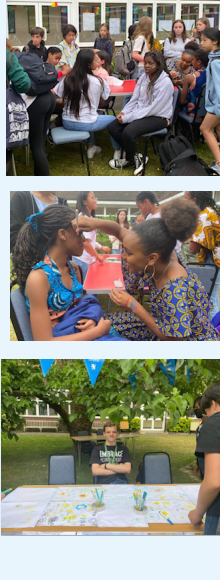


HOCKERILL NEWS

School Diversity Week

This week we celebrated all aspects of our students' diversity 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
- a unique non-uniform day on Friday 24th June called "Express Your Identity Day"

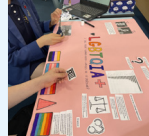
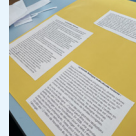
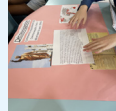


IMPORTANT DATES

Week commencing Saturday 25th June
Sixth Form New Students' Morning
Monday 27th June
Bake Sale (further details below)
Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th June
Sounds of the Summer events (further details below)
Friday 1st July
End of Term (students depart at 1240)
Contact us:
General communications to:
admin@hockerill.com
Absence communications to:
absence@hockerill.com

History

Year 9 students (French bilingual historians) working on contemporary history have been researching LGBTQ+ history, the history of post-Windrush multi-cultural Britain and the history of post war decolonisation amongst other post war topics.



Diversity in Boarding

Students in boarding have been involved in a variety of events and have put together some presentations.

[Culture appropriation presentation](#)

[LGBTQ+ presentation](#)



College Uniform from September 2022

We have been working closely with Fosters Schoolwear to ensure that the quality of our uniform is high enough following a number of comments from parents. The majority of concerns raised are about the quality of trousers and skirts. Fosters Schoolwear have responded positively to this and have assured us that the quality of all items will be improved, where there is a need to do so.

Additionally Fosters Schoolwear have agreed to reduce the price of trousers and skirts by approximately £5 - £8 depending on size.

There have been a number of rumours circulating about changes to our uniform and the purpose of this article is to update you about College Dress Codes from September 2022.

You will see from the linked [College Dress Codes](#) that students in Years 7-11 will be expected to wear Hockerill bespoke trousers or skirts in September. Fosters Schoolwear held material to make these items and changing to plain black trousers/skirts at short notice would leave the College liable for the full value of this material. It is our intention that students will be able to wear plain black trousers and skirts and this change will come into effect during the next academic year once Fosters Schoolwear are out of stock. Over the summer holidays we have to agree a replacement black skirt (there are many choices available), so that there is a uniformity in the style worn. We can assure you that we will choose an item that is high quality and more affordable than our current skirt. We will notify you as soon as we have a new item which can be worn instead of our current skirt.

Other changes from September:

Ties

We are using a new tie manufacturer (James Morton) and have made some changes to our ties. These changes will reduce the need for changes to boarder's ties when they move houses. They will specifically identify a boarding student as a boarder (regardless of their house), thus enabling female boarders to wear the same tie as male boarders. We are introducing new 'senior' student ties to create continuity from Year 11, through to Year 13.

This change does not require any immediate action; students may continue to wear their existing tie if they do not wish to replace it.

Day Student Years 7 - 10	Boarder Years 7 - 10	Day Student Years 11 - 13	Boarder (Roding House) Years 11- 13	Boarder (Thames)

Sports Wear

A Hooded Sweatshirt has been introduced, replacing the Mid Layer Fleece. This item is significantly less expensive.

A new tracksuit style of bottoms is available; these are slimmer, more comfortable and less expensive.

Students are no longer expected to buy an athletics vest.

We will continue to try and introduce less expensive items of uniform and are working closely with our suppliers to improve their service, stock availability, quality and affordability. As previously stated, throughout the 2022/2023 year the changes to trousers and skirts will be implemented.

Sports Day

It was fantastic to see the students once again enjoying Sports Day after a two year hiatus. These are such important events in the College calendar and one that really helps solidify the Equipe system. The students who competed and the supporters should be given real credit, the atmosphere was incredibly supportive in the afternoon when we had the whole College down on the field. Thank you to the staff who supported the event and the students who competed. Individual successes and the winning Equipe will be announced and celebrated in upcoming end of year assemblies.

We weren't in a position to complete all of the scheduled afternoon events and unfortunately missed the 4x100m relay. We had promised the students who were due to be competing in this event that we would reschedule and we would like to do this on Monday 27th June at 09:00. If your child was due to compete in the 4x100m relay yesterday at Sports Day, please could you ensure that they come to College in their PE kit on Monday morning, with their full College uniform in their bag. The whole College will come to the field for this event and support the competitors. This will likely finish at 09:30 at which point students will return to lessons and Period 1 would start. Students who have competed will get changed in to their uniform and return to lessons.



Mr W Conolly

Sporting Success

This week saw the final Girls' District Tournament played of the year and what a glorious week of weather we had for it. Year 9 played their tournament on Monday and Year 8, on Wednesday at Leventhorpe School. Both A teams came runners up in their pool and went on to win the semi-final with only half a score difference for the Year 9's. Sadly, neither team won the final, but the girls demonstrated tremendous team spirit throughout the afternoon as well as some excellent fielding and batting and they should be delighted with themselves for being District runners up! What a lovely way to round of their sporting year, well done girls!



Mrs S Coleman & Mrs A Geissler

Hockerill Eco Club Success!

The newly formed Eco club this year had one key goal, to gain their Eco Schools Green flag award.

They achieved this with DISTINCTION this week in an incredible 9 months.

The club had to demonstrate that they had reached the Eco schools standard in 3 areas of their choice. Over the past months bake sales, food waste competitions, pond planting and re-wilding and environmental stewardship awards were completed.

The Eco schools said this in awarding the status to us "It's a great demonstration that you are going the extra mile to enable young people's passion for environmentalism and by doing so you are also enriching their school life. It's brilliant that so many pupils were able to complete your school's Environmental Review and share their findings with your school community."

"We love the range of activities that you and your Eco-Committee planned for delivery in school. You've clearly embedded the ethos of the Eco-Schools programme far and wide in your school!"

We will now receive the Eco Schools Green flag which is made from recycled plastic and hopefully will be in position by the time we return from the summer holiday.

Congratulations to all who were involved in this, but a special mention needs to go to Mr Gilman with his rewilding of the orchard and pond regeneration.

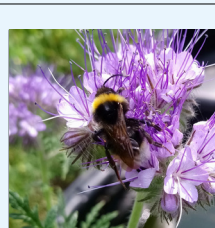
Mrs A Mackenzie



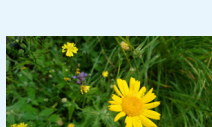
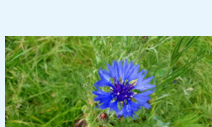
Wildflowers

Earlier in the year the Nurturing Nature students made some improvements to our small pond with a key aim of improving biodiversity.

One of the activities included the sowing of wildflower seeds to encourage more pollinators into the area and we're delighted to see the results coming through with a range of wildflowers providing appeal to both wildlife and humans alike.



Mr C Gilman



Canterbury House

The Canterbury boarders (and staff) are raising money for [The British Red Cross Society](#) (to help those in crisis in Ukraine, Afghanistan, UK and anywhere else that needs it) by cycling the distance to Ukraine on an exercise bike over the last 2 weeks of term. They have just over 1400 miles to complete (the equivalent in km). We have set up a Canterbury House JustGiving page, so if you would like to support the boys in their quest, no matter how big or small, I know they would greatly appreciate it. Here is the link:

[Canterbury House is fundraising for The British Red Cross Society \(justgiving.com\)](#)

In addition to this, there will also be a **Canterbury House bake sale** to raise additional funds for the same cause. This will take place on **Monday 27th June, from 3.40-5.00pm** outside Canterbury House. Please send your child in to College with a small amount of money (cakes will cost between 50p - £1.00 - cash only) as the boys (and their parents) will be kindly baking lots over the weekend, to sell as many delicious cakes as possible! Please see the poster which will also be displayed on the year group teams so students will also be aware.

Mrs S Coleman



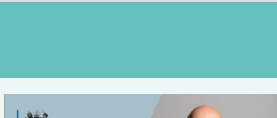
GENERAL NEWS

Letter to students and parents about T Levels

The Secretary of State for Education, Nadhim Zahawi, is writing to parents and students to raise awareness of T Levels. These exciting new qualifications are one of their post-16 options.

Please see the letter below which is aimed especially at those in Year 10 and Year 11 who are considering what qualifications to move on to after taking their GCSEs, and to the parents of these students.

[Open the letter to parents and students](#)



Free Holiday Activities

Hertfordshire County Council Services for Young People (SfYP) is running an exciting programme of free holiday activities during the first three weeks of the summer 2022 school holidays. The activities are for young people aged 13-16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. Parents will need the FSM code sent to their child's school to book a place.

The activities focus on healthy lifestyles and young people will have the opportunity to:

- Take part in sports, dance, art activities, physical games and team challenges
- Meet and socialise with other young people
- Join our fun and informal healthy lifestyles workshops on:
 - healthy food choices and cooking
 - emotional wellbeing and resilience
 - staying safe
 - healthy relationships
 - keeping active
 - smoking, drug and alcohol awareness
 - stress and sleep awareness
- Get a free healthy lunch every day

The activities will run for four hours a day, five days a week: Monday to Friday, 25 July - 12 August 2022.

Click on these links to find out more and book onto your local programme:

- [Welwyn Hatfield, Hatfield Young People's Centre](#)
- [Broxbourne, Herts Young Mariners Base](#)
- [East Herts, Ware Young People's Centre](#)

EVENTS NEWS

Evensong Experience - Sunday 26th June at 6pm.

Come and enjoy a special 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.

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. We would love to see any former students attend Mr Bond's final concert. They can purchase tickets at a reduced ticket price of £10 by emailing hpf@hockerill.com

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 come?

Over 18s only please.

Finer details?

Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th June - 6.30 - 10.30 pm 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 DIARY

Year 11 Sixth Form New Students' Morning	Saturday 25th June
Sports Celebration and Presentation Evening	Saturday 25th June
Evensong Experience	Sunday 26th June at 6pm
Sounds of the Summer	Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th June
Final Assemblies	Friday 1st July