

HOCKERILL NEWS

Learning Journal

For this academic year we have given all students a learning journal. The aim of this and the role you can play can be found in [this video](#). As we are a few weeks into term now, students should begin to receive feedback that they should record in their journal, so that they can review learning at a later time.

Celebrating the Languages of the Hockerill Community

26th September was the European Day of Languages. We would like to highlight the importance of this day by drawing attention to, and celebrating, the multilingual and multicultural nature of our Hockerill community. Please help us collect this relevant information by completing [this short survey](#). It will only take a couple of minutes. Thank you for your time!

Dr Carmen Millán-Varela
Director of Languages

Anthropology Podcast



"Anthrobytes" is the new Anthropology Podcast put together by sixth form students and Mrs Dallas, in which we discuss all things human in bite-sized portions! In [this episode](#) we present the letter 'B' and consider the Body and Beauty in different cross-cultural contexts and ask the question 'Is beauty really in the eye of the beholder?'"

Careers News

Following on from the article above, **Creative Multilingualism** is a research programme, run from The University of Oxford, exploring the links between creativity and languages who has produced a series of [YouTube videos](#) exploring how languages can help in a variety of careers from law to football.

Potential Oxbridge candidates: Year 13 students planning to apply to Oxford or Cambridge or for Medicine are busy finalising their applications to submit by October 15th. For Year 12 students considering Oxbridge Gonville & Caius are running a programme to give students a taste of life at Cambridge, they can [find more details here](#):



REMINDER: HPV Vaccination for Year 8 students - Thursday 6th October

The HPV vaccination helps protect boys and girls from HPV-related cancers. This will take place on Thursday 6th October for all Year 8 students. Please complete the electronic form contained within [this letter](#). Any parents who wish to decline the vaccine still need to complete the form indicating this.

Please be aware that the electronic link will close at 2.00pm on Wednesday 5th October.

YEAR 7

Enrichment Day – Thursday 20th October

On 20th October Year 7 students will be participating in a Model United Nations activity as part of the College's Enrichment programme. Your child has been allocated a country to represent and they will have been informed of this by their Form Tutor. **It is imperative that students bring their electronic learning device to College for the day.**

It would add to the colour of the occasion if they found some outer garment to wear that represented their country. They should come in College uniform, but an outer garment typical of the culture of the country they are representing would be ideal (costume guidelines attached). Boarders should ensure that they bring this to College on their return from the Exeat 2 Weekend which will take place from 7th – 9th October 2022. Residential boarders are to discuss the costume requirement with their respective House tutors.

Students are not expected to do much advance preparation for the day, but if they wish to learn something about their country through books or online resources, they are more than welcome to do so.

We look forward to an enjoyable and successful day.

Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Mrs. N Ashlee-McCrae

Head of Year 7

YEAR 8

Geography Fieldtrip

On Monday 26th September the whole of Year 8 visited our local coastal town to conduct both human and physical fieldwork to support their classroom learning. Students conducted experiments to investigate longshore drift and appraised different coastal management engineering techniques for their effectiveness. In the town centre students conducted public questionnaires and environmental quality surveys. Student will now analyse their results and write up their fieldwork inquiry question in class. Students' behaviour and enthusiasm was exemplary, and the sun shone throughout, a fantastic day enjoyed by all!



BOARDING NEWS

Weekend Trips/Activities

Please be aware of the following information in regards to Weekend Boarding Trips and Activities

- Priority for weekend activities will be given to Full Boarders
- Weekly boarders who would like to attend trips need to be staying in their Boarding House over the weekend in order to sign up for the trip that has been organised for that weekend (a charge will apply for weekend stays for Weekly boarders)
- For Flexi boarders, students will need to be staying for the Saturday and Sunday night to be able to access trips on that particular weekend. These overnight stays can be claimed against the allocation of overnight stays that Flexi Boarders have, any nights over 10 will be charged
- All trips are charged to parent's Boarding account at the end of the month that the trip took place
- We can only accept requests to attend the trip from Weekly and Flexi Boarders once we have received confirmation from your child's Head of House that they will be staying for the required nights
- Please see the Weekend programme of [activities/trips here](#). This will allow you to discuss with your child any trips they may wish to go on.
- A reminder that in early September an email was sent to all parents of Full Boarders with an opportunity to opt out of any Boarding weekend trip on behalf of their child
- Please be aware that tickets are purchased in advance for all external trips, there are different booking deadlines we have to adhere to and this is dependent on the company we are booking with. There will be a minimum 2 week notice period if students have signed up for a trip and then decide they are unable or that they no longer want to attend.

Boarding Parent Forum – Wednesday 12th October

A reminder that there is an online Boarding Parent Forum meeting scheduled for Wednesday 12th October at 18:00. Please submit questions prior to the event [via the link here](#). The deadline for questions is Friday 7th October at 09:00, the questions submitted will define the agenda items. The agenda, along with the link to join the meeting will be sent to all boarding parents via email prior to the meeting.

Year 11, 12 and 13 Boarding Formal – Friday 14th October

On Friday 14th October a Formal Dinner is organised for all Boarders in Year 11, 12 and 13. Students attending will have a three course meal followed by some post dinner entertainment. Students have been contacted with details of this event via their College email. Please be aware that the dress code is suits or formal dress. This event will start at 18.45 and finish at 22.00.

CCF NEWS

Hockerill College Combined Cadet Force

The new start to the academic year has proven to be a real buzz for Hockerill College CCF. The contingent continues to have regular attendance of sixty plus cadets. We now have had a new batch of keen recruits 29 in total, who are in the process of joining.

Since we wrote our last article in the summer, both the Army and RAF section went away on two separate successful summer camps. Taking students to operational camps used by the military where the cadets were involved in various activities including, firing weapons, fieldcraft skills, minor tactics, high ropes, abseiling, kayaking and flying in gliders. The cadets gained valuable experience from these opportunities as well as having lots of fun.

It gives us great pleasure to announce some new and well-deserved promotions within the CCF. The following students have been promoted to Lance Corporal by the Contingent Commander, Captain Ashlee-McCrae.

LCpls, Leo Ranade, Charlie Piper, Harley Champkins, Aaron Sandhu, Imogen Tang and Isabelle Glover.

Lastly it was a pleasure to award Ft Lt Mascetti his Queens Platinum Jubilee Medal for dedicated service during our Late Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II reign.



STUDENT NEWS

Scout Award

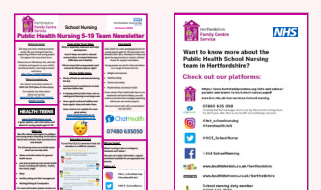
Year 9 student Ethan Marson was awarded his Jail Break scout badge by the mayor of Saffron Walden last weekend. Ethan led and navigated a group of 6 scouts on a 30-mile, 24-hour overnight hike, escaping catchers on foot and by bike. They slept in a field for a few hours and continued to hike to their base the following day.



HEALTH NEWS

Hertfordshire Family Service

Please find some helpful hints and contact information in this [Public Health Nursing Newsletter](#).



HOCKERILL PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Candelit Social with Jazz – Friday 14th October

Please come and join us for our first social event of the school year: a candelit wine and cheese night with live music, courtesy of a local jazz trio.

Substantial cheese and antipasti boards will be provided, and a selection of fine wines will be available from the bar.

Make up a table (up to 8) or we can seat you on the night. It's a great opportunity to meet new parents or catch up with old friends!

Please email any dietary requirements to hpf@hockerill.com

Tickets £15 from WisePay (to include food and drink on arrival).

Please see [this flyer](#) for more information.

We really look forward to seeing you there!



250 Club

Hockerill has its very own community lottery, otherwise known as the 250 Club. For a donation of £5 per month, you are entered into our monthly draw to win £100 or £250 at Christmas. All proceeds go directly back into projects to benefit the school and students. To join, [please complete this form](#) which can then be handed into the Office or emailed to hpf@hockerill.com

Thank you!

The HPF Team



WE ARE RECRUITING

Our latest vacancies can be [found here](#).