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> HOCKERILL NEWS

Thank a Teacher Day

Our beautiful cloister garden was transformed today into the perfect setting for Thank a Teacher Day which takes place every year on 26th May. Students' thank you messages, balloons, cupcakes and small gifts for every department made the space fun and welcoming. There was hopefully a little something for everyone who makes Hockerill Anglo-European College such a lovely community. However, there was another special reason to celebrate today. Our MYP Coordinator Miss Michelle Butler had been nominated for the Pearson National Teaching Award for Outstanding Secondary School Teacher of the Year. This was an initiative that found many staff and students working together on collating comments on the special impact that Miss Butler has had on all of us. Staff and students enthusiastically commented on Miss Butler's innovative and creative approaches to teaching and coordinating the MYP program. The most fun part was that Miss Butler knew nothing about this in the first place so we had to break the news little by little following guidance from the representatives from Pearson. When Miss Butler's nomination for the Silver Award got accepted a 90 min virtual visit followed which included staff interviews, student panel and a lesson observation which took place live through Teams. This was such an exciting and inspirational lesson! The Year 7 group involved, once prompted by their teacher, took ownership of their learning in true IB spirit! In small groups they had to rotate around the room collecting information on their Fantasy stories. It was so lovely to watch students using their thinking skills while self-managing themselves with so much independence. Students seemed curious about the story prompts, fantasy objects and literary devices created by Miss Butler and engaged in some deep inquiry which was superb!



IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday 11th June
New Students' Morning
(lessons finish at 1205)

Monday 6th June
Term recommences

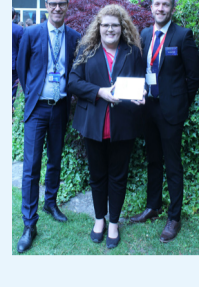
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A few weeks ago we were delighted to find out that Miss Butler had been successful and had actually won the Silver Award! However, we had to still keep it confidential until today's events! We were delighted to welcome Mr Sam Sutton-Read, Pearson's representative, who announced the great news that Miss Butler had won the Silver Award for Outstanding Secondary School Teacher of the Year! We wish Miss Butler all the best and we do hope that she wins the Gold Award in November! Miss Butler, on behalf of Hockerill teachers, students and parents we would like to say: "Thank you for everything you do!"



Mrs A Piperaki

Teacher of English

Read more in the [Bishop Stortford Independent](#)

International Baccalaureate Evaluation

We are always looking to improve and parental feedback is vital to this process. We have created a questionnaire that asks you to rate IB related questions from 'strongly disagree' to 'strongly agree'. A very similar questionnaire was given to students, and governors, and after half term will be given to all staff. Michelle Butler, MYP Coordinator, and Pete Bromfield, DP Coordinator, created a video to support the completion of the student questionnaire. Please feel free to watch this too.

[Video:](#)

[Questionnaire:](#)

World Bee Day – 20th May

The College was a hive of activity on Friday 20th May as students and staff celebrated World Bee Day. The Nurturing Nature Club members and the wonderful refectory staff, organised a bee-themed day to raise awareness of the importance of bees to our food security and to showcase some delicious desserts based around honey and bees. A refectory-wide display was also created by the students to delight and inform with a key message of "without bees we wouldn't have these..."

Staff across the College were also invited to do their bit to create a bee-friendly habitat by planting 'bee bombs' containing wildflower seeds. In all over 100 bee bombs were distributed and the staff room was buzzing as plans of where they would be planted were enthusiastically exchanged and further discussions took place about what else we can do collectively to improve habitats and biodiversity, something that we all stand to benefit from.

Thank you to the students and refectory staff for making it such a great day!

Mr Gilman, Miss Dickson and Mrs Sullivan



> STUDENT NEWS

Poetry Competition Winner

To coincide with this year's Mental Health Awareness week, Mental Health Campaign 'Just Talk' launched a poetry competition for students from Hertfordshire secondary schools and sixth form Colleges. Students in Key Stages 3 and 4/Sixth Form were invited to write a poem entitled 'The Gift of Kindness'.



Entries by Talitha van Beek (Year 12), Seth Mulvey (Year 8) and Anastasia Miccolis (Year 8) were submitted on behalf of the College and the Just Talk judging panel report the standard of entries was exceptionally high across the county. We are delighted to announce that the panel have awarded first prize in the county's KS4/Sixth Form category to Talitha.

Talitha was awarded her trophy by a Just Talk representative in College this week and attended an online awards ceremony in which she and the runners up read out their poems, seen here with Talitha and her English Teacher, Mrs Edwards (right).



Well done Bella!

Year 12 student, Isabella Henry, competed in her first Divisional British Powerlifting Contest this month. She gained the gold medal after completing three disciplines in the sub junior category:

Squat 95kg

Bench 47.5kg

Deadlift 110kg

Total 252.5kg

The deadlift was a personal best!

Isabella exceeded the qualifying weight total required to gain a place at the National contest

and will now move forward to the next British Championship contest.



> YEAR 10

Hatfield Forest visit – Tuesday 14th June

Year 10 students, who are not participating in the Duke of Edinburgh award, will take part in team building activities in the morning of 14th June and then spend Periods 4 and 5 going on a walk, using public footpaths, around the local countryside to Hatfield Forest.

Students should come to College in full PE kit (Polo and shorts or skorts and trainers with white socks). In addition they may bring a PE fleece and Navy skins (No other sportswear permitted). All students will need a water bottle, sun cream and hat or waterproof coat depending on the weather. They will have their lunch at College.

All parents have completed a Level 1 consent form and therefore there is no requirement for you to complete any additional forms. If contact or medical information is not updated on the SIMS app then please notify me of any health information as a matter of urgency. Students should bring with them any medication needed as they would do on a normal College day.

There is no cost associated with this trip. If you have any questions, please email year10@hockerill.com

Mrs N Ashlee-McCrae

> YEAR 12

Intermediate Biology Olympiad

After half term all Year 12 Biologists will have the opportunity to participate in the Intermediate Biology Olympiad. This competition is open to Biology students in the first year of post-16 education anywhere in the world.

The competition consists of a one-hour multiple choice paper which will be taken online during one of their Biology lessons. Questions are set on topics students are likely to have covered at GCSE and in the first year of DP Biology. Some additional ideas will be introduced requiring their problem-solving skills and understanding of core principles.

Students will be encouraged to reference their participation in their UCAS applications, and all participants will receive free Royal Society of Biology [BioNet membership](#) for one year.

I look forward to sharing their results with you in due course.

Mrs A Lumby

Head of Biology



> BOARDING NEWS

Junior Boarder Weekend Relaxations

The Junior Houses had a fantastic weekend last week with plenty put on for them to make the most of the glorious weather. Mr Ageo's excellent idea of cricket and snacks was well-received and all Canterbury, Durham, and Winchester gathered on the field on Saturday evening for a low-key knock about with the cricket set. We barbecued corn-on-the-cob and chocolate bananas and the students relaxed and spent time together. Sunday lead us all to the beach at Frinton and yet more perfect weather for cricket, sand castles, paddling, and generally lounging about. Some students popped along to Connaught Avenue, the small shopping street, to pick up ice cream or some charity shop bargains.

Mr G Dinwiddy

Deputy Head of Canterbury House

> EQUIPE NEWS

EPAC 22

The Heads of Equipe auditioned a wide range of students this week for the Equipe Performing Arts Competition and will be holding a second round in the first week back after the half term. If anyone was not able to audition this week, please get in touch with your Head of Equipe, via email or on Teams. We will be starting to look for musicians after half term so that we can send them home for the summer knowing what songs they will be playing, so musicians look out for more information on Teams!

Mr G Dinwiddy

Head of Equipes



> LIBRARY NEWS

Parents' Reading Group

On Saturday 21st May, we were delighted to welcome actress, television presenter and voice artist, Sophie Aldred, to the Hockerill Parents' Reading Group. Sophie has recorded over 150 audiobooks and explained the ins and outs of the process involved, including how she rose to the challenge of setting up a recording studio in her airing cupboard during lockdown!



Whilst places in the Parents' Reading Group are extremely limited, we do have a couple of vacancies for next year. The group meets on a Saturday morning, approximately once a month, so if you can commit to this and are interested in putting your name on the waiting list, please contact me via library@hockerill.com.

Mrs S Bruce

College Librarian

> 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

Due to popular demand, HPF have released some more tickets for the outdoor theatre event. These are now available on WisePay, priced, as before, at £15 and £12 (concession).

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.

> 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](#)

> WE ARE RECRUITING

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

> DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Wishing everyone a happy and relaxing half term break.