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Welcome to the school year 2022/23 after what we hope has been an excellent summer break. This school year will be a return to more familiar routines and activities as we move on from the challenges of Covid. The return of trips and exchanges will be a particular pleasure as they are such a rich and important part of the Hockerill learning experience. Joining us for the 2022/23 school year are new students and their families plus a number of new staff. The College community extends a very warm welcome and we look forward to making you feel part of the community which is such a strong feature of Hockerill.

The College has been a busy place during the summer and this pre-term edition of The Hub will bring you up to speed with what has happened. It will also give you all the information you need to start the school year successfully. Should you have any further questions please consult the College website where you will find the answers to most questions. If that does not give you what you need then feel free to contact your child's Form Tutor for any academic matters, the College Reception for more general enquiries or your child's Head of House if it is boarding related.

I look forward to welcoming you to the College and to meeting you at one of the College events. The year ahead promises to be very special and I look forward to enjoying it with you.

Best wishes for 2022/23.

David Woods
Principal



Exam and destination headlines

We have had an excellent summer in terms of examination results with outstanding performances at GCSE and IB Diploma. The results are remarkable given the challenges that the Y11 and 13 students had to overcome during their two-year courses and the deliberate move to pitch results midway between the high results of 2021 and the last year exams were taken in 2019. Huge congratulations go to them all and we wish them well for the next stage of their education journey be that in the Sixth Form at Hockerill or elsewhere, in employment or at university.

At GCSE, 94.3% of GCSE entries were graded between 9 and 4, with 87.1% at 9-5, and 32.7% of entries graded at 8 or 9. Furthermore, 91.6% of students achieved at least 5 subjects with grades 9-4 in English and Maths. In terms of progress, the school is in the top 10% of providers nationally. The College's emphasis on the importance of languages also ensured that we continue our strong showing in the English Baccalaureate, despite national trends, with 84.1% of students achieving grades 9-4 in all of its components.

IB Diploma results were also exceptional with an impressive 29% achieving 40 points or more compared to 15% globally with an overall average score of 36 points (global average 33 points). 2 students achieved the maximum score of 45 points, which is exceptional as just 640 students achieved the score in the entire 2022 global cohort. The high grades enabled our students to move on to their first-choice universities in virtually all cases with key destinations being 6 to Oxford and Cambridge universities, eight to the University of Leeds, seven Queen Mary University of London, six to King's College, London and three to five to Edinburgh, Exeter, UCL, Bath, Birmingham, Loughborough, Manchester, Nottingham and Sussex and LSE. Other students from this year's cohort are going to university in the USA or studying at a European university, undertaking an apprenticeship, or having a gap year before starting a degree in 2023.

Arrangements for the start of term

The start of term is staggered to allow for the return of boarders and the induction of new students. Please note the following times, dates and venues.

Sunday 4th September

All new residential boarders (including all Year 12 boarders) from 1630hrs onwards. Please go directly to your Boarding House.

Monday 5th September

Year 12 students to report to the Refectory at 0840hrs.

Year 7 and **new** students in Years 8, 9 and 10 should report to St Albans Hall at 0840hrs.

All returning residential boarders from 1600hrs onwards. Please go directly to your Boarding House.

Tuesday 6th September

All students must report directly to their form room at 0845hrs. Heads of Year will post form room locations on their Year Team.