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> HOCKERILL NEWS

Term Dates 2023-2024

Please find a link to the Term Dates for 2023-2024 [here](#).

Student Leave of Absence Forms

You are required to complete a form should you need to request an absence for your child. This application must be completed well in advance of absence requested (at least 2 weeks).

Headteachers may not grant leave of absence during term time for family holidays. Only exceptional circumstances warrant an authorised leave of absence.

These forms are now available to complete online. Please find the links below:

[Year 7 to 11 Student Leave of Absence Form](#)

[Sixth Form Student Leave of Absence Form](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 7th November

Term recommences

Saturday 12th November

Non-Uniform Day

Contact us:

General

communications to:

admin@hockerill.com

Absence

communications to:

absence@hockerill.com

> MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGE NEWS



Celebrating the Languages of the Hockerill Community

Thank you to everyone who has replied to the Languages survey and help us build a picture of the multilingual and multicultural nature of our Hockerill community. If anyone has not had a chance to complete it, here is the [link again](#).

Thank you for your time!

Dr Carmen Millán-Varela

Director of Languages

Independent Candidates for GCSE Languages Examinations 2023

Languages are a key part of the Hockerill curriculum and we are proud that the majority of our students study two languages at GCSE level. For those students who already have a proficient command of the languages that we teach, and are not currently timetabled to study them, we can facilitate the taking of GCSE exams in these languages here at Hockerill. Students in this group are called 'Independent candidates'.

If your child is in Years 9, 10 or 11 and would like to take a GCSE Language examination as an Independent Candidate, please [complete this form](#) by **Tuesday 8th November 1600hrs**. A detailed message will be sent to these year groups.

Native or near native speakers should also explore the possibility of sitting alternative language qualifications with a broader scope than GCSEs. For instance:

- The DELF and DALF exams for [French](#)
- The Goethe Institut examinations for [German](#)
- The Certificazione di Italiano come Lingua Straniera or CILS for Italian
- The Diplomas of Spanish as a Foreign Language (DELE) for [Spanish](#)
- The Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) for [Japanese](#)
- The HSK test for [Mandarin](#)

Any questions please contact Jane Dewhurst, Exams Officer (dewhurstj@hockerill.com) or Dr Millán, Director of Languages (millanc@hockerill.com).

Exchange trips to France and Germany in 2023

We are very pleased to announce that we are starting our traditional and long running exchange programmes again in this current academic year 2022/23. The first exchanges will be the French exchange to Liège in February (Y9/10) and the German work experience exchange to Münster in January (Y10/12).

As languages are a key part of the Hockerill curriculum we are happy to offer these immersion opportunities to students again. More information to follow.

Sixth Form Japan Day

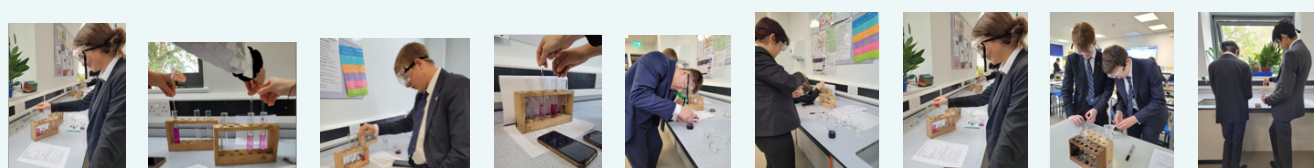
Year 12 students on the IB Diploma Japanese course will experience Japanese culture in the workshops with experts on Thursday 10th November. The event is organised by The Japan Society and Ritsumeikan University UK, held at Birbeck, University of London. Soon we will have cultural ambassadors in school!



> SCIENCE NEWS

Year 12 Higher level Biology

In Biology this week, the Year 12s were developing their practical skills. They timed the decolouration of the reaction between potassium permanganate and known glucose concentrations and used their class results to produce a calibration curve. The graphs will be used after half term to help them determine the glucose concentration of different fruit juices. The pictures show some of the students in 12/4 and 12/6 carrying out the practical.



> 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 'E' and ask "What can we learn from indigenous relationships with the environment?" We firstly consider the ethnography 'In The Shadow of the Palms' to explore how the Marind people of West Papua conceptualise plantations of oil palm trees, in contrast with native plants, whom they regard as kin; secondly, we discuss the Maasai of Kenya and Tanzania and their sustainable approaches to cow farming.

[Link to this week's podcast here.](#)



> YOUTH PARLIAMENT SPEECH

Year 13 student Charity Rymer has been elected by her government to give a speech in parliament on behalf of the young people of the British Virgin Islands.

The Speaker of the House of Commons, Rt. Hon. Sir Lindsay Hoyle MP, has extended an invitation to Governments of the British Overseas Territories to have young persons aged between 11-18 years attend the special sitting to represent each Territory.

Charity, along with other youth representatives, will be invited to observe the entire sitting on 4th November at the UK Parliament. There will be a special section of the day dedicated to Overseas Territories where each youth representative will give a 2 minute address to the Youth Parliament about 'The most important issue affecting young people from my territory today'. Her speech will be streamed live on Parliament TV.



> COMBINED CADET FORCE

Hockerill CCF went on their first CCF trip of the new academic year over the weekend 14-16 October 2022. The CCF trip was to the Military training areas of Stanta near Thetford. The weekend involved cadets practicing patrolling and contact drills in small teams. Conducting Sniper stalks in small teams and a battle exercise involving casualty evacuation under fire. The cadets were using laser guns which highlighted whenever there was a hit and enhanced their personal skills. This was extreme fun; the cadets were fully engaged in all these activities. It gave them a real sense of realism in battle scenarios.



> BOARDING NEWS

Boarders' Open Week

Please see details of the events available for parents to attend during the days leading up to the end of the Michaelmas term. Further details including how to access tickets will be sent to parents in due course. Please do make a note of these dates in your diary as we would love to welcome as many boarding parents as possible.

Date	Event	Times	Further Details
Saturday 10th December 2022	Christmas Music Show	19:00 – 21:00	
Tuesday 13th December 2022	Afternoon Tea in the Refectory Christmas Music Show	17:00 – 18:00 19:00 – 21:00	Tea, coffee and cake in Refectory with Parents, Students & Staff.
Wednesday 14th December 2022	Buffet in the Refectory	18:00 – 18:45	Buffet Dinner for Parents, Students & Staff.
	Christmas Music Show	19:00 – 20:30	Boarding Parents will have priority for tickets.
Thursday 15th December 2022	Final Assembly (College day ends at 12:40)	10:15 – Upper College 11:35 – Lower College	

Mr W Conolly

Director of Boarding

> LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to those who have already placed Scholastic orders. We really appreciate your support as any purchases generate income for the College Library. There is still time to order those early Christmas presents at bargain prices.

Ways to order:

Option 1

[Follow this link](#) to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this term's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards. You will need to set up your own Log in and Password, so that you can pay securely, but the books will be added to the Hockerill order and delivered to the College to save individuals from paying P&P.

Option 2

Paper orders can still be accepted. Please send in payment (cash or cheque - made payable to HAEC) in an envelope clearly marked with the name and form of the student to whom the books will be given when the order arrives. The details of the book(s) required should also be clearly marked, including the item code(s), quantities and price(s). Envelopes should be handed to a member of library staff at the issue desk, addressed to: Mrs S Bruce, College Librarian.

Please place your order online, or to the College Library, by November 18th 2022.

Mrs S Bruce

College Librarian



> GENERAL NEWS

Fire Safety for families

As part of ongoing efforts to keep people safe in the community, please find a link below to a newsletter from the local Fire Safety Co-Ordinator

[Schools Stay Safe Newsletter](#)

Family Support available

The Autism and ADHD transformation programme, which includes Hertfordshire County Council, NHS trusts, HPCI and local voluntary organisations, has been working hard to improve services for families and young people.

A key area of work has been ensuring you know where you can go to access support in your local area. This will hopefully help you get access to support as early as you can.

To find out more about the support available please watch this [3-minute animation](#) or visit the Herts Local Offer.

> HOCKERILL PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Candlelit Supper

St Albans Hall formed a beautiful backdrop for last week's Candlelit Supper. It was wonderful to see so many parents enjoying the music, food and wine and lovely to meet some new faces. Many thanks to all the parents who came - we hope you enjoyed it.



HPF planning meeting

Please come and join us for coffee at Home and Eat on Saturday November 12th at 11 am. We'll be discussing plans for the rest of the school year and would welcome new volunteers. Even if you can only spare the odd hour here or there, we'd love to have you on board.

> WE ARE RECRUITING

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

