

HOCKERILL NEWS

Half Term Holiday

Please be reminded that lessons finish at **1205** on Friday 27th May.

Thank a Teacher Day

Thursday 26th May is National Thank a Teacher Day. We would like to give students the opportunity to thank members of staff at Hockerill who have made a difference in some way. We have not limited this to teachers, so students could thank any boarding staff, teachers, support staff or any others they want to. They have been sent a form to do this within their Year Group's Team.



They can do this as many times as they like but must do a new form for each person. We want them to do as many as they can so that every member of staff gets a thank you! They will need to do this by Monday 23rd May for it to be sent on the day!

CCF News

We had a very successful day this week at RAF Syerston with all three of our cadets going up in gliders twice and receiving their well-earned wings. CCF staff were very impressed with the cadet's behaviour and willingness to get involved throughout the day. They were awarded their wings on Tuesday's CCF parade. Congratulations to Thomas, Aaron, and Stella.

Captain Ashlee-McCrae
Contingent Commander



End of Spanish IB Exams

As is tradition in the Spanish Department, following the last Spanish IB exam, we had a small celebration in with typical Spanish food. Congratulations to all the students and staff for their enthusiasm, dedication and perseverance throughout these last two challenging years.

Enhorabuena y Muchísima suerte!!

Dr Millán



Year 11 Induction Morning – Saturday 25th June

We will be holding an induction day for current Year 11 students joining the Sixth Form in September. More information about the event will follow soon.

GENERAL NEWS

Road closures and diversions

Please find information below regarding planned road closures at the M11/A120 which may affect your child's journey to school.

[Weekend Road Closures and Diversions](#)

Child Safety Online

Many young people are sophisticated in the way they use social media apps and websites, tailoring their communication for different audiences, and accessing them from a range of devices including smartphones, tablets, and games consoles. But social media, like all forms of public communication, comes with some risks. Not all of these risks turn into actual problems; and if children never face any risks, they never learn how to deal with them. By helping your child understand what the risks are, you can play a big part in preventing them from turning into problems.

Please find [here](#) a practical guide for parents and carers.

New Schools Bill to boost education standards across the country

Following the plans set out in the [Schools White Paper](#), a new [Schools Bill](#), introduced to the House of Lords on Wednesday 11 May, is set to pave the way for all schools to join a strong multi-academy trust, and to strengthen safeguarding as part of government plans to raise education standards for every child, regardless of where they live.

Parents can read the article about [how the bill will support boosting education standards](#) across the country and find out more within the [everything you need to know about the Schools Bill blog](#).



Sex and Relationships Education Policy

In 2019 the government published a new Relationships and Sex Education curriculum and all schools were required to publish a policy outlining how the curriculum would be taught in their school. Please find further [information here](#).

Hockerill began teaching the new curriculum in September 2020 as per the required timeline and also published our policy which can be [found here](#). We asked parents for feedback last year and continue to welcome feedback you have on what is taught and how it is taught. Please send your feedback to mccullochA@hockerill.com

BOARDING NEWS

Senior House Captains

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected in leadership roles within the Senior Boarding Houses.

Roding House Captain - Elsie Jackson

Roding Deputy House Captain - Zoe Hart

Thames House Captain - Kai Roberts

Thames Deputy House Captain - Shanay Shah

Grove Cottage Visit

On Thursday 12th May Year 12 students from Roding House hosted a group of visitors from Grove Cottage (Bishops Stortford Mencap). The students involved organised a range of sporting activities for the visitors who thoroughly enjoyed the evening. I wanted to publicly thank the students for their involvement and organisation of this event.

Mr W Conolly

Director of Boarding

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.

Just a few tickets left!

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 after half term.**

We very much look forward to seeing you there.

Music Team

HOCKERILL PARENTS AND FRIENDS



HPF 250 Club

Congratulations go to Tim Willis (April) and Clare Bramwell (May) – your £100 winner's cheques are waiting for you in Reception!

The HPF 250 Club is a monthly prize draw that raises funds for the College while giving you a chance to win money each month. Entry is £5 a month. There is a £100 prize every month and an additional Christmas prize of £250 in December. Please use the [entry form](#) to set up a monthly Standing Order, or enclose a cheque made out to HPF 250 Club if you prefer to pay for a whole year at once. All profits go to the College. Draws take place on the 10th of each month.

WE ARE RECRUITING

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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	Tuesday 21st June
Year 11 Prom	Thursday 23rd June
Year 11 Sixth Form Induction Morning	Saturday 25th June
Sports Celebration and Presentation Evening	Saturday 25th June
Summer Concert evenings	Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th June
Final Assemblies	Friday 1st July