



HOCKERILL NEWS



This week we have seen the second anniversary of the first Covid lockdown. It has been a challenging period for all concerned but life is returning to normal. Our programme of curricular and extra-curricular activities are coming back and exams seem likely to go ahead as per a normal year. This is very pleasing and we are enjoying being able to give all our students the kind of school experiences they were expecting and deserve. One aspect of covid that is still being clarified is what to do if you have covid. With the end of free testing and covid being considered the same as other endemic illnesses as of April 1st, when students should attend school in the event of illness is still to be confirmed. We should get this guidance during the break and when we do we will share it with you so that you know what to do. We should also remember that countries are in different positions with covid and so some of our international boarders are still having to contend with very different regulations compared to the UK. We wish you a restful and enjoyable Easter break

Roadworks and Car Park Closure – Saturday 26th March

Please be aware that there will be roadworks in place at The Causeway in Bishop's Stortford this weekend. This may affect your journey to school.

Please be reminded that 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.

Spring Concert – Monday 28th March

This will take place at 1900hrs in St Albans Hall.

Tickets available at Reception at break or lunch time -cash payment only.

£6 Adults

£4 Concessions

Boarding parents should contact Julie Lindley – lindleyj@hockerill.com

All performers to wear College uniform please and arrive at College for 1830hrs.

The concert is likely to finish at approximately 2100hrs.

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday 26th March

Hockerill Parents and Friends AGM (further details below)

Boarders' Easter celebration

Monday 28th March

Spring Concert (further details below)

Wednesday 30th March

End of Term (students depart at 1240hrs)

Wednesday 20th April

Term Commences

Contact us:

General communications to:

admin@hockerill.com

Absence communications to:

absence@hockerill.com

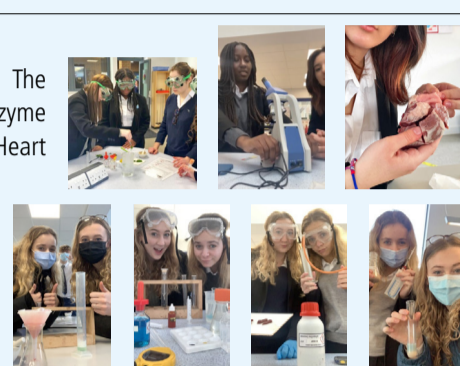


Women in STEM

Year 12 Biology students have been keeping a record of their Biology practicals this year. The practicals include Investigating Digestion using a Model Gut, Using Liver to investigate enzyme action, Investigating Respiration in Yeast using Respirometers Extracting DNA from fruit, A Heart Dissection and Microscopy.

Mrs A Lumby

Head of Biology



The photos above include Joanna Outhwaite, Ottavia Tenderini, Serena Arthur, Niyoosha Wells, Francesca Pritchard, and Daisy Beach.

British Biology Olympiad

Early in March, four Year 13 Biologists were the first ever Hockerill students to participate in the British Biology Olympiad.

This National Competition is designed for students with an interest in Biology to compete with other students in post-16 education. This year over 10,000 students from 700 different schools worldwide participated in the British Biology Olympiad.

The Competition consisted of questions on topics and ideas which the students were unfamiliar with and tested their problem solving skills as well as their understanding of core Biological principles.

All four students were awarded certificates and a year's free membership to RSB BioNet - providing them with an electronic subscription to The Biologist Magazine.

Nadia Ragab was awarded a Certificate of Participation, Sarah Albans achieved a Commended Certificate, Louise Cavanagh was Highly Commended and Eleanor Hewins achieved a Bronze Award. Well done to all four students for taking part in this challenge alongside all their other Year 13 commitments.

Later in the year, Biologists in Year 10 and Year 12 will have the opportunity to participate in the Biology Challenge and the Intermediate Biology Olympiad and I look forward to sharing further achievements following these events.

Mrs A Lumby

Head of Biology



Class of 2017 Alumni and Networking Event - Saturday 21st May

We are planning an Alumni Event for the Class of 2017 combined with the opportunity for our current Year 12s to meet with them 5 years on from Hockerill, at the start of their careers and with lots of advice around universities and securing your first job to offer. We would love to welcome back as many as possible to show them round the College and see all the changes that have happened since they left. We hope they would appreciate the chance to catch up with friends they may not have seen for a while and also be happy to meet with Year 12s as they make their UCAS choices. The event is planned for the morning of Saturday 21st May.

If you know any member of our alumni who left in the summer of 2017 and who you think would be interested, please do tell them about the event and invite them to register their interest via alumni@hockerill.com

Mock Interviews - Volunteers Required

Each Summer Term we run Mock interviews for our Year 10s and Year 12s, which is a great opportunity for them to meet someone from the business world and get a chance to experience an interview situation and learn the skills required to do well. The Year 10 day is planned for Wednesday 11th May and the Year 12s on Wednesday 29th June, and they will be running virtually over Teams again this year. If you are able to volunteer your time on either or both days (whether that be for the morning, the afternoon or the whole day) please get in touch via winshipa@hockerill.com or by completing [this form](#)

Your support is very much appreciated.

GENERAL NEWS

Parent Workshops

Supporting Links is funded by Hertfordshire County Council. They are offering the workshops listed below for parents of children with ASD and/or ADHD. Please follow [this link](#) to book.

Talking ASD/ADHD: Anxiety and Stress - 3rd May or 28th June 2022

Talking ASD/ADHD: Responding to Anger - 25th April or 13th July 2022

Talking ASD/ADHD: The Teenage Years - 5th July 2022

Talking ASD/ADHD: Coping with Change - 23rd May 2022

Talking ASD/ADHD: Tech Use - 13th July 2022

Talking ASD/ADHD: School Avoidance - 9th June 2022

Aspects would like to offer parents the opportunity to attend this lite bite session. "The Teen Zone".

This webinar will focus on areas relevant to parenting a teenager, including development of the teen brain and more.

Following on from this, parents will also be invited to attend a more in-depth series of workshops which will commence after Easter.

Bookings are [available here](#).



ECO CLUB

On Tuesday this week, two of our Year 12 Eco Club members, Zoe and Yvette took part in the Stort Valley Rotary Club environmental discussion. They delivered a speech on food waste and how we as a school have attempted to tackle it. They then took part in a discussion with the Rotary group members on various environmental issues.

Both Yvette and Zoe handled these questions very well and delivered eloquent and thoughtful responses. It was clear the members of the group were impressed with their knowledge and passion on environmental issues.

They were invited to then take part in the Rotary club national environmental competition as their contributions were so highly regarded, something I will support them with.

Well done Yvette and Zoe!

In our regular Wednesday meeting this week we placed the new recycling bins and labels in majority of the teaching classrooms. The funds for these were provided by the HPF as we were successful in our bid to them in the last round of funding applications.

Please use these recycling bins and take note of the signs we have placed in classrooms and corridors. It only takes a second to turn off a light, computer or television.

Mrs A Mackenzie

UN Climate Change Teacher



YEAR 9

Options Morning Presentation

Please find [a link here](#) to the presentation from Options Morning held on 19th March.

YEAR 10

Morrisby Profiling for Year 10

In order to help with their career exploration, we are offering Morrisby Profiling in the Summer Term to students in Year 10. Morrisby Profiling is the UK's leading vocational psychometric test. The test consists of an 'interest questionnaire' and an online test, designed to help build a picture of personal strengths, interests and abilities. Your son or daughter may have mentioned they are using Unifrog during PSHE lessons, this also aids careers exploration but what Morrisby adds is to assess the student's abilities and aptitude as well as interests. Each student receives a detailed personal report and has a login for life, which they can then update as they progress through their education. The session will be on Wednesday 18th May and will cost £30. Parents of Year 10 students will receive a letter at the beginning of next week with more information and a link to the booking form.



LIBRARY NEWS

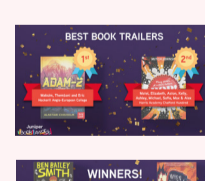
Juniper Book Awards 2022 and Prizes

The Juniper Book Awards Ceremony 2022 took place online on Wednesday 23rd March, with Hockerill students receiving an honourable mention for posting reviews for all six shortlisted titles. As well as the winning book being announced, endorsing Hockerill's vote for favourite title – 'Pop!' by Mitch Johnson – individual prizes were awarded to students from the participating schools. It was exciting to follow the announcements live, and congratulations go to Elvis 7V/7C who won the 'Something I Said' by Ben Bailey Smith Best Book Review prize. Congratulations go also to Chisholm, which won the Best Book Trailer prize. The announcements and film trailer (with sound on to appreciate Maksim's own musical composition) can be [viewed here](#).

The Year 7 pupils all deserve credit for their JBA reviews, and many thanks to the Year 7 English teachers for their work in shadowing the awards with the students as this term's Unit of Work. Thanks also to other members of staff: Mr Clements, Mrs Corrigan, Mrs Fraser, Mrs Hardiman, Mrs Higgins and Mr Parsons for being this year's Juniper Book Awards staff champions.

Mrs S Bruce

College Librarian



HOCKERILL PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Annual General Meeting – Saturday 26th March

Unfortunately, we had to postpone the AGM this week at Hockerill. Instead, it has been rescheduled to take place at 1030hrs on Saturday 26th March at The Nag's Head – five minutes' walk from Hockerill College with plenty of parking (CM23 5HP). We look forward to welcoming you for a coffee and a discussion of our summer plans!

Thank you for your continued support.



WE ARE RECRUITING

We are currently recruiting, please see our [website here](#) for details.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Holi Festival	Saturday 26th March
Boarders' Easter celebration	Saturday 26th March
Spring Concert	Monday 28th March
Year 13 Graduation Event	Saturday 23rd April