

HOCKERILL NEWS

Year 13 Graduation

On Saturday 23rd April we will be holding a Graduation Ceremony as a formal recognition of the Year 13s' achievements, at which time we will present awards and each student will receive their International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme medallion. To celebrate their achievements and to mark the beginning of their IB examinations, teachers and Year 12 students held a 'guard of honour' for the students this week.



IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday 30th April to Monday 2nd May
Extended Exeat Weekend

Friday 27th May
Half term holiday commences (students depart at 1205)

Monday 6th June
Term recommences

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

Mock Interviews - Volunteers Required

In the final Hub of last term there was a request for volunteer interviewers for our mock interviews, unfortunately the link given was incorrect. Mock interviews are a great opportunity for our Year 10s and 12s 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. We are still looking for volunteers for both days so if you can give some 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.

Mrs A Winship

University Counsellor

Kathakali Theatre Workshop

Our Year 12 Social Anthropology and Theatre students took part in a Kathakali theatre workshop with leading Kathakali experts actor Kalamandalam Vijayakumar and make-up expert Kalamandalam Barbara Vijayakumar, from the Kala Chethena Kathakali Company.

The students practically explored Kathakali Mudras, the sign language of this ancient performance practice, before then watching a performance, allowing them to see the make-up, costume, music, movement and mudras all working in synthesis. Our students embraced the workshop and asked some excellent questions, deepening their understanding of not only theatre but the cultures that it represents and the history that it reflects.



SIXTH FORM

Communication

Please be reminded to use either Year12@hockerill.com or Year13@hockerill.com when contacting the College.

PARENT WORKSHOPS

Please be aware that Family Lives helpline, email service and online chat are all available during the school holidays, www.familylives.org.uk. Below is information about Family Lives Summer 2022 programme of parenting groups for Herts parents which will be delivered online via Teams.

- [Bringing up confident children for parents of children with SEN](#)
Mondays, 6 June to 11 July 2022, 7-9pm
- [Bringing up confident children for parents of children with ADHD/ASD \(Tues\)](#)
Tuesdays, 7 June to 12 July 2022, 7-9pm
- [Bringing up confident children for parents of children with ADHD/ASD \(Wed\)](#)
Wednesdays, 8 June to 13 July 2022, 9.30-11.30am

Parents can email services@familylives.org.uk or call 0204 522 8700 or 0204 522 8701 for more information.

Below is an outline of what will be covered in the parenting groups.

Support, information and resources for parents/carers and adult family members so they can help their child reach their full potential.

Sessions will cover:

- * Special Needs – a whole-family issue
- * Understanding your child's behaviour
- * Helping your child manage their feelings and outbursts
- * Balancing support of siblings
- * Learning new parenting strategies to address challenging behaviour
- * Making a positive difference in your family life

HOCKERILL PARENTS AND FRIENDS



Hockerill Nights Presents 'Much Ado about Nothing'

On Tuesday June 7th, Hockerill's Summer House Lawn will be transformed into an open-air theatre, showcasing a lively production of Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing.

There will be a bar serving soft drinks and Bellinis, as well as the obligatory chocolate and crisps!

Suitable for families and children over the age of 12. Bring your own chairs and blankets and come and join us for a night of theatre under the stars!

Tickets are available on WisePay: £15 adults, £12 children.

HPF Grant

A reminder that HPF will be awarding £2000 over the coming weeks for projects that benefit the school community. Please do encourage your children and young adults to have a think about ways in which they might like to take advantage of this - we would be delighted to award money for anything, from kit for clubs to raw materials for bake sales. For those thinking about UCAS personal statements, remember that the ability to write a 'business plan' for a grant can showcase a great skill set! Application forms are available from the office or by emailing hpf@hockerill.com

WE ARE RECRUITING

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 11 Boarding Formal event	Friday 6th May
Online Boarding Parents' Forum	Wednesday 11th May
Year 8 HPV Vaccinations	Monday 23rd May
Year 13 Leavers' Ball	Tuesday 24th May
Hockerill Nights - 'Much Ado about Nothing'	Tuesday 7th June