

HOCKERILL NEWS

EduLink One

Parents and students will be aware that the College is now using EduLink One instead of the SIMS App. EduLink One can be accessed through the web or as an App.

We are now recording behaviours, achievements and detentions on EduLink One and parents will be able to see updates related to their child by looking at the App.

We will notify parents of detentions (Level One and above) by Push Notification and Email. Emails will not be sent for Break time and Lunchtime detentions.

Push Notifications will be sent to parents when their child receives an Achievement or a Behaviour. In every case parents are able to read more details within the Comments section of Behaviour and Achievement on EduLink One.

The same information will be sent to students.

Parents and students are strongly encouraged to use EduLink One and to ensure that Notifications are activated on their phone so that they receive the most up to date information.

Twitter

You can keep up to date with College life by following us on twitter @HockerillColl



Early finish to College Day for all students

Please be aware that lessons for all students will finish at **1440hrs on Wednesday 8th February and Thursday 23rd February**. This is to undertake the Year 8 and Year 7 Student, Parent and Teacher consultations respectively. These consultations will take place online and parents of Year 7 and 8 students will receive further details shortly.

OFSTED Inspection Update

The College was inspected by OFSTED in June of last academic year and then for a further day in September of this academic day. Ordinarily OFSTED reports are issued within 2 months of an inspection, but we are now more than 7 months since the June visit. We have also just been informed that there will be a further delay. This is very frustrating for all concerned. As and when we have further news, we will keep you updated.

The College Site

When collecting your child for an appointment, parents must report to Reception and not walk around the College grounds. Parents must not use the College toilets whilst waiting for students at any time.

Please be reminded that the Dunmow Road car park is for the use of staff and visitors only. If you are dropping off or collecting your child, please do so in a responsible manner and do not obstruct parking spaces or the movement of traffic. Respecting double yellow lines and not parking on them is especially important.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Year 7 trip to Little Canada, Isle of Wight - Reminder of Deadline.

The deadline for the completion of the Level 2 Consent Form and payment of the £75 deposit is **0900hrs on 1st February 2023**. This will secure your child's place on this trip.

Ms McCulloch and Mrs Ashlee-McCrae

FFT National Attendance Award

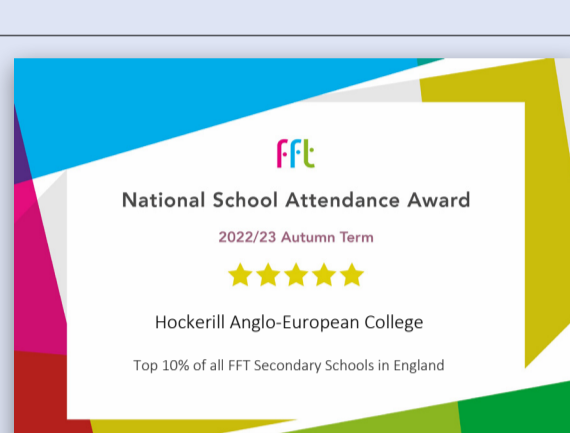
We are delighted to have received the following communication:

"Whilst all schools do an amazing job to improve pupil attendance, we'd like to say a special 'thank-you' to your school by presenting you with an FFT National School Attendance Award."

FFT collects daily attendance data from over 10,500 schools. This data has helped schools track, monitor and compare their attendance every week through our Attendance Tracker system.

What are the FFT Attendance Awards based on?

The awards have been given to schools with attendance in the Top 10% and Top 25% of all FFT schools nationally for the 2022 Autumn term.



Flu Immunisation

The School Immunisation Team have now visited the College twice to immunise Years 7-9 students. If your child has still not received an immunisation, please [see this link](#) for further information.

Health and Food Safety Visit

On the 13th January the Hockerill Catering team had an unannounced visit from Navitas Safety Group who visit catering units to review their Health and Food Safety requirements. During the visit Navitas reviewed; health and safety, food safety, allergen and food information.

We are delighted to announce that we achieved a near perfect score (98.85%) and received a certificate of excellence, which we are very proud of. This is now the sixth year in a row that we have received a certificate of excellence.

Holroyd Howe

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE - FINAL CALL FOR DONATIONS!

Thank you so much to all those parents, who have kindly donated their used and loved uniform. It has all been received in beautiful condition, for which we are so grateful.

However, we are still short on skirts, boys' rugby tops and long-sleeved PE tops. If you have any outgrown sizes lurking in your cupboards, please drop them off at Reception in a bag marked 'HPF'.

We politely ask that items should be clean and washed and in good condition (no holes or stains).

We hope this becomes a regular event and that our stock will grow over time. The first second-hand uniform sale takes place on

Saturday 28th January, 0900hrs - 1200hrs in St Albans Hall.

Thank you again to all those who have donated!

The HPF Team

BOARDING NEWS

Boarding Parent Forum – Wednesday 1st February

A reminder that there is an online Boarding Parent Forum meeting scheduled for **Wednesday 1st February at 1800hrs**. Please submit questions prior to the event [via the link here](#). The deadline for questions is **Friday 27th January at 0900hrs**, 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. The forum will be recorded and we will endeavour to share this recording within the Hub on Friday 3rd February for any parent who is unable to follow the event live.>

SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Anthropology Podcast

'Anthrobytes' is the 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 'I' for 'Identity' and ask 'How does identity intersect with politics?' We firstly explore the way immigration can affect people's personhood and sense of belonging to a country, both from a standpoint of forced displacement and asylum and from the perspective of 2nd-generation immigrants and 'third culture kids'. Next, we discuss the recent debate over the Scottish trans rights bill in the news, and how trans people's identities intersect with national sovereignty and states' constitutional rights. Please [click here](#) to listen to the podcast.

Missed any episodes? You can find them [here](#).



MUSIC

Important Message for Parents of children in Years 11 and 13

We would like to remind you that that music lessons **will not stop automatically** on the approach to the exam period. If your child wishes to stop lessons at the end of the Lent term you must inform us in writing by **Friday 3 February**.

If your child is in Year 11 and hopes to return to Hockerill for Sixth Form, we would be delighted if they chose to continue having their music lessons with us in September. If they wish to either continue their lessons, or take up a new instrument, please ensure that you fill in the electronic application form included in your Welcome Pack in the Summer term. You can also request to remain with the same teacher on this form.

Please contact us at musicadmin@hockerill.com if you have any queries.

In the previous edition of the HUB the ABRSM exams were advertised as Monday 20th March.

Unfortunately this has changed to **Monday 27th March**.

Dates for your diaries:

Singer Auditions for Summer Music Event – Tuesday 7 February – Year 9+ only – students to sign up [using this form](#)

Soloist Concert – Tuesday 7 March – 1600hrs in Chapel (student sign up opening soon)

Hockerill Jazz Night – Wednesday 15 March - 1900hrs - SAH (Junior Jazz Ensemble, Senior Jazz Ensemble, Big Band and Soloists)

ABRSM Exams – Monday 27th March.

Hockerill at the Movies – Tuesday 28 March 1900hrs SAH (All Extra-Curricular Music Groups)

Trinity Rock and Pop Exams – Wednesday 29 March

Tickets for Jazz Night and Spring Concert at the Movies will be available nearer the time. Soloist Concert is free with donations to the Music Department Equipment/Instrument Fund. Email morrowa@hockerill.com for any queries regarding exams.

Mrs Morrow-Plant and Mrs Morrison

INTERACT CLUB

During the month of December, Interact club organised many events to raise money for charity, all of the proceeds from these events will go towards the charity chosen by the Interact team.

We collected 43 shoeboxes to donate to the local homeless community, thanks to the contribution of Hockerill students, parents and staff. The 'Send a Candy Cane' event was very successful as we sold 331 candy canes for students to write a message and send to one of their peers.

On Tuesday the 13th of December, the Interact team visited Waitrose to help customers pack their bags to raise money for charity, on the day that we visited, we raised a total of **£540.01**.

On Friday 13th, we hosted a 'Starry Night Disco' to celebrate the New Year with the Year 7s & 8s, from this disco, we raised **£687.30!** Thank you to everyone that attended, it was a great success, and we hope you had as much fun as we did!

HEALTH & WELLBEING



National sleep helpline

The national sleep helpline is a free resource that can help parents and children to learn more about their sleep and develop better bedtime routines.

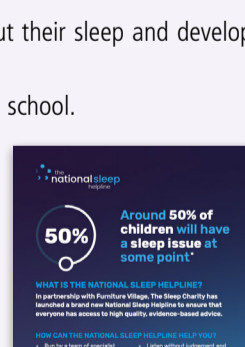
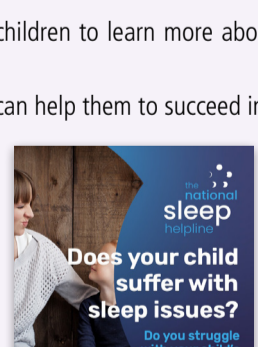
Sleep is essential to brain function, by helping children to sleep better, we can help them to succeed in school.

At any given time up to 40% of adults and 50% of children (this rises to 80% with a SEND diagnosis) have difficulties with their sleep. Yet in a recent survey, almost 60% of adults felt there was a lack of support for sleep issues. Sleep problems can leave people feeling isolated and lonely.

Our free helpline is run by trained sleep advisors, many of whom are specialists in working with SEND. We can talk to young people directly, or parents (we can also talk to adults, including older people, about their sleep issues).

The helpline is open 5 times a week, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday evenings 7-9pm, and Wednesday mornings 9-11am. The number is **03303 530 541**.

You can [read more here](#):



The Clic Parenting Hub

With 75% of mental illnesses starting before a person's 18th birthday, evidence shows that providing good, early preventative support in the right place at the right time can help to avoid young people's mental health deteriorating.

However, as parents and carers there is no "one size fits all" solution to supporting our children's mental health, and it can feel like a daunting experience for those who don't have the right access to information and support themselves. That's why we are delighted to launch a new platform for support, the Clic Parenting Hub, provided free of charge by Mental Health UK.

The Parenting Hub is a new online community for parents and carers to get information and access to peer support. It will;

- provide a safe environment for parents to share experiences, support each other and access expert advice,
- provide resources for parents to learn about mental health and how to better support their children,
- and build parents' confidence to have supportive conversations and talk about mental health.

The Parenting Hub is moderated 24/7 by trained experts so parents and carers feel safe and supported to talk about their children's wellbeing through our Chat and Forum spaces. It hosts bi-monthly Q&A sessions with expert panels on topics related to young people's mental health including social media and managing exam stress. The site also includes resources with practical information and guidance for parents and carers on what to do if they are concerned about their young person's mental health.

Join via the QR code on the attached flyer.

Sister Tinnirello

Head of Student Health & Wellbeing



HOCKERILL PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Tesco Community Grants Scheme - cast your vote!

From mid-January, you will be able to vote for Hockerill Parents and Friends in Tesco stores in Bishop's Stortford and Stansted.

Don't forget to ask for a blue token whenever you buy something - winning projects can be awarded up to £1,500, which would benefit our school enormously!

Thank you.

The HPF Team

