

HOCKERILL NEWS

Anti-Bullying Week

This week has been Anti-Bullying Week and we have organised a number of activities for the students to participate in with the support of the [Anti-Bullying Alliance](#).

On Monday students and staff were asked to wear odd socks to demonstrate and celebrate what makes us all unique. It was great to see the Hockerill community supporting this event – the array of brightly coloured 'odd' socks on display was impressive.



Throughout the week students have undertaken activities within their form groups. Tutors and their tutees have watched films, had discussions and completed tasks using resources provided by the Anti-Bullying Alliance.

This week's assemblies were led by Mr Mackenzie who chose a sporting theme to encourage students to reflect on the values and culture displayed by successful individuals and teams. The key message was the importance of being kind, displaying forgiveness and looking out for each other.

For most of the time our students are happy at school but occasionally students do encounter difficulties with each other. One of the key messages from anti-bullying week is that students must talk to an adult if they are unhappy as this is the best way to resolve problems. Students have been shown how to report concerns online including the option to report anonymously if they wish to do so.

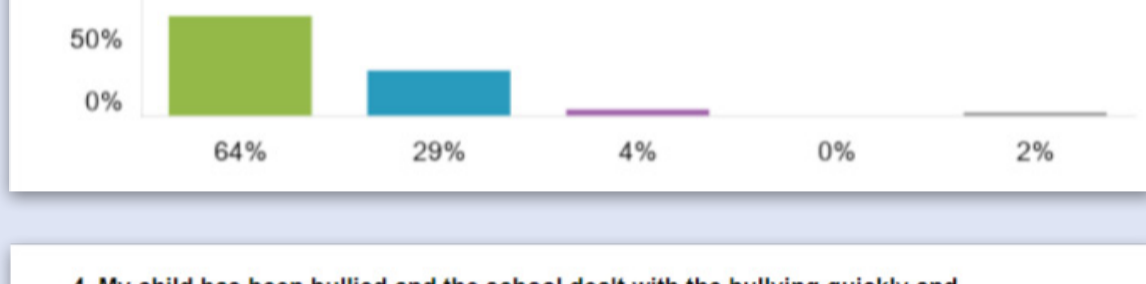
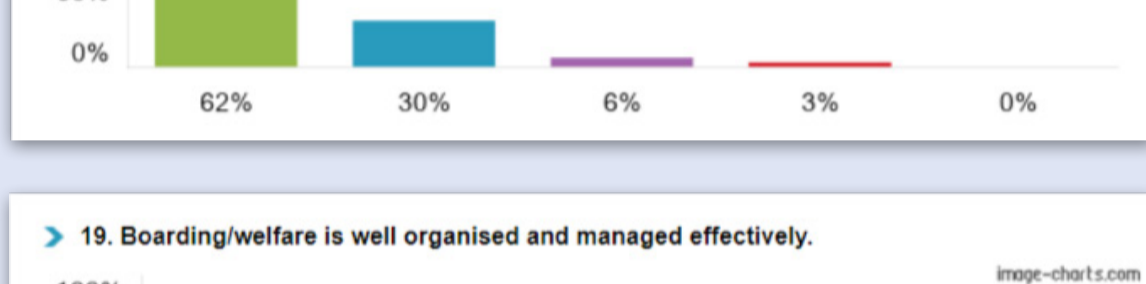
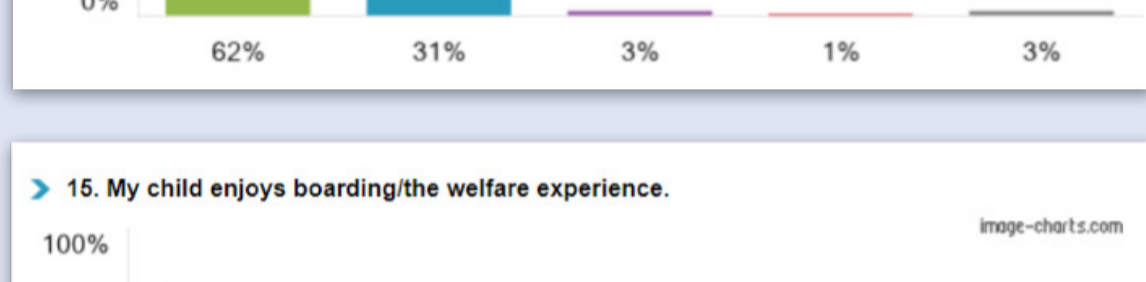
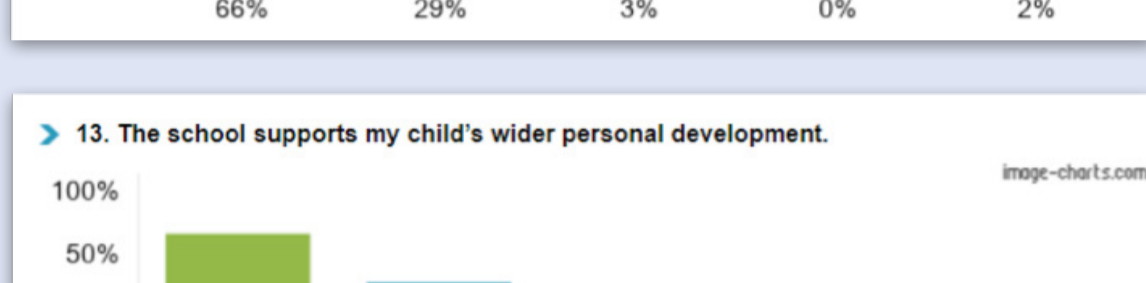
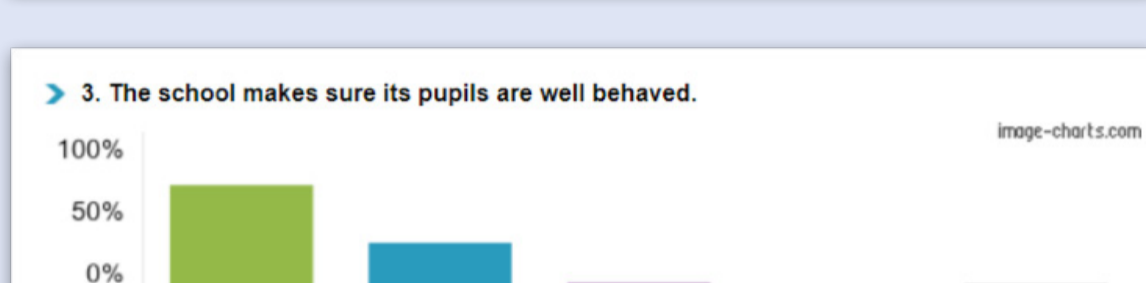
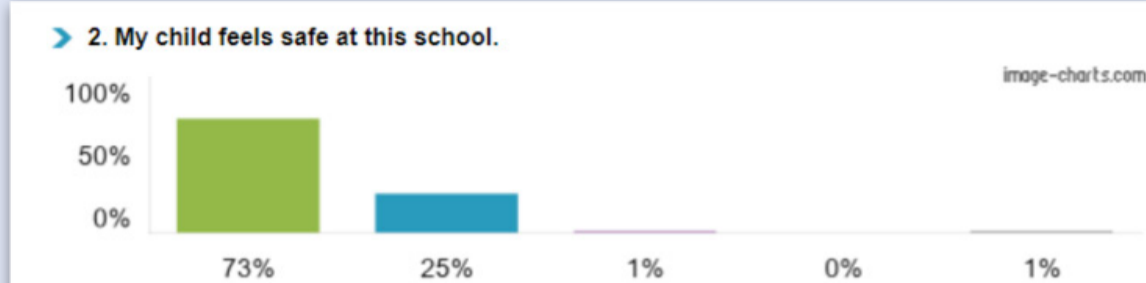
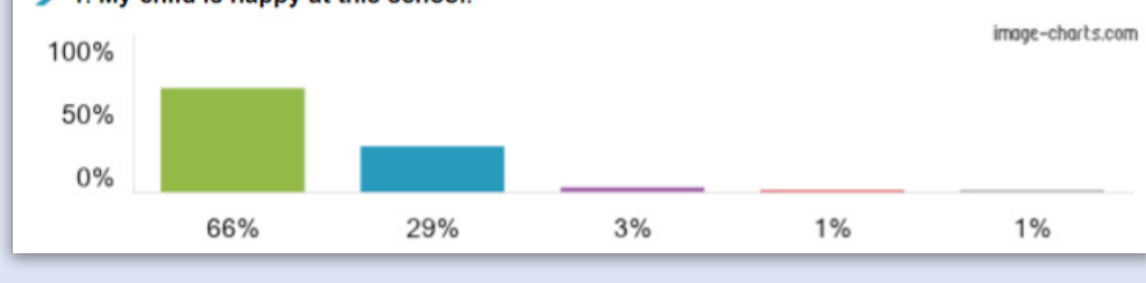
Parents should contact their child's form tutor in the first instance if they are worried about their own child or another of our students.

Ofsted Update

We have had a few requests for an update on our OFSTED visits of June and September. Unfortunately, we have no further information to give as we are still waiting for the final reports. In the absence of information from OFSTED we thought you may appreciate some information from us that should have been used in completing the reports. During the inspection parents were asked to complete the OFSTED Parent View survey and 385 parents responded of which 178 were boarding parents. The survey looks at a range of school parameters and the full results can be viewed by following [this link](#). As it is Anti-Bullying week we thought you might like to know how parents feel about their child's safety at school.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Saturday 19th November**
Sixth Form Open Morning
 - Tuesday 22nd November**
Soloist Concert (further details below)
 - Saturday 26th November**
Tidy Up Bishop's Stortford (further details below)
 - Saturday 3rd December**
Bake Off Competition and Bake Sale (further details below)
 - Thursday 15th December**
End of Term (students depart at 1240)
- Contact us:**
General communications to: admin@hockerill.com
Absence communications to: absence@hockerill.com
 Year 7 to 11 Student [Leave of Absence Form](#)
 Sixth Form Student [Leave of Absence Form](#)



Key to results

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

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- My child has not been bullied
- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

These are excellent numbers, and any school would be proud to have them. Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey and contributing so positively to the inspection. The survey is open at all times and we welcome feedback at any point. [This is this link](#) if you wish to complete another survey for this academic year.

Amendment to Term Dates - Coronation Public Holiday May 8th 2023

The Coronation of King Charles will be on Saturday May 6th and it has been announced that there will be an additional Public Holiday on Monday May 8th. To accommodate students and staff who wish to watch the coronation, we have made an amendment to our exeat weekends as detailed below.

Currently we have an extended Exeat weekend on Saturday April 29th, Sunday 30th and the May Day Public Holiday on Monday May 1st. We propose to make Saturday April 29th a school day and make Saturday May 6th, Sunday 7th and Monday 8th the extended Exeat instead. Please refer to our website for updated [Term Dates](#).

Hockerill hosts TUBS

On Saturday 26th November Hockerill will be hosting the volunteers of TUBS - [Tidy Up Bishops Stortford](#) - for one of their regular litter picking mornings. TUBS will be litter picking in the streets around Hockerill and we will be hosting them for refreshments at the end. If you would like to join the group, please come along at 0830hrs on the 26th and meet at Reception. Some rubber gloves are advised but all other equipment will be provided.

Pedestrian Crossing at Hockerill junction

Students walking to school and local residents really need a pedestrian crossing at the Hockerill junction. This is a treacherous crossing for an adults and young people. Please follow the link below to sign a petition if you agree.

<https://chng.it/SVLhsYyw>

GCSE Presentation Evening

Our GCSE Presentation Evening is taking place on Friday 25th November 2022. This promises to be an evening of celebration for our former Year 11 students. We will begin the evening at 1830hrs in the Refectory for drinks and canapes. At 1900hrs we will gather in St Albans Hall where our presentation will be taking place. The evening will end at 2030hrs. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Bake Off Competition and Bake Sale

The Young Enterprise Team will be holding a Bake Off Competition and Bake Sale at breaktime on Saturday 3rd December. Students should bring their bakes to the Refectory before College begins. Judging will take place during period 2. Bakes will be on sale from 50p to £1.



Just Talk Campaign

The College has signed up to participate in Hertfordshire County Council's Just Talk Campaign which will complement our existing pastoral support programme.

Just Talk is Hertfordshire's young people's emotional wellbeing information and signposting service. It is steered by young people and delivered in partnership with a variety of professional agencies to provide consistent and quality-assured support in the realm of young people's mental health & emotional wellbeing. Their website includes many helpful resources for young people, parents/carers and professionals – [see here](#).

Monday sees the start of Just Talk Week and within school students will be engaged in linked activities within Form Time. The theme for the week is 'Look beneath the surface', exploring diversity, tolerance and understanding to promote wellbeing.

Next term we will be appointing and training Just Talk Ambassadors from volunteers within the student body, an opportunity for students to learn about mental health, offer supervised support to their peers and develop leadership skills.

A selection of their resources for parents [can be found here](#), which we hope you will find useful.

Lost mobile phone

A member of staff lost their mobile phone and wallet outside Reception on Saturday 12th November. A parent found these items and very kindly contacted the College to say they would hand them into Reception. Unfortunately, these items have not been located in Reception. If you were the parent who handed them in, please could we ask that you contact the College on 01279 658451.

BOARDING NEWS

Boarders' Open Week

Please [use this link](#) to view a letter that was sent to all Boarding parents today. The links and WisePay will be 'live' from Monday 21st November at 0900hrs.

CCF NEWS

Remembrance Parade

Hockerill CCF had the honour of marching in the local parade on Sunday 13th November. The traditional Remembrance Parade took place in the town centre of Bishop's Stortford. There was a mixture of units from the Army Cadet Forces, Scouts, Guides and the Emergency Services. This was led by the British Legion with many Veterans on parade. Hockerill CCF cadets set a great example of for the College being respectful and with a full understanding of the significance and the importance of the parade. Well done to every cadet involved.



HOCKERILL PARENTS AND FRIENDS



Update

Thank you to the parents, old and new, who came to any of our planning meeting last Saturday. It was great to see some fresh faces! For anyone else who would like to volunteer at any of our events - or who has any questions/issues they'd like to discuss - please email us at hpf@hockerill.com

Grants

For a form to apply for a '250 Club Grant' - available to any member of the student or staff body - please email us.

Fundraising

As we approach the season of stocking fillers and online panic buying, we'd like to draw your attention below to two very easy ways you can help fundraise for HPF:

The Giving Machine

Click on the link above and instructions will follow. It is quick and easy to sign up. So far, 155

supporters have raised over £5000 for Hockerill.

Amazon Smile

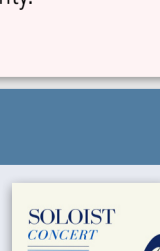
Click on the link above and select Hockerill Parents and Friends as the charity you would like to support. ALWAYS shop through the Amazon Smile website, rather than the usual Amazon site. Prices are the same for both, but Amazon Smile supports your chosen charity.

Thank you for your support!

MUSIC NEWS

Soloist Concert – Tuesday 22nd November

You are welcome to attend a relaxed concert featuring students who are preparing for examinations and others who would like to perform in front of an audience. This event will take place from 1600hrs on Tuesday 22nd November in the Chapel. Tickets are free but you must book a ticket in advance by [completing this form](#). Please be aware that the form will close at 1700hrs on Monday 21st November.



GENERAL NEWS

Building Mental Fitness, Self Esteem and Confidence in your Teen – Parent Workshop

Aspects, the Family Support Service, are holding a useful parent workshop. [Please find further details here](#).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Carol Service	Thursday 1st December
Christmas Shows	Saturday 10th December and Tuesday 13th December