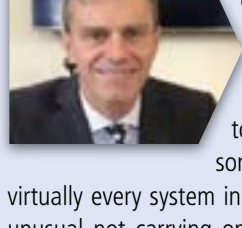


## HOCKERILL NEWS



### OFSTED and DFE recognition for Hockerill's curriculum

This week there have been two government acknowledgements of the strength of the learning experience that we offer at Hockerill. On Tuesday Amanda Spielman, the head of OFSTED, said "I applaud people being expected to study maths to 18. It is something that happens in virtually every system in the world. We are extremely unusual not carrying on maths and home language until 18." We of course do this with the IB Diploma as it is a requirement that all students study Maths and their home language to 18. This endorsement of the IB Diploma came soon after discussions have again begun in England about the value of a baccalaureate style education where students study a broader range of subjects rather than specialising at 16 as they can with A Levels.

The College also received a letter this week from Minister of State for Schools, Nick Gibb MP, congratulating us on our commitment to the teaching of languages. Our 94.4% of students entered for two GCSE languages places us among the top schools in the country for language entries. We plan to write to Mr Gibb and invite him to the College so he can see for himself the great work that we do.

**David Woods**  
Principal



### IMPORTANT DATES

- Saturday 26th November**  
Tidy Up Bishop's Stortford (further details below)
- Thursday 1st December**  
Carol Service (further details below)
- Saturday 3rd December**  
Bake Off Competition and Bake Sale (further details below)
- Saturday 10th & Tuesday 13th December**  
Christmas Show (further details below)
- Thursday 15th December**  
End of Term (students depart at 12:40)

**Contact us:**  
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Absence communications to: [absence@hockerill.com](mailto:absence@hockerill.com)  
Year 7 to 11 Student Leave of Absence Form  
Sixth Form Student Leave of Absence Form

### EduLink One

From 1st January 2023, the College will be using EduLink One which will replace the SIMS Parent and Student App. EduLink One is a web and App. based product and its functionality is more intuitive than SIMS and it is significantly more reliable.

It would be helpful if parents and students could look at the [EduLink One Demo Webpage](#) and also download the App from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#) in preparation for the rollout of this system. Please bear in mind when looking through the demo, some of EduLink's functions will not be available to us.

During week commencing 5th December, we will email you your log in details and how to register, as well as user guides. **You will not be able to log in to EduLink One until you have received this information and EduLink will not be fully functional until the start of the Lent Term in January 2023.**

We really believe that this will be an improvement for parents in being able to view their children's' information and also improve communication between the College and home.

**Mr Mackenzie**  
Vice Principal

### Relationships and Sex Education Policy

The College has reviewed the Relationships and Sex Education Policy and it will be presented to the Governors' Curriculum Committee to be ratified.

We have a responsibility to consult with our parents when reviewing this policy. [Please follow this link](#) to see a draft copy of the updated RSE Policy.

If you would like to offer your thoughts on this policy, please email Mrs Cattermole via [cattermolea@hockerill.com](mailto:cattermolea@hockerill.com) who will pass your comments to the relevant staff for consideration.

The closing date for consultation will be Friday 9th December 2022.

**Mr Mackenzie**  
Vice Principal

### Safeguarding Update – Online Safety

Schools across the country have received a number of notifications about the potential dangers of bullying and harmful content on WhatsApp. Many of these cases have made it into the national news. Fresh concerns have also been raised about the content on social media platforms including Tik Tok, Snapchat and Instagram.

When staff investigate the majority of incidents of unpleasant behaviour and/or bullying which take place at Hockerill, they find a link to our students using social media in an irresponsible way. Very few students have limited screen time or restrictions on their mobile phone and most have access to unlimited or large amounts of data. In reality this means that many of our students can view any material they want to including pornography and an array of extreme content. We have filters to block harmful content accessed over Wi-Fi but students can use their network connections to bypass this. Whilst most students use their phone responsibly, there are a number who do not, and the reality is that even the most sensible children do have a level of curiosity that may encourage them to look for age inappropriate content that you as parents would prefer your children did not see.

There are a number of providers offering family packages and screen time monitoring for mobile phones. Apple users can create family groups through their [family sharing tool](#) and [FamiSafe](#) have packages which can be added to all phone makes.

[This link](#) will take you to a document about WhatsApp use which schools have been asked to send to parents.

The College Governors' Pastoral, Safeguarding and Boarding Committee meet next week and one of their roles will be to review and approve an updated Online Safety Policy including Acceptable Use Agreements for students and staff.

A link to the newly updated policy will be available to all parents through next week's Hub and shortly afterwards parents will be sent a link to a Microsoft Form so that you can read through the student Acceptable Use Agreement with your child(ren) and complete the Form to confirm that your child agrees to abide by it.

Please do make contact if you would like more information about online safety.

**Mr A Mackenzie**  
Vice Principal

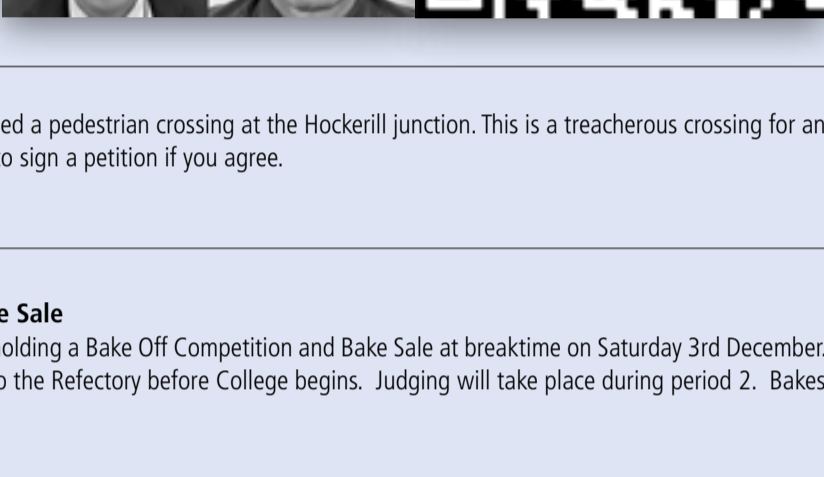
### Hockerill hosts TUBS

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 09:30hrs on the 26th and meet at Reception. Some rubber gloves are advised but all other equipment will be provided.

### November fundraising

For those of you who have been wondering why Mr Grant, Mr Hankin, Mr Appleford and Mr Russell have been looking even more handsome than usual this month, it is in support of Movember, an initiative encouraging men to grow a moustache for the month of November in order to raise awareness for men's health, including prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and suicide prevention.

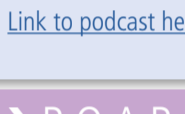
With only a week to go for fundraising, we are asking students, parents, staff and loved ones to support us with this terrific cause. Please scan the QR code with your camera phone and donate whatever you can. Your support is very much appreciated.



### 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/SVLhsYwv>

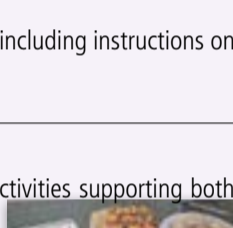


### Bake Off Competition and Bake Sale

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.

### Anthrobytes Podcast

"Anthrobytes" is an 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 'F' for 'faith'. We ask, "What is the function of faith and extreme rituals in society?" We explore rituals which may at first appear puzzling and counter-intuitive, as they cause great harm and suffering to their participants, considering how they can improve feelings of prosociality and in-group belonging through Xygalatas' study of the Thaipusam in Mauritius. We also evaluate the usefulness and limitations of a Functionalist lens in anthropology for understanding cultural traditions.



[Link to podcast here.](#)

## BOARDING NEWS

### Boarders' Open Week

A reminder to boarding parents that information regarding the Boarders' Open Week events is available [via this link](#), including instructions on how to book tickets.

### Durham House news

During November Durham House have been focusing on undertaking some fundraising activities supporting both the local food bank and the Movember campaign.

The prefect team organised, advertised and ran a bake sale. There were some amazing cakes that were prepared which went down very well with staff and students alike and they were delighted to have raised £100 for their chosen charity, Movember, which is a very worthy cause supporting prostate cancer, testicular cancer and men's mental health.

In addition, we have started a half termly food bank appeal. When students return from the half term or end of term breaks, they each bring one or more items back to House which we then deliver to our local Food Bank who provide food boxes to people in the community who are experiencing food crisis. We had a wonderful response to our first collection and hope to continue this in the future.

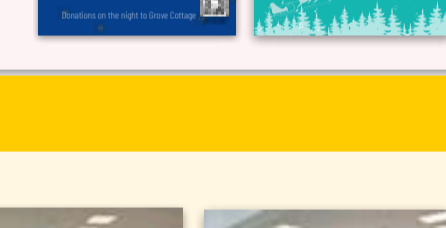
Both fundraising projects provide students with the opportunity to embody some of the core attributes that the IB Learner Profile represent.

**Mrs C Faiers**  
Head of Durham House

### Canterbury House: Anti-Bullying Week

As part of Odd Socks Day on Monday 14th November, all the boarders in Canterbury Boarding House, took part in different activities throughout the week to focus on the theme of anti-bullying and what it means to them. One activity saw every boarder write an anonymous card about another boarder in House saying nice things about them, which was then handed out to everyone; meaning every Canterbury boy received something nice to read about themselves. Another activity saw the boarders think about how they would pass the message on to promote anti-bullying. There were some very thought-provoking comments, including "I will incessantly aim to always be amiable with my words and be positive". Finally, there was a competition that lasted all week whereby every boarder designed a sock to either represent them as an individual; what Canterbury House is all about or anti-bullying as a theme. There were some wonderful designs and there will be a display made of all of them in House to remind everyone about the overall message of the week. The winning designs are below, and I am sure you will join me in congratulating both Pok Kei and Pok Lun for their wonderfully designed socks.

This was a very successful themed week, and well done to everyone who got involved.

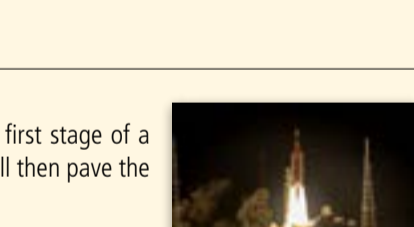


## MUSIC NEWS

### Forthcoming events

Our annual Carol Service will take place from 19:00hrs on Thursday 1st December at All Saints' Church. Entrance is free, all donations on the evening to Grove Cottage.

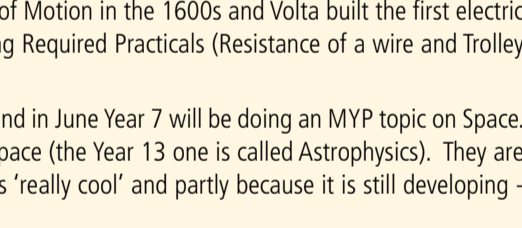
The Christmas Shows will take place on Saturday 10th and Tuesday 13th December. Tickets on sale via WisePay.



## SCIENCE NEWS

### Medical and Healthcare Society

On Friday 18th November members of the Hockerill Medical and Healthcare Society had the opportunity to meet a former student who is now a qualified physician. Charlotte Sullivan was a Hockerill Student from 2003 to 2010. She qualified as a doctor in 2015 and is now a psychiatrist working with Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership and the NHS Trust. Charlotte arranged for resources from the Institute of Psychiatry to be delivered to the school and then spoke to the students at Medical and Healthcare Society about her experiences since leaving Hockerill and her career in medicine and as a psychiatrist. Charlotte then answered questions from students including differences between private and NHS healthcare, experiences at medical interviews and how the roles of psychologists and psychiatrists are different.



### NASA launch

Last week saw the successful launch of NASA's 9.8 metre tall Artemis space rocket. This is the first stage of a program to take the first female and the first person of colour to the Moon later this decade. It will then pave the way for a future program to take people to Mars. [NASA website](#)

Science, and Physics, are exciting school subjects because they include new research and discoveries which make national and international news. Artemis is the most powerful rocket ever built, but it is perhaps more surprising that we managed to put astronauts on the Moon more than 50 years ago, in the 1960s.

In Science we apply prior knowledge to new situations. Newton wrote his three Laws of Motion in the 1600s and Volta built the first electric battery in the early 1800s. GCSE Physics classes in Years 10 and 11 are currently doing Required Practicals (Resistance of a wire and Trolley on a ramp) to test these ideas.

In February our Year 9 students will be doing a Research Project on Satellites in Space, and in June Year 7 will be doing an MYP topic on Space. Year 11 and 13 Physics students are looking forward to the last topic of the course: Space (the Year 13 one is called Astrophysics). They are arguably the most interesting topics in their respective courses, partly because Space is 'really cool' and partly because it is still developing - students will probably get to see a person on Mars in their lifetime.

**Mr D Parsons**  
Head of Physics

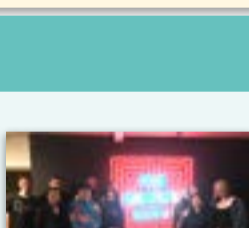


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## DRAMA NEWS

### IB Theatre Arts

The Drama department took some of our IB Theatre Arts students to see 'The Burnt City' by a Lynchdrunk last week. Our students were thrust into the worlds of Ancient Greece and Downtown Troy, immersed in a labyrinth of secrets, our students were masked and directed to explore everything.

This production, entirely immersive in every way, allowed our students to consider how we create new worlds in theatre and challenged them to reevaluate what their perception of theatre is.

The students have been thinking about the importance of text and dialogue in live performance and how design can transport us into a new reality. We look forward to seeing how this production will impact upon our young theatre makers future work.

**Miss N Day**  
Head of Drama

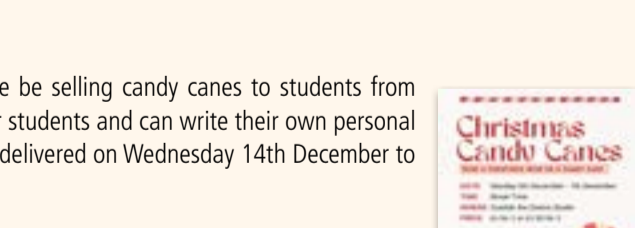


## SPORTS NEWS

### Sporting success

Earlier this week the Year 9's played their annual District Hockey Competition, and I'm delighted to announce that they were crowned winners of the tournament. The team played tremendously well throughout, beating off stiff opposition from local schools. The successful team was captained by Scout and the winning goals were scored by Elodie and Daisy. Well done Year 9's.

**Mrs A Geissler**  
Teacher of PE

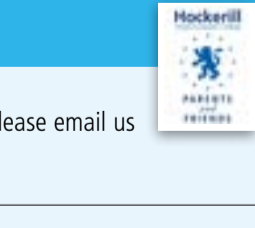


## INTERACT NEWS

### Interact Club's December Event Calendar:

#### Shoe Box Donation:

Each year, Interact Club donate approximately 70 shoeboxes filled with useful items to the homeless community in Hertfordshire and Essex. We were hoping to be able to do the same this year. Therefore, Interact is organising a Christmas collection and we would appreciate your support. Each form will be responsible for collecting items to fill a shoebox, some of which will be provided by Interact. However, we are still in need of more, so our welcome any shoeboxes. We ask for them to be delivered to Reception as soon as possible.



Interact team

**Any donations from this list are welcomed.**

We will ask Form Captains to help organise their boxes to be fully completed by December 7th when members of Interact will collect them for delivery shortly after this date. Boxes may be wrapped and decorated as these are technically presents.

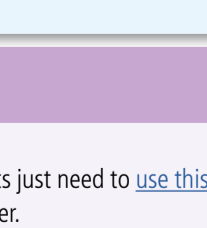
If any student or parent is particularly interested in this cause and wish to create their own shoebox, this would be greatly appreciated and could be collected by interact on the same date.

#### Food Bank Collection:

The Interact Club support the Bishops Stortford Foodbank every year. This year they have written to us in need of stock and would like our support again. Any contribution would be very welcome. Please leave donations in Reception by Friday 9th December and we will take the donation to the [Foodbank](#).

#### Candy Cane Sale:

Interact Club would love to spread some Christmas joy and will therefore be selling candy canes to students from 5th- 7th December. Students are encouraged to send a candy cane to other students and can write their own personal message to send well wishes for the holiday period. Candy Canes will be delivered on Wednesday 14th December to form rooms by the Interact team.



#### Waitrose Bag Packing:

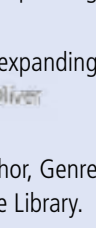
Another annual event Interact will be helping out with is back packing at Waitrose for the Rotary Club. Please feel free to show your support by visiting on 13th December from 10am to 4pm and leaving a donation to support the Rotary Club's Christmas collection. This collection helps to support local families with food and gifts during the holiday period.

**We appreciate any support you can give to our Interact Club and the local community.**

## HOCKERILL PARENTS AND FRIENDS

### Update

If anyone 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](mailto: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 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!**

## GENERAL NEWS

### Wellbeing Survey for Students

Hertfordshire Young People's Health and Wellbeing Survey for Secondary School aged young people, is now live. Students just need to [use this link](#) to complete the survey (which takes around 20 minutes to complete). The survey will close on Friday 16th December.

The purpose of this survey can be explained by following this short film [Young people's health and wellbeing survey - YouTube](#)

If you experience any problems with the survey, please don't hesitate to email [yphe@southherts.gov.uk](mailto:yphe@southherts.gov.uk)

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Accessing the Library's catalogue remotely

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This will open the OPAC screen (Online Public Access Catalogue) where a variety of searches can be carried out (e.g. by Title, Author, Genre etc.) and resources selected then reserved, ready for the Library staff to process for collection. Further information is available in the Library.

### Scholastic Orders

Many thanks to all those who placed Scholastic book orders. These are now ready for collection from the Library. The rewards generated enabled us to order just over £50 worth of books which will benefit all students. We will run another book club in 2023, but rewards can be donated at any time from private orders placed on the Scholastic online shop <https://www.scholastic.co.uk/> by making Hockerill Anglo-European College your nominated school.



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