

## HOCKERILL NEWS



As you will be aware the College was inspected on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. In fact, we had two separate inspections - one of the school by OFSTED and the other of boarding by Social Care. This is called an 'aligned inspection'. In around three weeks' time we will receive reports from both inspections and only at that point will final outcomes be known.



### IMPORTANT DATES

Week commencing  
**20th June**  
 School Diversity Week  
 (further details below)  
**Thursday 23rd June**  
 Sports Day (further details below)  
**Saturday 25th June**  
 Sixth Form New Students Morning  
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The inspection teams were very impressed with our students noting their excellent behaviour and politeness in learning contexts, focus group discussions or informally around the campus. The inspectors also commented on the very high survey return rates from parents. Thank you for playing your role in the inspection. It is hugely appreciated.

We now await the outcomes and will share them with you in due course.

**Mr D Woods**  
**Principal**

### School Diversity Week and Express Your Identity (Non-Uniform) Day

The week commencing 20th June is School Diversity Week. While this week is inspired by June's status as Pride Month, we want to celebrate all aspects of our students' diversity. Students will have the opportunity to be involved in a variety of ways, including:

- form activities each morning
- PSHE lessons with a focus on diversity
- special dishes served in the Refectory from around the world
- a diversity fair in the Cloister Garden on Wednesday at break and lunchtime
- a unique non-uniform day on Friday 24th June called "Express Your Identity Day"



On Express Your Identity Day (Friday 24th June), students are encouraged to come to school wearing something that represents an aspect of their identity that is important to them; be it their ethnicity, nationality, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, neurodivergence or any other part of who they are that is to be cherished and celebrated.

Students are permitted to wear items of clothing which are appropriate for school including:

- Traditional or cultural dress, or any clothes students feel represent an important aspect of their identity
- Non-uniform shirts/t-shirts, ties, badges and stickers and make-up that fits within the College policy. Small items of jewellery e.g. stud earrings and simple necklaces/bracelets may be worn. Please note that nails should remain unpainted on this day.

Unlike non-uniform days students are not expected to pay on the day, but for those who wish to make a donation to the schools Diversity Club's chosen charity [MindOut | Mental Health Charity for LGBTQ community](#) there will be an opportunity to do so when entering the Refectory at lunchtime.



I hope our students will support these events and join us in celebrating the wonderful diversity at Hockerill.

### East Herts Black Parents Assembly

The East Herts Black Parents Assembly (BPA) is a grassroots organisation set up by local parents (including Hockerill parents), to build community, improve opportunities and enrich the lives of Black and biracial families. The BPA wants to: (1) work with local institutions to create positive change, (2) be a voice for the Black community, (3) get feedback from the parents of Black and biracial families on issues that concern them, and (4) get together for social events.

The BPA will be working in partnership with Hockerill as part of a pilot scheme to further the work of Equality Diversity and Inclusion in schools. Please see [East Herts Black Parents Assembly](#) or contact Shamiela Davids, Director of Innovation, [DavidsS@hockerill.com](mailto:DavidsS@hockerill.com) for more information.

### Sports Day – Thursday 23rd June

A reminder of some key points (bullet points below) that went to the Hub last week regarding Sports Day which is fast approaching. The forecast for Thursday is 20 degrees with cloud coverage. In addition to the information below, Year 12 students will be competing in events in the afternoon (periods 4 and 5). Year 12 students who are competing will need their kit, which they will get changed in to at lunch time. If Year 12 students do not have Hockerill PE kit then they should wear a plain white t-shirt and some sports shorts. Various field events and some track events will run for Years 7-10 in the morning. After lunch the whole College will watch and/or compete in the remaining track events.

Please be aware of the following in relation to Sports Day on the 23rd June:

- All students in Year 7-10 will attend College wearing PE kit:
  - Year 7 -9: navy shorts, athletics vest and white sports socks (optional Hockerill quarter zip fleece or smock top)
  - Year 10: navy shorts, athletics vest/navy PE polo and white sports socks (optional Hockerill quarter zip fleece or smock top)
- All books for normal lessons (Periods 1-5) must also be bought to College in case the event is cancelled due to poor weather
- Please ensure that your child is prepared for the weather with water and sun cream if necessary

### Evensong Experience - Sunday 26th June at 6pm

Come and enjoy a traditional service of Choral Evensong in the College Chapel. Sung by All Saints' Choir, our student choral scholars and accompanied by our organ scholar, Emma.

Seating in the chapel is limited, so please express your interest in attending using [this form](#). Seats will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. Refreshments will be provided afterwards.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Books & Biscuits Club

After a term of shadowing the books shortlisted for this year's prestigious Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Medals, the students from Books & Biscuits Club have had a very busy week. On Thursday 9th June, they joined pupils from St Mary's, Leventhorpe, Birchwood and Herts & Essex High School at an event hosted by Herts & Essex.



The Hockerill students were very positive about the experience, as shown by the comments from Eric;

"I really enjoyed this afternoon because everyone from the other schools were welcoming and friendly, the discussions were really interesting and the quiz was really fun too." and Greta; "The trip was amazing! We got to meet lots of new people and talk about our favourite books out of the eight. Plus, we got snacks!"

The afternoon culminated in the big reveal of the favourite book – as voted for by the students of these local schools.

On Thursday 16th June, a special lunch took place in Hockerill College library to watch the official Award Ceremony and celebrate the students' commitment to the shadowing programme. They were very excited to see if their favourite was announced as either the official Shadowers' Choice or the judges' Medal winner. Huge congratulations go to all the students from Books & Biscuits Club, who read the books and posted reviews on the Carnegie shadowing website.

**Mrs Bruce**  
**College Librarian**

## PARENT WORKSHOPS

Supporting Links are offering some Parenting Support Groups countywide and ONLINE for the AUTUMN TERM of 2022.



They are pleased to bring you the details of 8 online courses starting in September and November, as well as 2 face to face groups.

Each course runs over 6 weekly sessions and is offered FREE of charge to parents thanks to funding from Herts County Council:

**Talking Additional Needs** (1 online / 1 St Albans course)

**Talking Families** (2 online / 1 Stevenage courses)

**Talking Teens** (2 online courses)

**Talking Dads** (2 online courses)

BOOKINGS FOR THESE COURSES ARE NOW OPEN

[Talking Additional Needs](#)

[Talking Families](#)

[Talking Dads](#)

[Talking Teens](#)

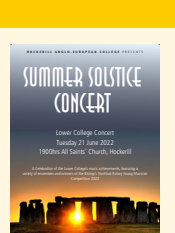
[Parent and Carer Support Online Courses](#)

## EVENTS NEWS

### Summer Solstice Concert

#### Tuesday 21st June

The Music Department is delighted to invite you to the 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 event will take place at All Saints' Church, Hockerill commencing at 1900hrs. Tickets on sale from Reception. We hope to see you there!



### Sounds of the Summer Evenings (over 18s only)

#### Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th June

Hockerill Parents and Friends are organising two live music events to take place on the Cedar Lawn. Tickets are £20 and available via WisePay.

#### What is the event?

A relaxed evening of eating, drinking and dancing, all set to music courtesy of the wonderful Big Band - jazz on arrival and stuff to dance to later on. Dust off those dancing shoes!

#### What's the form?

Bring your own picnics, but no drinks please. HPF will be running a bar serving alcohol and soft drinks and have got it all covered. All the proceeds from this will go straight back into projects to make Hockerill an even better place!

#### Where do we sit?

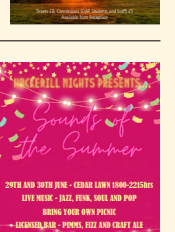
Tables of up to ten - you can come with friends or join a table on the night. There won't be a seating plan, but there will be plenty of room for everyone.

#### Who can only?

Over 18s only please.

#### Finer details?

Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th June - 1830hrs - 2200hrs on the Cedar Lawn. Parking will be available on Winchester Lawn.



## WE ARE RECRUITING

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

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Summer Solstice Concert	Tuesday 21st June
Year 11 Prom	Thursday 23rd June
Year 11 Sixth Form New Students' Morning	Saturday 25th June
Sports Celebration and Presentation Evening	Saturday 25th June
Sounds of the Summer	Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th June
Final Assemblies	Friday 1st July