3.



Senior B Team v Richard Hale

The Senior Netball Team have been training hard this term and have taken part in two fixtures this half term both against strong opposition. They lost 9 – 21 to Brentwood School in the Essex Cup and lost 14 – 8 to TBSHS.

The U16 Hockey team played against Saffron Walden County High School and after a very even match we drew 1-1. They drew Alec Hunter in the Essex Cup and won by 10 goals to 1 and will play Brentwood School in the next round on Wednesday 22nd January.

The U15 Girls Hockey Team won the District Plate Competition beating Freeman College 4 – 0 and drawing 0 – 0 with St Marys and Leventhorpe.



U15 Plate Competition Champions

The U14 Girls Hockey Team have played three matches in recent weeks. They played a strong Saffron Walden team at home and lost 1 – 4. Following this they went to Sir John Laws School to compete in the Hertfordshire County Cup and won 0 – 5. The team have recently played Newport and after a tough first half conceding six goals they came out in the second half after a team talk with Mr Markham with commitment and dedication. They scored a goal and did not concede any.

The U14 Netball Team played against Burnt Mill in the second round of the Essex Cup. They won 18 – 9 and are due to play Coopers in the next round on Wednesday 15th January.

The U14 Girls Basketball Team consisting of pupils in Years 8 & 9 took part in the District Tournament. After two fantastic performances and beating Birchwood and Edwinstree we were winners of the tournament and therefore went through to the County Finals. The scores from the finals were as follows and we finished Runners up:

Pool Games

Hockerill 18 – 4 Watford and Hertsmere

Hockerill 20 – 4 Hertford and Ware

Hockerill 12 – 3 Harpenden

Hockerill 11 – Dacorum

Semi-Final

Hockerill 12 – 9 Nobel School

Final

Hockerill 7 – 12 Sir John Laws

Winners of the District Tournament

Runners-Up of the County Tournament

The U13 Girls Hockey Club has seen a boost in numbers this year and we have tried to get all pupils involved and participating in fixtures. The A Team have played three games within the Herts County Cup and have won all three games. They beat St Francis 1 – 0, JFK 6 – 1 and Royal Masonic School 3 – 1. All teams have had the opportunity to play against Newport in the past few weeks and the scores were as follows;

Hockerill A 0 - 9 Newport A

Hockerill B 0 - Newport B

Hockerill C 0 - 4 Newport C

Hockerill D 0 - 4 Newport D

We entered the U13 Netball Team in the School Sports Magazine Competition this year for the first time. This opportunity has given pupils the experience of playing against other schools within Hertfordshire of different abilities. We beat John Warner School 19-14 in the first round of the cup and went on to play Chauncy School who we beat 9 – 2. Having progressed through to the third round we played a very strong Goffs School which consisted of Turnford players. Although Goffs have gone through to the next round we did not give up and made their team work hard.

Members of Years 7 and 8 have been training hard in cricket with Eddie Ballard a Cricket coach and are preparing for an indoor tournament in March. The girls have developed skills and knowledge of the game and are looking forward to competing against other schools.

This term, Year 7 have had the opportunity to attend Hockey Club on a Thursday morning and a Friday afternoon. Those who have attended continue to progress and have transferred knowledge and understanding in games. Both the A and B team took part in the Districts. They A Team came second in their pool and went through to the semi-finals where they were beaten by Saffron Walden and the B Team won their pool and lost against Newport in the semi-finals. The A and B team have recently played Newport at home. Both teams played extremely well against two strong Newport sides. And the final scores were;

Hockerill A 1 – 6 Newport A

Hockerill B 1 – 4 Newport B

The U12 Netball Teams have continued to work hard at training over the past few weeks and have played well and won their Essex Cup games. The A, B and C Teams played Herts and Essex last week and the scores were;

Hockerill A 7 – 1 Herts and Essex A

Hockerill B 7 – 4 Herts and Essex B

Hockerill C 0 – 5 Herts and Essex C

A number of girls took part in the District Cross Country and worked extremely hard. They demonstrated commitment and dedication and should be congratulated for their efforts. The competition was strong throughout all age groups and we had one winner Holly Davies in Year 9 who demonstrated an outstanding individual performance.

Miss N Hyde

NOTICES

Friday 13th December

Closing date for Sixth Form

Boarding applications

End of Term

(students depart at 12.35)

Monday 6th January

Term commences

Thursday 14th January

Year 7 Parent Teacher

Consultation evening

Saturday 18th January

Non-uniform Day in aid of NSPCC

To view Term Dates for 2014-15 please [click here](#).

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Boarders' Talent Show

On the 16th of November I had the great honour of presenting the Boarders' Annual Talent Show along with Sonja Reijnen from Roding House. The show consisted of 15 different performances, highlighting an array of talent. The contributions of the younger boarders, such as a recital from Julius Caesar by Nitya Mahajan, were outstanding. Also, the dance performances were remarkable including Jada and Naomi Olumbori who amazed an audience consisting of members of all six boarding houses. It is crucial to give special thanks to the enthusiastic audience who were not only very generous in their applause, but had an absolute commitment to enjoying the evening.

Other notable acts included a performance on the instrument, Erhu by Theo Chan and a beautiful piano recital by Janika Kraft. The talent show reached its peak with the Senior House videos, which in their own way were both very entertaining. In the second half we had the pleasure of listening to the self-written compositions of Sam, Fola, Matt and Lewis, and finally a Roding dance group concluded a rocking evening. Overall I would say the show was extremely emotional and fulfilling.

Wilhelm Klopp Yr 12

Hockey Equipe Results

The results of the girls hockey equipe matches are;

Year Group Winners

Year 7 A Team - Brunel

Year 7 B Team - Goethe

Year 8 A Team - Pascal

Year 8 B Team - Pascal

Year 9 Team - Da Vinci & Goethe

(joint first on points and goal difference)

Year 10 Team - Pascal

Year 11-13 Team - Goethe

The Overall positions for the Competition were:

1st PLACE: GOETHE

2nd PLACE: PASCAL

3rd PLACE: DA VINCI

4th PLACE: BRUNEL

Interact

On behalf of Interact we should like to thank all parents, guardians and students for supporting various events this term which has helped us raise over £2000 for a number of charities. We donated £682.30 to the Philippines Disaster Fund, £800 to Chilterns MS Centre and, most recently, we have sent lots of goodies to the Whitechapel Mission in London. Lastly, we are supporting the Rotary Club in their Xmas collections by having a team of students who will be bag packing in Waitrose on 20th December so, if you are in the area, perhaps you can drop in.

Christmas Greetings to you all,

Misty Nicholson Yr 13

Mrs J Chalmers

USA & Canada Rugby Tour Quiz Night

On Friday 22nd November 108 people arrived in the Refectory to compete in a Quiz Night to raise funds for the upcoming Rugby Tour next summer. The event was an incredibly successful one, raising £1005.40 for the tour. The eventual winners were Mrs Hodder's team which was made up of Hockerill staff. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Michell and Mr Mackenzie for all their hard work in the lead up to the event and on the evening and to Mr and Mrs Evans for producing a fantastic quiz.

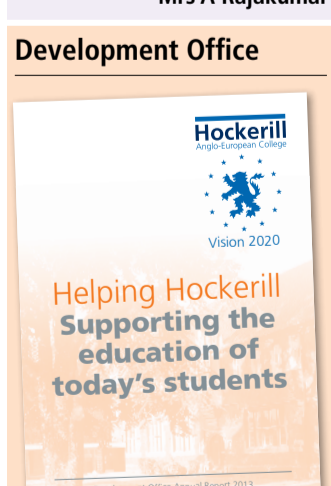
Mr W Conolly

For Highly Able Learners

GIFT, providers of enrichment courses for highly able learners, have organised a series of stand-alone Masterclasses at the request of local parents and schools. The venue will be the Tate Britain Gallery, Millbank, Pimlico, London SW1. The projects are all aimed at National Curriculum Years 7-11 (with one for VI Formers); are based in creative sketchbook art, the history of art, and creative writing with art as a stimulus; and take place from January to May on either Saturday or Sunday. Please see details at the following address: http://www.gifttd.co.uk/files/TateSecEmail_27.pdf

Mrs A Rajakumar

Development Office



It has been a busy term for the Development Office. The campaign to increase the number of contributors to the Development Fund has resulted in 29 new donations. Thank you to everyone who has responded so positively. Each year families leave College and stop donating, so we are totally reliant on the goodwill of newcomers to join us. Please sign up if you haven't already! In November, contributors celebrated Development Fund donations to the new Food Technology area and to the restoration of the Chapel, with a Drinks and Canapés Reception and tour. Plaques were sited in each room recognising the use of Development Fund capital. Our focus now is to raise funds towards the new Sports Hall. Our target is £400,000 over 3 years. If anyone has any ideas or contacts to help in our endeavour, please get in touch. Happy Christmas and I hope you will join us at the HPF Bollywood night on Saturday 15th March.

Mrs R Lawson