

HOCKERILL NEWS



The academic year 2022/23 is coming to an end and it is important that we pause and think back over what has been an incredible year. It started with covid still a factor and concerns about student and staff absence as infection levels rose and fell. Thankfully, our worst fears were never fully realised and the College stayed open throughout with online learning only necessary for those temporarily isolating or quarantining. As concerns about covid receded so College life recovered to something more normal. Clubs, sports fixtures, theatre productions and concerts all returned, and students were able to once again practise and display the full range of their talents. We were also able to welcome parents and visitors back to the campus so that the events had an audience to appreciate them. It was so good to see the College coming to life and enjoyed by all the community. And the year is closing with a genuine sense of normality. Exams in the exam hall, sports day, summer concerts and prize giving at the final assembly. Thank you to everyone who has been a part of keeping the College going in the difficult times and bringing it back to life in the good times.

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to some of the community however and we wish them well in their new adventures. To the students who are moving to new schools we wish you every success and encourage you to keep in touch. And to the staff who are moving on or retiring we thank you for your years of service and wish you the very best for the future. Among those leaving is Mr Whiteley, and it is only right that his 36 years of work at Hockerill be acknowledged. 36 years is a lifetime during which thousands of students have benefitted from Mr Whiteley's guidance and support as their Head of Year or Design Technology teacher. Thank you, Mr Whiteley, you really are a legend of the College.

We wish everyone an excellent summer break and look forward to welcoming you back to 2022/23 when the College will be even bigger and better than before.

Happy holidays.

Mr D Woods
Principal



IMPORTANT DATES

Week commencing

Sunday 4th September

Arrival of ALL new boarders (including in-year boarders)

Monday 5th September

Term commences for ALL Year 7 students, ALL Year 12 students and ALL new in-year students

Tuesday 6th September

Term commences for all other students

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Celebration Assemblies

Parents and staff attended assemblies today at All Saints' Church to celebrate the achievement of our students.



OFSTED

As you are aware OFSTED completed an inspection of the College in mid-June. We are all keen to see the report but this week we have been informed that the report will not be published until the new school year. Please be assured that as soon as the report is published in September that you will be informed.



Sounds of the Summer Concert

Hockerill Parents and Friends organised two fabulous events in conjunction with the Music Department, led by Mr Bond and the Big Band. HPF can estimate that at least £3300 has been raised for the College. Thanks go to all the parents, students and staff who attended and to HPF volunteers who gave up their time to make the events so successful. Once more, Mr Bond and all the musicians and singers put on an amazing show!



Hockerill College CCF

The end of the school year always sees the end of some of our cadet's journeys in the CCF at Hockerill. This year we said farewell to Sgt Trapmore, Sgt Cashman and Sgt McCrae. All joined the CCF in 2017 and have completed 5 years of dedicated service. It was a pleasure to celebrate this achievement with them and award them with their 5-year medals and certificates. Well done and thank you for your service.

Captain N Ashlee-McCrae

Contingent Commander Hockerill CCF



Year 11 Prom

On Thursday 23rd June, Year 11 sat their final GCSE exam. As soon as they left St Albans Hall, the caretakers set to work clearing the exam tables and chairs and, with the invaluable help of some staff, St Albans Hall was transformed. At 7pm it was lovely to welcome year 11 back for a drink's reception on the Principal's lawn before opening the hall for the buffet and disco. I think year 11 had a good time and it was nice to see them all dressed up, having photos in the photo booth, and singing and dancing all evening.

I look forward to welcoming them back on 25th August, GCSE results day. Information relating to year 11 will continue to be posted on the year 11 TEAM so students, please do continue to check and respond to any notifications over the summer.

Mrs N Ashlee-McCrae

Head of Year 11



Intermediate Biology Olympiad

In early June, 41 Year 12 Biologists competed alongside over 12,566 students from 608 worldwide schools in the Intermediate Biology Olympiad.

The competition consisted of a one-hour multiple choice paper, with questions set on GCSE Biology as well as the first year of DP Biology. Some questions also required problem solving skills and understanding of core Biological principals.

I am thrilled to now be able to share their results.

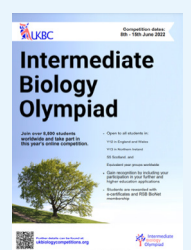
Congratulations go to Dylan Barbone who was awarded a Silver Medal and Callum Abouharb, Tommaso Terrile, Florence Roxburgh, Nishant Muralidharan and Oliver Hutley who all achieved a Bronze Medal.

Talitha Van Beek, Austin Glover and Kiki Jones were awarded Highly Commended and Freyja Somers, Serena Arthur, Darcey Berry, Roisin Overend, Anton Trusty, Niyoosha Wells and Toby Warnes were awarded Commended.

All participants will receive free Royal Society of Biology BioNet membership for one year and can subscribe to this using the link posted on their class Team's account.

Mrs A Lumby

Head of Biology



Sporting Success

Last 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



Music Success

Year 12 student Charity Rymer achieved a distinction for her grade 8 rock and pop vocal exam. A huge achievement and one that should be celebrated. Well done Charity!

Library Awards 2021-22

The Library was delighted to present a certificate and book token, in the final year group assemblies, to the 2021-22 most frequent borrowers from Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12. The awards went to:

Year 7 – Phineas, 7W; Year 8 – Andrei, 8Y; Year 9 – Fadlu, 9X; Year 10 – Giada, 10V and Year 12 – Zoe, 12T2.

Awards of a book and certificate were also presented to the Library Monitor of the Year – June, 7V and a specially created library award for Kamal, 7Z, who read all fifteen titles on this year's Book Buzz list.

Congratulations to all the prize winners from Mrs Bruce and the Library staff.

