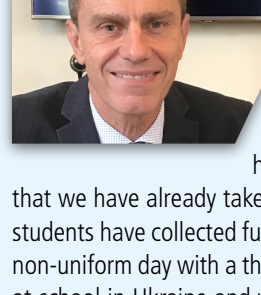
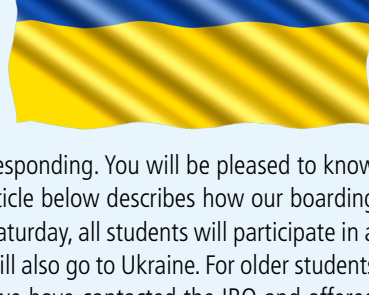


## GENERAL NEWS



The Ukraine crisis continues to dominate the news and the plight of the millions of ordinary people desperately trying to escape the war cannot help but prompt a need to respond. As a school with international links and a commitment to international mindedness, our community



has been quick to ask how the College will be responding. You will be pleased to know that we have already taken some actions and others are planned. The article below describes how our boarding students have collected funds and items that can be sent to Ukraine. On Saturday, all students will participate in a non-uniform day with a theme of yellow and blue, the funds from which will also go to Ukraine. For older students at school in Ukraine and who had IB exams scheduled for this summer, we have contacted the IBO and offered to host any students needing somewhere to take the exams (with or without accommodation). And, finally, our governing Board has been considering how we could extend support to Ukrainian students who need somewhere to continue their education over the medium to long term. More details about this and how you can be involved will be communicated as soon as possible.

**Thank you in advance for your help as we play our part in supporting the people of Ukraine.**

### Fake news and disinformation online

Fake news is false or misleading information presented as genuine news. Your child might have seen fake news online about the Russian invasion of Ukraine. There have been examples of old footage being shared as if it's new, or images being manipulated to present a misleading picture about what's happening. There's been lots of misinformation on TikTok in particular.

How can I help my child spot fake news online? [This Parent Factsheet](#) may help.

**Mr D Woods**

**Principal**

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Saturday 19th March**  
Year 9 Options morning  
Non-uniform day  
**Wednesday 30th March**  
End of Term (students depart at 1240hrs)  
**Wednesday 20th April**  
Term Commences  
**Contact us:**  
**General communications to:**  
[admin@hockerill.com](mailto:admin@hockerill.com)  
**Absence communications to:**  
[absence@hockerill.com](mailto:absence@hockerill.com)

## HOCKERILL NEWS

### Non-Uniform Day - Saturday 19th March

A non-uniform day, with the theme of yellow and blue, will take place this Saturday (19th March). Students who attend College in non-uniform are asked to make a minimum donation of £1. Cash will be collected by Form Tutors on Saturday morning, however, it is preferable that parents donate via WisePay. Parents should log in to WisePay and click on the 'Donations' link to access the 'Non-Uniform Day' icon. Please can parents ensure that their donations are made by 1130hrs on Saturday 19th March.

Some guidance for parents and students in relation to non-uniform days at Hockerill (please see below):

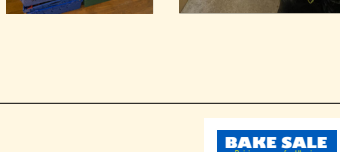
- Students may wear casual clothing to College on Saturday, this should be of a nature suitable for normal College work.
- The College rules with regard to hairstyle, jewellery and make-up remain the same and are unchanged.
- Each student will be able to place their contribution for taking part in this event (£1 minimum) in an envelope in the form room during registration on Saturday and tick their name on a class list, however it is preferable that parents will make the donation through WisePay.
- It is not in the spirit of the occasion (and also increases staff workload) for any student to come to College on Saturday, out of uniform, without the means to pay.

Students may of course attend in their uniform if they prefer.

### Fundraising

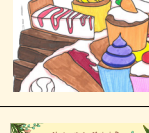
Mrs Hernik, our colleague in Winchester and Rochester boarding houses put a call out for items to take to Poland to help family members out there working with refugees. 72 hours later we were inundated with items donated by boarders, staff and parents from all three girls boarding houses, the library, health centre and through a boarding connection, the Howe Green School community. We collected so much that they were unable to take it all, and so we were able to also donate items to the Bishops Stortford Ukrainian Appeal as well as Ukraine Crisis in Epping.

Mrs Hernik would like to pass on her sincere thanks to everybody for their support, donations and assistance.



### Bake Sale

There will be a Bake Sale held on **Monday 21st March**. All proceeds raised to support charities who are transporting goods to Poland and Moldova. Students and staff will be able to buy home baked goods in the Refectory at break time.



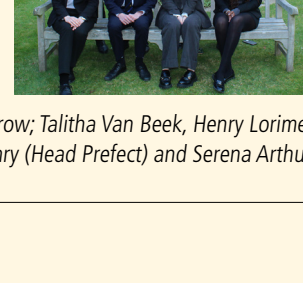
### Recipe Book

Need a gift for Mother's Day, a family member, a friend, or yourself? Come and buy a recipe book for £3 (or 2 recipe books for £5) with CASH on Thursday and Friday (24th and 25th March) at lunchtime in the Refectory. The funds raised will be donated to the British Red Cross charity to support Ukrainian refugees. This recipe book is created by Year 12 students containing DELICIOUS recipes worth trying from South Africa, Bulgaria, Romania, and other countries. Please remember to bring cash (notes and coins) to buy the recipe book. We hope to make a difference in our world together with your support.



### Senior Prefect Leadership Team

We are delighted to announce our newly appointed Senior Prefect Leadership Team for 2022-23.



*Pictured above, (left to right) top row; Toby Warnes, Francis Ogboru, Miah Savopoulos and Sanaa Saunders. Bottom row; Talitha Van Beek, Henry Lorimer (Head Prefect), Bella Henry (Head Prefect) and Serena Arthur.*

### Whole College Notice

#### Car Park Closure: Saturday 26th March

On Saturday 26th March there is a scheduled Easter Celebration event for the College's Boarding community. A company will be setting up dodgems in the front car park for the boarders to enjoy. Unfortunately this means that the front car park (off Dunmow Road) will be shut from 1800hrs on Friday 25th March until the morning of Sunday 27th March. Please be aware of this for drop off and collection on Saturday 26th March. Apologies if this causes any inconvenience.

### Boarding Notice

#### Exeat Weekend: 30th April-2nd May

I wanted to make parents aware the extended Exeat weekend which takes place Saturday 30th April – Monday 2nd May falls right in the middle of the IB examinations for our Year 13 students, this is also a busy time for Year 11 students who are preparing for their GCSE examinations and there are many Year 12 internal assessment deadlines also pending around this date. With this in mind, I would be really grateful if parents of Junior Full Boarders start to consider alternative arrangements for this particular exeat weekend. Can I kindly request that parents only request their child remains in boarding this weekend if there is no other alternative. Limiting the number of students staying onsite over this weekend will help ensure that we have a quiet atmosphere, conducive for work to allow our senior students to be best prepared for their academic commitments.

#### Testing Over the Weekend

You will be aware that Government guidance no longer recommends that students undertake twice weekly lateral flow tests. Some of our students have continued to test with the kits they have remaining which has been helpful. As we approach the Easter holidays it is still a requirement for some of our international students to test prior to travel. With this in mind, I would be grateful if parents could encourage their children to test over the weekend/on Monday morning before they travel back to College. A reminder that the current Government guidance in force still recommends positive cases should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. It is possible to order lateral flow tests online through the Government via the [link here](#).

#### Boarding Parents Forum

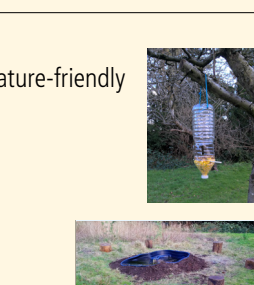
Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the Boarding Parents Forum on Wednesday evening, if you were unable to attend and would like to watch the recording, please do so [via the link here](#).

**Mr W Conolly**

**Director of Boarding**

### Jazz Night

Thank you to all students who participated in Thursday's Jazz Night. The music was superb, including several impressive solo features. Special thanks to Mr Bates for coordinating and directing this event. We look forward to seeing you at our Spring Concert on Monday 28th March at 7pm.



**Mr O Bond**

**Director of Music**

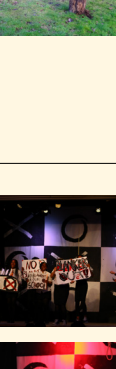
### Nurturing Nature Club

Our Nurturing Nature club has continued to be busy during the second half of Lent term helping to create a nature-friendly environment. In recent weeks we have:

- Recycled plastic bottles into bird feeders.
- Helped to reduce food waste by using wildlife-friendly food in the feeders.
- Discussed plans to encourage students and staff to become more nature aware.
- Made improvements to our small pond and sown wildflower seeds around the edge to encourage pollinators.
- Recycled tree stumps into natural seating around the pond.

We're looking forward to a colourful and buzzing Summer term!

**Mr Gilman and Miss Dickson and the Nurturing Nature Team**



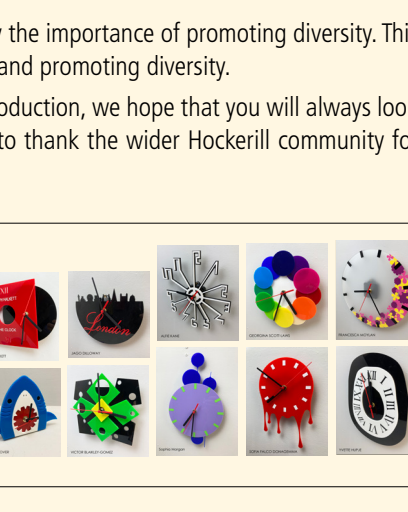
### Noughts and Crosses

**"I wanted to turn society as we know it on its head, with new names for the major divisions, i.e. Noughts (the underclass) and Crosses (the majority, ruling society)"**  
**Malorie Blackman.**

This play is based on Malorie Blackman's popular novel Noughts & Crosses and was adapted for the stage by the acclaimed Director, Dominic Cooke, for the Royal Shakespeare Company. It has echoes of Romeo and Juliet, but it is a modern love story, which is set in a dystopian world divided by racial bigotry and rocked by terrorism.

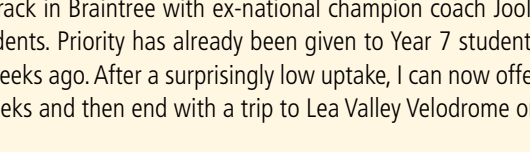
After the shocking news of the death of George Floyd and the strength of the Black Lives Matter Protests in 2020 the Hockerill Anglo-European College community considered even more carefully the importance of promoting diversity. This play is part of the Drama Department's response to educating students about the issue of racism and promoting diversity.

We would like to thank the cast, crew and supporting staff for all of their amazing work on this production, we hope that you will always look back on this with fondness. The two performances were very well attended, and we would like to thank the wider Hockerill community for supporting our return to live performances!



### Design Technology Mini Project

Year 12DT have recently completed their latest mini project, spending no longer than 5 hours using CAD/CAM to design and make an original clock. I think you will agree that they would not look out of place in a high street shop.



### BMX Racing Club

I would like to inform you of the relaunch of the Hockerill BMX Racing Club at the track in Braintree with ex-national champion coach Jools Allen. I would like to resume the club on Wednesday 27th April with fourteen students. Priority has already been given to Year 7 students who applied in September but missed out, then the rest of Year 7 via the Hub a few weeks ago. After a surprisingly low uptake, I can now offer the remaining spaces to Year 8 and 9 students. The club will initially run for seven weeks and then end with a trip to Lea Valley Velodrome on June 29th, where we will enjoy track, mountain bike and BMX sessions.

**The dates are as follows:**

1. 27th April	4. 18th May	7. 22nd June
2. 4th May	5. 25th May	8. 29th June
3. 11th May	6. 8th June	

We meet at the minibus promptly at 1545hrs and return to College by 1800hrs after a full hour's riding. Boarders will need to arrange dinner with their boarding tutors, who will be informed of their participation.

The total price will be £120 for all Braintree sessions, Lea Valley sessions, minibus transport to Braintree, train to Lea Valley, hire of bikes and full-face helmets. I ask that if your son / daughter is interested in participating, you fill in this [Microsoft Form](#) granting your permission before 1700hrs on Friday 25th March.

The club is open to female and male riders who will be chosen on a first come first served basis and not on ability. Once their place is confirmed via email next week, I will set up WisePay for those taking part. I would ask that payment is made, reference **BMX Racing Club Summer 2022**, before Wednesday 30th March.

The students will need to wear trainers, long-sleeved tops, long-legged bottoms (preferably not baggy) and gloves for protection. We hold the right to refuse participation if these conditions are not met. The students can also bring a drink and a snack to eat at the track.

Should you have any further queries, please e-mail me directly on [russella@hockerill.com](mailto:russella@hockerill.com). But do not use this as a way of requesting a place on the team.

**Mr A Russell**

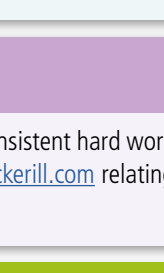
### "Vive la Francophonie" Quiz is back in 2021!

To celebrate the International Francophone Day on Sunday 20th March 2022, the Francophonie Groupe UK launches this year again the quiz Vive la Francophonie!

Every year this quiz allows thousands of people in the UK to test their knowledge on the Francophone world in a fun way. In 2022, a special focus will be given to France.

The quiz will be available from Sunday 20th March to Sunday 27th March. [Register here](#)

to receive the quiz on the 20th March and get onboard to try to win exciting prizes!



## YEAR 11

### Hoodies and Yearbooks

Please be reminded that Year 11 Hoodies need to be ordered by **15th April via this link**. **No orders will be accepted past the deadline date**. Year 11 Yearbooks must be purchased via WisePay by **25th March**.

## SIXTH FORM

We are sad to inform you that Mrs Sam Engeham will be leaving the College as Sixth Form Administrator from today. Her consistent hard work behind the scenes will be missed. Please could any correspondence be sent to either [year12@hockerill.com](mailto:year12@hockerill.com) or [year13@hockerill.com](mailto:year13@hockerill.com) relating to any emails that would have in the past been sent to Mrs Engeham. This includes absence requests.

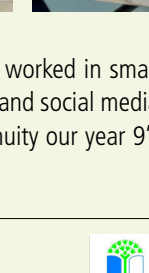
## GEOGRAPHY AND ECO CLUB NEWS

### Year 9 Globalisation – Field work

On Tuesday 8th March the whole of Year 9 visited Bishop's Stortford to conduct fieldwork data collection. The students statement of inquiry for this unit of work is "Globalisation causes interactions between people and places which have local and global impacts".

They have spent the last 5 weeks investigating impacts on a global scale in lessons and were now ready to "Investigate the local impacts of globalisation in Bishop's Stortford". To be able to collect primary data getting is fantastic for the students and the Geography teachers who are not fans of 'virtual' fieldwork, nothing replaces taking outside and interacting with your local environment.

The students conducted globalisation surveys, traffic and pedestrian counts, field sketches, land use surveys and of course public perception interviews. These proved to be very popular as the public were very willing to speak to our young geographers. This data will now be written up as part of their final assessment in this important unit of work.

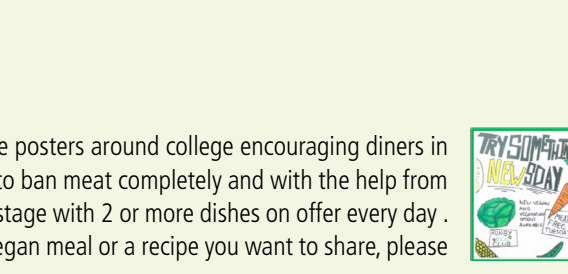


### Global Action Plan 'Buy now get tomorrow' workshop.

The following day 30 students were invited from all of the Year 9 Geography classes to take part in a workshop highlighting the 'Buy now get tomorrow' culture we as consumers have become accustomed to. Hockerill was chosen as one of only 10 schools to experience this workshop run by the environmental charity 'Global Action Plan'.

One of the criteria the charity used to choose which schools to pick was their pollution levels around the school as they are an environmental charity. Sadly we qualified for this- watch this space in Eco Club news on how we are going to try and tackle this!

The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all the students. They started by creating a 'sweat shop' environment with some students cutting shapes to order by the shop owners who placed more and more demands on them. It was an effective way to demonstrate the terrible conditions millions of workers must endure on a daily basis to make consumer goods for us.



The rest of the day progressed towards a final task of devising an advertising campaign against fast fashion. The students worked in small groups and produced a variety of media for the campaign ranging from air pollution awareness posters, news reports, poems and social media posts. The 2 educators from the charity, Hannah and Kristina were incredibly impressed with the ideas, passion and ingenuity our year 9's demonstrated during the day and would like to return.

### Eco Club news

We have been so busy in Eco getting ready to put our application for our approval as an Eco School. In the last term we have:

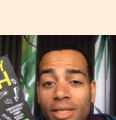
Written the Eco Code – a unique poem written by the Eco Club members representing what our aims are for the club.

You can read it here:

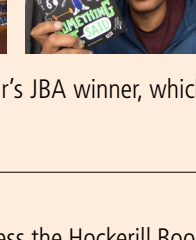


The 'Try something Newsday' campaign is underway, you should have noticed the posters around college encouraging diners in the refectory to try a vegan or vegetarian meal instead of meat. We did not want to ban meat completely and with the help from the amazing staff at Holroyd Howe, vegan and vegetarian food now takes centre stage with 2 or more dishes on offer every day.

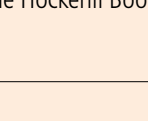
We hope you have tried some new dishes. If you have a favourite vegetarian or vegan meal or a recipe you want to share, please let the catering staff know, they will happily try to make it for you!



We have also installed a herb garden for the chefs to use in their cooking in the small green space next to the refectory. With the last of the money raised from the cake sale in October, we purchased a small recycled plastic planting container and some culinary herbs. The Eco club members made herb labels from offcuts of wood from the Design Technology department and decorated them.



Finally we are about to take delivery of new recycling bins for classrooms. The money to purchase these came from the successful bid made to the HPF fund. This week the Eco club members made new signs for all classrooms and corridors to remind everyone, students and staff that they all share the responsibility to turn off lights, recycle paper and turn off computer and television screens when no longer needed. You will start to see these appear all over the college in the next week or so. To reflect the many languages spoken at Hockerill and by our Eco club members, many of the signs are written in French, German, Dutch, Mandarin, Italian and Spanish.



**The Eco club meets every Wednesday 3:45 -4:45 – everyone is welcome!**

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Online author events: Ben Bailey Smith and Alastair Chisholm

This week we had the pleasure of hosting the last two online author events as part of the Year 7 Juniper Book Award shadowing. Ben Bailey Smith and Alastair Chisholm both provided interesting commentary on their lives as authors. Students from 7C and 7H had the opportunity to ask the authors questions about their writing process, inspirations and aspects of their work that they find the most rewarding or challenging. Ben Bailey Smith treated 7C to a performance of one of his poems and a spontaneous, albeit brief, rap masterclass. Year 7 students are now eagerly awaiting the official result of this year's JBA winner, which will be announced on 23rd March.



### Scholastic online orders

The deadline for Scholastic online orders has been extended to Sunday 20th March. Please use the following link to access the Hockerill Book Club and don't forget that World Book Day vouchers can still be redeemed on the [payment page](#).

### Yoto Carnegie Greenaway Shadowing Group

Next term, Books & Biscuits Club will be shadowing the prestigious Yoto Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Medal awards. Students who are interested, should see Mrs Bruce to collect a sign-up letter, and can start to borrow books from next week to read over the Easter holidays. Details of the club sign-up will be available in the Summer Term Clubs programme when this is published. Further details of the 2022 shortlisted titles [can be found here](#).

**Mrs S Bruce**

**College Librarian**

## A MESSAGE FROM HERTS CONSTABULARY

Please see [this Safer Schools Newsletter](#) from the local Police for your information.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 9 Options morning	Saturday 19th March
Hockerill Parents and Friends AGM	Thursday 24th March
Holi Festival	Saturday 26th March
Boarders' Easter celebration	Saturday 26th March
Spring Concert	Monday 28th March
Year 13 Graduation Event	Saturday 23rd April