

EVENTS NEWS

A reminder to save the dates for our end of year events

Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th June – **Summer Concert evenings**

Friday 1st July – **Final Assemblies**

Further details on the above events will be coming soon.

Non-Uniform Days – Saturday 14th and 21st May

There will be a non-uniform day taking place this Saturday raising money for Young Minds.

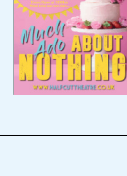
Please find information [HERE](#) about the non-uniform day taking place on 21st May and which charities will be benefitting from the fundraising.



Hockerill Nights Presents 'Much Ado about Nothing' – Tuesday 7th June

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.

Tickets are available to purchase on WisePay. Adults £15, children £12. Don't forget to bring a chair or picnic blanket - drinks (elderflower pressés, peach bellinis and craft beer) and theatre-style snacks will be available on the night. We hope to see you there!



Summer Solstice Concert – Tuesday 21st June

The Music Department is delighted to invite you to our Summer Solstice Concert. This will be celebrating the Lower College's Musical achievements featuring a variety of ensembles, soloists, competitors and winners of the Bishop's Stortford Rotary Young Musician Competition 2022.

The concert is scheduled for **Tuesday 21st June at 1900hrs** and it will take place at All Saints' Church, Hockerill. **Tickets will be on sale from Reception from Monday 2nd June.**

Information for students taking part: The students involved in this concert are expected to wear their school uniform. The concert starts at 1900hrs – students should arrive at the Church for 1830hrs. We expect the concert to finish by 2030hrs.

We very much look forward to seeing you there.

Music Team

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday 14th May
Non-Uniform Day in aid of Young Minds

Saturday 21st May
Non-Uniform Day in aid of Trinity Church and YMCA

Monday 23rd May
Year 8 and 9 HPV Immunisations (further details below)

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

Monday 6th June
Term recommendations

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

Absence communications to:
absence@hockerill.com

Hockerill Sports Celebration and Presentation Evening

Saturday 25th June – 1800 to 2130hrs

The PE department are organising an evening to celebrate students' participation and achievements in sport this school year.

We would like every student who has participated in and contributed to extra-curricular sports clubs and competitive school fixtures to have the opportunity to attend.

Attending students will have to buy a ticket (price yet to be confirmed), the cost of which will include a meal (one of fish/chicken/sausage/vegetarian option with chips), an ice cream, disco, a drink, activities/games and a small donation to the development of College sports facilities. Historically students have dressed in suits / 'prom' style dresses. We'd like to make the event more casual (and affordable) and ask that students dress smartly wearing clothing that would be appropriate for a summer family gathering, considering that there will be opportunities for those present to take part in some games and activities. Clothing such as dresses, jump suits, culottes, trousers, shorts, polo shirts or shirts and trainers. Please could students not wear denim or sports clothing.

At this stage we would like to gather expressions of interest to be able to plan the event more fully.

Please could you complete [this MS Form](#) to advise us whether your child would like to attend by 0900hrs on Tuesday 17th May. The form will close at this time. The form also asks for information about your child's involvement in school sport. This is not a commitment to attend and does not guarantee attendance, but students will not be invited if this form is not completed.

On Friday 20th May students (who have previously responded) will be sent an official invite (by email to parents) and responses (including payment by WisePay) will need to be **received by 0900hrs on Monday 6th June**. Late responses will not be accepted.

School sport has continued to be disrupted this year but as restrictions are lifted we very much look forward to enhancing our offering next year, including a greater opportunity for inter school sport.

I hope your children have enjoyed their involvement this year and choose to join us to celebrate this year's achievements. Please do make sure you meet all the deadlines to avoid their disappointment.

If you have any questions, please email your year group email such as year7@hockerill.com.

Mr A Mackenzie

Vice Principal

BOARDING NEWS

Transport at Half Term

Please use [this link](#) to register your interest in sharing a taxi to London Heathrow or London Gatwick for the upcoming half term, Friday 27th May. The form closes on Tuesday 17th May at 1145pm.

Boarding Parents' Forum

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the Online Boarding 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

Weekend Fun

On Saturday, Canterbury had a ball in the Sports Hall when they all signed up for Bubble Football. They played a variety of games, including football, and all came out buzzing after what they thought was one of the most fun activities they had done all year. Canterbury, Winchester, and Durham relaxed on Sunday with a trip to Thetford Forest, complete with a picnic and a taste of summer weather. We took a number of garden games, but cricket was the winner when the plastic stumps and bats were brought out and an impromptu game started with boys and girls from both Houses getting involved.

YEAR 11

Celebration Brunch and Assembly

As Year 11 students began their study leave on Friday, they enjoyed a brunch followed by a celebration assembly.



[GCSE Examinations Information](#)

[Year 11 Prom Information](#)

HOCKERILL NEWS

Endangered Species Day - Friday 20 May 2022

Think about a list of endangered animals ... Did your list include rhinos, elephants, gorillas, turtles, and tigers? All these animals are critically endangered. However, did you know that over 2000 UK species are registered on the IUCN Red list of threatened species?

Threatened species in the UK include:

1. Hedgehogs: The number of hedgehogs has fallen by 50% since the year 2000.
2. Small tortoiseshell butterfly: In 2013 it was reported that the number of these butterflies decreased by 77% in the previous 10 years.
3. Hazel dormouse: The population has decreased by 75% in the last 25 years.
4. Red squirrel: There are 140,000 red squirrels left compared with an estimated 2.5 million North American grey squirrel.
5. Turtle dove: The turtle dove population decreased by 97% since 1970.
6. Puffins: listed as vulnerable on the IUCN Red list.

Much of species' decline can be put down to habitat reduction and destruction but there are many simple things we can do to help:

1. Put a bird feeder in your garden (you can easily make your own with recycled materials).
2. Plant or sow a range of plants and flowers that flower at different stages of the year such as wildflower seeds.
3. Create safe habitats for animals, for example, build a hedgehog home, and make a bug hotel.
4. Put out shallow bowls of water during very hot spells.
5. Put a bird bath in the garden.
6. Create hedgehog highways by constructing small gaps in garden fences.
7. Create a small wildlife pond.
8. Support local nature and wildlife charities through membership or donations.

Helping nature is not only good for animals and the environment but it's good for us too with evidence increasingly showing benefits to our physical and mental wellbeing. Together we can be the difference!



Nurturing Nature Club

Geography Field Trip

On Tuesday 10th May, Year 8 went on a field trip to Walton-on-the-Naze as part of their Geography enquiry project into human and physical geographical changes in the area. For many of them this was their first school trip in three years due to Covid! They were all really engaged with the fieldwork and were excellently behaved, this was also noted by members of the public on the trip who spoke to me about how polite they were. We were lucky with the weather and an enjoyable day was had by all. Very well done Year 8!

Mrs F Garland

Head of Geography

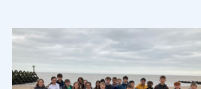
Student perspective...

On the 10th of May Y8 went on a day trip to Walton on the Naze to analyse a British seaside town.

The trip to Walton on the Naze was extremely fun! It was very interesting to see coastal erosion and the strategies employed to fight it and be on the sunny beach at the same time. The trip to Walton was also a wonderful experience to observe geography in real life and outside of the classroom. Furthermore, the trip was a reinforcement to what we had learned in class, and we could witness this in real life. We had so much fun in the town asking citizens their opinions of the town and we were even given the treat to get ice creams! Overall, this trip was spectacular from the start to the end and if you get the chance, I will really recommend you go.

William Martin and Sterling Docx

Year 8



UK Maths Challenges & Kangaroo Round

Our top performing students from the Intermediate UK Maths Challenge (for Years 9, 10, 11) took part in the next round, called the 'Kangaroo'.

This is an event with seriously rigorous maths questions and we are delighted that the named students below were recognised:

Olive Imrie, Paco So, Noah Czajkowski, Esme Lawson, Benedek Payne, Laurence Poles

with **Merits awarded** to *Fadlullah Saliu, Nigel Ying, Aditi Banthia, Daniel Luksan, Luke Ricketts*.

And very recently, 33 of our younger students took part in the Junior UK Maths Challenge:

Bronze Certificates: *Alexander Lemmens, Adedejì Adewuyi, Cuinn Harrop, Alexander Sze, Lucy Ayodele, George Dmitriev, Lily Tieu, Gabriel Smith, Valerie Tsang, Eric Fletcher, Kamal Oguniola, Henry Baird*

Silver Certificates: *Boaz Au, Lucy McCarthy, Jessal Wilkinson, Anastasia Miccolis, Grace Wagstaff, Maksim White, Sterling Docx, Ethan Russell*

Gold Certificates: *Emaan Fraaz, Clara Lam*

We narrowly missed out qualification for the Junior Kangaroo, but congratulations to all those who sat the paper. Students in bold above came top in their year!

[Want to try? Here is question 12 from the Junior Challenge \(answer at the bottom*\):](#)

[When my pot of paint is half full, it weighs 5.8 kg. When my pot of paint is one quarter full, it weighs 3.1 kg. What is the weight of the full pot?](#)

A 8.9 kg B 11.2 kg C 11.6 kg D 12 kg E 12.4 kg

Mr C Appleford

Director of Mathematics

Instrumental, Vocal and Theory Lesson Notice Deadlines

We hope that your children enjoy and look forward to their music lessons. If for any reason they are not, please get in touch to enable us to address the situation.

Please be aware that if you would like to stop lessons at any point, you must let us know in writing. The table below gives the notice deadlines for the rest of this year:

Deadline Dates for Notice 2021/2022

Want to Stop Lessons at:	Deadline to let us know by:
End of Academic Year 2022 (July)	Friday 20 May 2022

It is important for us to have these deadlines, giving our peripatetic staff sufficient notice to find a replacement student. It also minimises disruption for timetabling and the Finance Department.

Please contact us at musicadmin@hockerill.com if you have any queries.

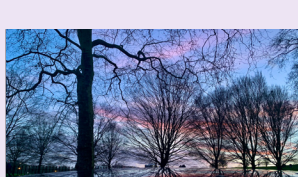
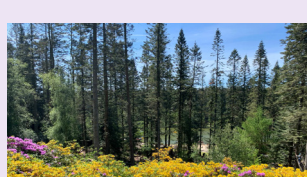
Mr O Bond

Director of Music

EQUIPE NEWS

Equipe Nature Photography Competition

On Friday last week we held an exhibition of over 80 nature photographs from over 50 different students as well as four members of staff. Mr Gilman and the students of his excellent Nurturing Nature Club (Tuesday lunchtimes in S3) wanted to encourage students to get outside and into nature. As such, the prize category, Into the Wild, required the students to travel at least a mile from home or transport. This category was won by Grace Wagstaff and her beautiful photo of wild flowers and pine trees. The other categories were Animals; Plants; and Landscapes - as well as a special award from the Heads of Equipe for their favourite. Equipe Points were available for all categories and overall Seacole gained the most points. The quality of the photos was outstanding and the exhibition was well-attended.



EPAC - Equipe Performing Arts Competition

Starting this year and finishing in October next academic year, all Equipes will be involved in creating a 20 minute musical in all its aspects.

Heads of Equipe will be in touch with all students on Teams as we start to assign roles and to cast. More information will be put onto the Equipes' Teams over the next few weeks.

GENERAL NEWS

Year 8 and 9 HPV Immunisations – Monday 23rd May

Please follow the link below to read an important letter from the School Immunisation Team. Please be aware that any parents who wish to decline the vaccine still need to complete the electronic form within this letter. The online form can be accessed using a unique code **EE136482**. The electronic link closes on **Friday 20th May**. To maintain the privacy and dignity of the students, it is suggested that they wear a short sleeve shirt or PE top to the session.

[Important Information and form - HPV Immunisation](#)

Update on COVID-19 vaccinations for 5 to 11 and 12 to 15 year olds

The in-school COVID-19 vaccination programme ended on Friday 1 April. 12 to 15 year olds are still able to access the vaccine outside of schools at a vaccination centre, pharmacy or walk-in centre.

Further information on this can be found in [this new Education Hub blog post](#).

Healthy 5 to 11 year olds are also now being offered vaccinations outside of schools in vaccination centres, pharmacies, GPs and walk-in centres.

It remains important that those most at risk from COVID-19 are protected with vaccinations. For more information, we have updated our blog on [vaccinations for clinically vulnerable children and young people](#).

For all 5 to 11 and 12 to 15 year old vaccinations, please see the following information where you can [book COVID-19 vaccination appointments](#) online for an appointment at a vaccination centre or pharmacy, or [find a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site](#), to get vaccinated without needing an appointment.

WE ARE RECRUITING

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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
Summer Solstice Concert	21st June
Hockerill Sports Celebration and Presentation Evening	25th June
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Final Assemblies	Friday 1st July

*Answer to Junior Mathematics Challenge question: B