

HOCKERILL NEWS

Stop Press

Parent Power Guide

The Times newspaper have shared their league tables and revealed the best comprehensive schools in the UK. We are proud to announce that the College features in the top 5 in the Southeast.

- 1 Dame Alice Owen's School, Potters Bar (partially selective, 38 per cent)
- 2 St Peter's Catholic School, Guildford
- 3 St Andrew's Catholic School, Leatherhead
- 4 Yavneh College, Borehamwood
- 5 Hockerill Anglo-European College, Bishop's Stortford (partially selective, 10 per cent)

Source: The Times

Amendment to Term Dates (April/May 2023)

Please be reminded that we have amended our term dates to accommodate the Coronation of King Charles on Saturday 6th May. The extended exeat will take place from Saturday 6th to Monday 8th May inclusive and Saturday 29th April will be a school day.

Please refer to our website for [updated Term Dates](#).

Clubs

During next week (week commencing 12th December) clubs will not take place due to the shortened week, the various events taking place and to allow residential boarders to pack their possessions in readiness for the end of term.

EduLink One

Parents will have received login details today for EduLink One. I hope you have been able to successfully log in.

Please spend some time looking through all the information. Over the next few weeks, we will continue to work on the application and may add and/or remove functionality, which means that your access to some functions may change a number of times between now and the beginning of January. Please bear with us whilst we transition to this new system.

If your child is absent from College, **please continue to notify us in the usual way via absence@hockerill.com, rather than through EduLink, until January.**

The College staff will be recording achievements and behaviours which may not necessarily lead to a detention on EduLink. This will enable us to have a better understanding of how we can respond to behaviour concerns and best support our students. Please do not be alarmed whilst we introduce this new system.

We will provide more information about EduLink next week.

Alasdair Mackenzie

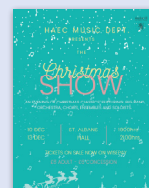
Vice Principal

Christmas Show

There are still tickets available for the Christmas shows on Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 December.

Please note the show on Wednesday is a shorter show with no interval or refreshments also the Lower College Choir, Concert Band and Junior Jazz will not be performing.

Tickets can be purchased via WisePay.



Flu Immunisation for Years 7, 8 and 9

These immunisations will take place on Monday 9th January. Please find a link below to a letter from the NHS School Immunisation Team. They require you to complete a consent form, whether or not you wish your child to have this vaccine. Please complete this form as soon as possible as the portal closes on Friday 6th January.

[Consent Form and further details](#)



Year 12 Sports, Exercise and Health Science

As part of the IB SEHS course, students are currently learning about Performance Analysis and the vitally important role it plays within sport. I'm sure we have all seen Gary Neville and the likes, on TV, analysing a game of football amongst other sports to analyse a team or players individual performance. To discover first-hand, what benefits this has, students in Year 12 used a Notational Analysis system to record and analyse each other's performances of a golf swing. Being able to slow down the performance, record angles at different stages of the swing and then compare it to a 'model swing', allowed the students to realise the importance of such analysis and the ever-increasing development within sport as a whole. It was safe to say that we don't have the next Tiger Woods however, they certainly all found it interesting and enjoyable.

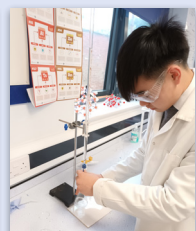
Mrs S Coleman
IB SEHS teacher



Year 12 Chemistry

This term Year 12 Chemists have been studying Stoichiometric Relationships. They have practised molar calculations and performed a series of practicals. The photographs show students performing a titration where they neutralised a known concentration of sulphuric acid with sodium hydroxide solution using phenolphthalein indicator. The results of this experiment allowed them to work out the concentration of sodium hydroxide solution.

Mrs C Proudfoot
Head of Chemistry



Paper Roller-Coaster Club progress

A little bit of paper, tape and creativity goes along way!

Over this term KS3 (year 7 & 8) students in the Paper Roller-Coaster Club have been meeting every Wednesday between 4-5pm in S9, they have been working on designing and building structures that will support a marble run track. These tracks will include different obstacles such as loop, turns, jumps and switchbacks. Each group or individual has been working hard to ensure their structure is stable and strong enough to support the track. These are made from paper and cello tape only so must be carefully designed. Below are some images of the completed structures that are ready to have the track added too. Once they have completed their marble run, they will be tasked with working out a way to connect their sections of track to make the ultimate floor to ceiling marble run!

The students have worked very hard each week with every stage of the process. I look forward to seeing you all in the new term when the clubs start up again.

Mr L Tillett
Teacher of Science & Chemistry



Congratulations to Hockerill Governor

Jim Tatchell, a Hockerill Governor, walked the whole length of the Hertfordshire Way to raise money for Helping Herts, a charity which raises money for children's welfare charities across Hertfordshire. Deservedly, he went on to win an Unsung Hero award at the Bishop's Stortford Independent Awards.

You can find more information about [Helping Herts here](#).



Young Enterprise Group

Hockerill's Young Enterprise Group have created a cookbook to raise funds for a local charity. It features recipes from around the world at affordable prices.

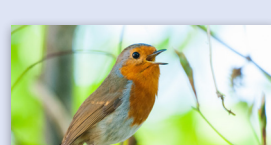
You can purchase them by completing [both a Wisepay order and MS Form](#).

The deadline for orders is Monday 4th December 2022 at 4pm. Orders will be delivered to students in their form group by the end of college on Thursday 15th December 2022.



Big Garden Birdwatch 2023

We have an ongoing project to monitor bird species around the campus and have frequent sightings of common birds such as robins, blackbirds, blue tits, sparrows, starlings and wagtails. Less common, but all the more impressive, are regular visits from hunting buzzards and red kites plus our resident sparrowhawks which successfully raised a new brood. During summer term the family could often be seen and their calls heard as the young honed their hunting skills.



Research carried out over recent decades has shown correlations between road noise and bird populations and we can easily be misled into thinking that the regular sound of birdsong must mean our local populations are thriving. The effect of noise has been found to impact some species more than others (leading to loss of diversity) and, more widely, it has been found to have a direct negative impact on the ability of species to communicate and therefore to teach offspring to hunt for food effectively. It seems that, like humans, too much noise impacts learning, development and productivity!

Data on bird populations acts as a 'canary in the coalmine' providing key indicators of environmental wellbeing. The RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch is a crucial part of the monitoring process not just for native species but also in relation to migratory birds and therefore helps to build a picture of global environmental wellbeing. Getting outdoors is also a great way to reinvigorate and find new things for families to discover and talk about! Details on how you can take part can be found here <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

Big Garden Birdwatch | The RSPB

The wait is over, and the results are in! A whopping 697,735 people counted 11,556,046 birds this year.

www.rspb.org.uk

To help support birds over the winter (and especially the current cold spell) food scraps and bird feeders are invaluable as is access to water, two small steps that can make a big difference.

Mr C Gilman

Nurturing Nature Club

MUSIC NEWS

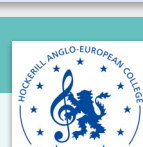
The Saffron Walden Music Festival took place over two weekends at Saffron Hall, and we are really pleased that several Hockerill students took part.

The following students participated:

Alicia Norton - Violin
William Martin - Jazz Alto Saxophone
Christopher Davis - Clarinet
Margarita Butler - Flute
Emily Isaacs - Jazz Saxophone
Mia Knight - Piano
Richard Zhang - Piano
Theo Taylor - Guitar
Zoe Tsui - Alto Saxophone (Grade 5-6 Class Winner)
Koko Fish - Cello (Winner of the Challenge Cup)

An former Hockerill student, Sakura Fish won the String Section and went on to win the Festival in the final.

A huge well done to all from the Music Department.



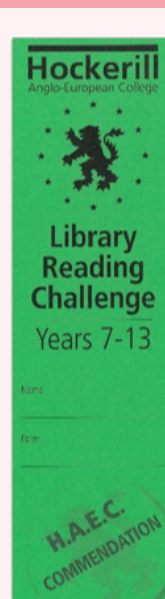
LIBRARY NEWS

Library Reading Challenge

Students from Years 7 to 13 are eligible to take part in the Library's Reading Challenge by submitting a completed bookmark for every five books borrowed and read, in exchange for a Commendation and a small prize at the end of each term. Additional commendations are issued for writing a short review to recommend books to other students. We will shortly be moving from green to yellow bookmarks, but congratulations go to the following students for submitting at least one completed bookmark this term, and/or writing a review.

| Year 7: | | | Year 8: | | |
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| Nathaniel A-D 7V | Henry G 7W | Lara S 7Y | Lucy A 8V | Ariane G 8X | Unoka E Y |
| Rosie B 7V | Abbey L 7W | Peter G 7Z | Phoebe D 8V | Adetoun O 8X | Carolina G 8Y |
| Isla H 7V | Emily J 7X | James P 7Z | Tom F 8W | Valerie T 8X | Scarlet N 8Z |
| Sophie I 7V | Olivia M 7X | Sophia W 7Z | Lily T 8W | Emaan F 8Y | Kamal O 8Z |

| Years 9, 10 and 11: | | | | | |
|---------------------|------------|--------------|-------------|--|--|
| Charmon L 9V | Greta O 9V | William M 9W | Fadlu S 10X | | |
| Beau M 9V | Alex U 9V | Jemima O 9X | Giada G 11V | | |
| Conor M 9V | Alex S 9V | Libby C 9Z | Beth H 11X | | |



Bookbuzz Challenge

All Year 7 students have now been gifted a book from the Library as part of the Booktrust's Bookbuzz initiative to promote Reading for Pleasure. Year 7 now have the opportunity to get creative and take part in the Bookbuzz Challenge. Any Year 7 students looking for something to keep them busy during the long Christmas holiday can collect a Bookbuzz Challenge sheet from the library and have until the end of January to email evidence of the tasks they have undertaken to Mrs Bruce bruces@hockerill.com or the Library library@hockerill.com. It is up to students whether they want to try 3, 5 or all 10 tasks, and prizes will be awarded to all participants after the closing date.

I have already started to receive some submissions from Year 7 students, including a brilliant film trailer from Dylan B 7Z, based on Nightshade created using a phone and a little imagination, so I hope you have fun taking the Challenge!

Mrs S Bruce

College Librarian



SPORTS NEWS

Rugby

Last weekend, six Hockerill rugby teams travelled to Bancroft School to compete in our annual fixture. This is an excellent fixture in which 120 of our students took part in and represented the College to the best of their ability.

There were wins for the U12 A and B, U13's and U14's whilst the U15's drew in an entertaining match 19-19 with the seniors unfortunately losing their final game.

Thank you to all the students and staff who took part.

HOCKERILL PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Second Hand Uniform

In response to requests from parents, we will be launching a termly second-hand uniform 'shop'.

This will take place on a Saturday morning in the school Chapel. We will confirm the date of the first sale in the New Year. Please look out for details!

If you have any clean, good-quality uniform to donate, email us on 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.

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

Thank you for your support!

GENERAL NEWS

Increase in Scarlet Fever and Group A Streptococcus (GAS) cases

Please see [this letter](#) from Hertfordshire's Director of Public Health.