

HOCKERILL NEWS

Campus Security Upgrades

Following an independent external review of campus physical security in September 2022 we have been working to better secure the perimeter of the school site. Parents and students will have noted various gates and fences being installed and we can now advise that the next stage of this process will take effect from Monday 13th March. As of this date, apart from for staff, there will be no vehicular access to the school site at any time via Manor Road or Stansted Road. All drop-off and pick-ups must therefore be in the Dunmow Road car park. The only exceptions to this will be for periods of time at the start and ends of term, exeat and half-terms for boarders in Thames and Winchester to drop off and collect their belongings. The times when gates will be open on these occasions will be communicated in due course.

We appreciate this is a change to how things have operated at the school in the past - particularly for flexi boarders in Thames and Winchester - but this is an essential step to safeguard students on the site and to reduce traffic movement in pedestrianised areas.

Thank you in advance for your support as we enhance our ability to ensure the safety and well-being of our students.

Year 11 and Year 13 End of Year Arrangements

We have had a few requests for confirmation of details of the end of the year for Years 11 and 13. We are pleased to provide the following details to help you with your planning:

Year 11

Last day in school - **Friday 12th May**

GCSE exams begin - **Monday 15th May**

Last scheduled GCSE exam - **Monday 19th June**

Prom - 1900hrs **Thursday 22nd June**

Sixth Form Induction Day - **Saturday 24th June**

GCSE Contingency exam date - **Wednesday 28th June** (all students need to be available on this date in case it is required)

Year 12

Internal Examinations - **Wednesday 19th - 24th April**

Please [click here](#) for the Year 12 Internal Exam timetable

Year 13

Last day of lessons - **Saturday 22nd April**

Study leave begins - **Monday 24th April**

IB exams begin - **Friday 28th April** (Business Management)

Bank Holiday Monday 1st May a.m. Business Management p.m. Italian A

Bank Holiday Monday 8th May a.m. Maths p.m. Computer Science

Last IB exam - **Friday 19th May (Psychology)**

Graduation ceremony - 1300hrs **Saturday 20th May**, All Saints Church

Graduation Prom - 1900hrs **Monday 22nd May**, Quendon Hall

FINAL REMINDER

I Wish I'd Known - a workshop for parents and carers on young people, drugs and decisions from the DSM Foundation - Monday 6th March

We would like to invite you to a drug and alcohol awareness workshop by webinar for parents and carers delivered by drug education charity the Daniel Spargo-Mabbs Foundation. This will be held on Monday 6th March at 7.00-8.30pm and led by Fiona Spargo-Mabbs and Asha Fowells.

The world for young people is a very different place than it was for their parents, including in their vulnerability to risk from drugs and alcohol, and this workshop provides a great opportunity for you as a parent or carer to become more aware of what issues face your children, and what you can do to help them stay safe.

The workshop will involve finding out about:

- levels of young people's exposure to drugs and alcohol - what, where, when and how
- what young people, and their parents and carers, need to know about the risks of drugs and alcohol
- factors that affect young people's decisions about drugs and alcohol, including teenage brain development
- how to have effective conversations with your child, and practical suggestions for what you can do to support them to stay safe
- where to go for more information and support.

The Daniel Spargo-Mabbs (DSM) Foundation is a drug and alcohol education charity set up by Fiona and Tim Spargo-Mabbs in 2014 after the tragic death of their 16-year-old son Daniel as a result of taking ecstasy. (www.dsmfoundation.org.uk). The aim of the charity is to support young people to make safe choices about drugs, and they work with students, teachers, parents/carers and professionals in schools, colleges and community organisations across the UK.

Fiona has become a leading UK expert on drug education, including how parents can best support their children. She has spoken to parents and carers across the UK and internationally and is regularly asked to speak by the media. She is author of two books for parents, 'I Wish I'd Known - Young People, Drugs and Decisions' (Sheldon Press, 2021) and 'Talking the Tough Stuff with Teens' (Sheldon Press, 2022).

Please [click this link](#) to register for the event:

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email from the Foundation containing information about joining the webinar.

On Wednesday 8th March, a drugs educator from the Daniel Spargo-Mabbs Foundation will be speaking to our Year 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 students. If you have some concerns about your child's response to the presentations, please feel free to contact us to withdraw your child.

The Foundation speaker will be telling Dan's story and covering the following:

- The effects and risks of drugs and alcohol
- Factors that affect their decisions about drugs and alcohol, including teenage brain development and the role of peer influence
- Drugs and the law
- Practical strategies to help young people stay safe

If you'd like to find out more about the DSM Foundation, please visit www.dsmfoundation.org.uk, where there is also information for parents and carers.

Finally, do ask your child about the talk and what they heard and learned. It's a great opportunity for another of those important ongoing conversations.

Message for Year 9 Parents

Our GCSE options presentation for year 9 students and parents will take place on Saturday 18th March at 1005hrs-1105hrs. This will be an online event. During the event we will explain the process of selecting GCSE subject choices and outline what those choices are. Students will have some assemblies either side of this event to prepare them fully for their decision-making process. More information about how to access the meeting will be sent out closer to the time.

Mr Samuels

Assistant Principal

Decarbonisation Scheme

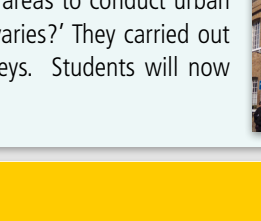
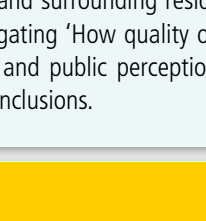
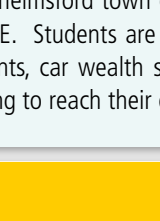
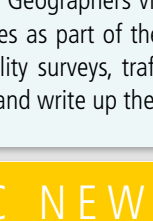
The College was successful in 2022 in obtaining funding from the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) Phase 3 related to decarbonisation of the College estate to the value of £600k. The school is actively working towards decarbonising our estate towards net zero, so we were very pleased to receive this funding to replace our old end of life boilers in Thames House and the Music Block, with new more efficient and greener technologies. Both projects commenced in January and are due for completion by April.

Staff, parents and pupils will have noted the large hole by the Stansted Road Car park which will house 2 new woodchip biomass boilers and pellet store in a semi-underground energy centre, which will provide heating to both Thames House and the new Science Block. The music centre is also being fitted with 2 new air source heat pumps as part of the grant to replace the end of life boilers in the building and these were craned into place on Friday 24th February. Both projects combined should save in the region of 90,0002 kgCO2/year.

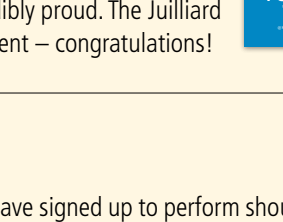
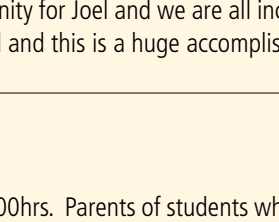
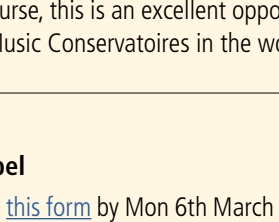
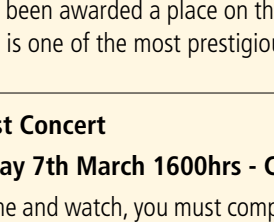
Enrichment Day

All students enjoyed a day off timetable to take part in various activities for Enrichment Day on Thursday 2nd March. Thank you to all staff and external visitors involved in making the day such a success. Here are some of the highlights.

Year 7 Duxford imperial War Museum

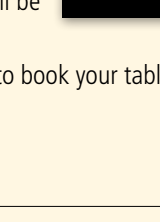
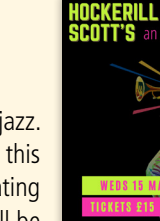
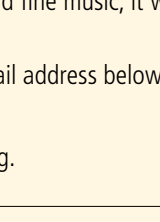
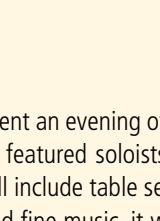
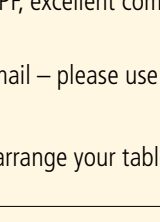
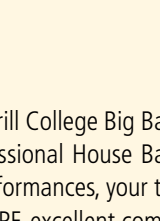
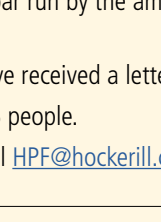
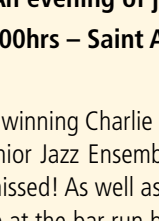


Year 8 First aid training and awareness



Year 10 Disability awareness

Year 10 had the opportunity to try out wheelchair basketball, seated volleyball and complete tasks with vision and speech impairments. It was such an interesting insight to the experiences of Paralympic athletes, and we had a lot of fun.



Olivia

Year 10

BOARDING NEWS

Further to the communication sent to parents on the 24th February regarding the upcoming Boarders Easter Celebration, which will be held on Saturday 25th March, this is a reminder for Weekly and Flexi Boarding parents to complete the Form on the letter to register your child's choice for the event.

Please note the Form will close on Monday 13th March at 1230hrs.

Fundraising for Ukraine

To mark the anniversary of the full scale invasion of Ukraine I made bracelets and pins to celebrate Ukraine. We sold these in College to students and staff, to raise funds for United 24, the official fundraising platform of Ukraine. Ella-Louise Hugi helped a lot with organising the event. So far we have raised £175 and we will continue to sell these in the College.

On the morning of the first day of the full scale invasion on February 24th 2022 I had to pack and leave my home, and my cat. Like many Ukrainians I didn't understand how long this would last, and I thought I would just be away from home for a couple of weeks. It was scary in the nights as I didn't know what would happen through the night, or the next day. Nobody knew what was happening with their families, or in their homes after they left. 6 weeks later, with my aunt and cousins I left Ukraine and went to Hungary, after this we travelled to the UK.

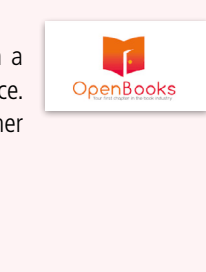
I arrived at Hockerill on May 15th as a full boarder. I'm happy to be living in the boarding house, and I feel safe here. I find it hard sometimes as I can't always talk to my parents if they have no electricity. The reason I am here is not a good one, but the school is cool. People are nice here and I've been able to do lots of things.

Dasha Sievierova

Year 9

GEOGRAPHY NEWS

This week, Year 11 Geographers visited Chelmsford town centre and surrounding residential areas to conduct urban fieldwork techniques as part of their GCSE. Students are investigating 'How quality of life varies?' They carried out environmental quality surveys, traffic counts, car wealth surveys and public perception surveys. Students will now analyse their data and write up their finding to reach their own conclusions.



MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to Sixth Form student, Joel Smith, who studies singing at Hockerill with Mrs Hamilton. Joel has been accepted to the Juilliard School Performing Arts Summer Course this year in Florida. After a lengthy audition process, Joel found out that he has been awarded a place on the course, this is an excellent opportunity for Joel and we are all incredibly proud. The Juilliard School is one of the most prestigious Music Conservatoires in the world and this is a huge accomplishment - congratulations!



Soloist Concert

Tuesday 7th March 1600hrs - Chapel

To come and watch, you must complete [this form](#) by Mon 6th March 1700hrs. Parents of students who have signed up to perform should now have been contacted. This is a free event - we look forward to seeing you there!

Hockerill at Ronnie Scott's - An evening of jazz

Wednesday 15th March - 1900hrs - Saint Albans Hall

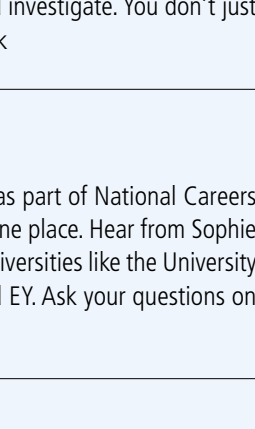
Tickets on sale NOW

Under the direction of the award winning Charlie Bates, the Hockerill College Big Band present an evening of jazz. Supported by the Junior and Senior Jazz Assemblies with a professional House Band and featured soloists, this promises to be an event not to miss! As well as high calibre performances, your ticket will include table seating and snacks. With artists available at the bar run by the amazing HPF, excellent company and fine music, it will be just like a night at Ronnie's.

If your child is performing, you should have received a letter via email - please use the email address below to book your table seating.

£15 per person - in tables from 2 up to 6 people.

After purchasing your tickets, please email HPF@hockerill.com to arrange your table seating.



Hockerill at the Movies - Spring Concert -

Tuesday 28th March - 1900hrs - Saint Albans Hall

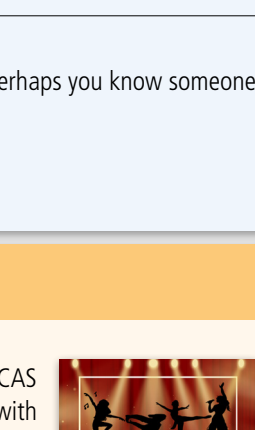
Tickets on sale NOW

Lights, Camera ACTION! Our first ever themed Spring Concert, Hockerill at the Movies is here. With music from Iron Man, James Bond, Frozen, Star Wars, How to Train Your Dragon, Raiders of the Lost Ark; there's something for everyone.

This concert features all extra-curricular music ensembles - a whopping 250 students are performing either as musicians or as part of the stage team. Orchestra, Big Band, Choirs, String Ensembles and many more.

Tickets: £10-Adults and £8-Concessions. This is a one night only event so tickets will sell quickly!

Refreshments available at the bar



LIBRARY NEWS

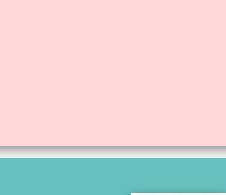
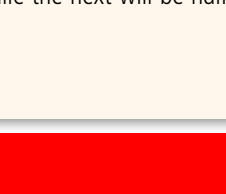
Juniper Book Awards 2023 More Author Events!

What a week we have had, with three further amazing JBA 2023 authors, virtually visiting our Year 7 Library lessons! These are all first-time children's authors, who have already staked their claim in the field of children's literature.

We were treated to a captivating reading from 'The Book of Stolen Dreams' by David Fair, as well as a fascinating presentation. His list of accomplishments is extensive, and this book is flying off the shelves, due to word-of-mouth recommendations. One benefit of such events is that Jessica Scott-Whyte was able to join us from Paris to discuss her nominated book, 'The Asparagus Bunch'. She admitted that she rarely takes part in author events, so not only were we very honoured, but she also generously donated her fee for the event to the charity <https://giveabook.org.uk/>. The students had some probing questions about the book, that she was delighted to answer.

Our final author was Varsha Shah, who had pre-recorded answers to 72's questions about the wonderful 'Ajay and the Mumbai Sun'. She combines writing with teaching, hence her inability to join us during the working day. Despite the event not actually being 'live', she had prepared a just as the other authors had been.

Yet again, all three authors were extremely impressed by the calibre of the Hockerill students' questions, which enabled each group to discover so much about the writing processes, inspirations and next publications of these authors.



World Book Day

Since World Book Day coincided with this term's Enrichment Day, and we celebrate reading all year round at Hockerill, this year's events have been kept low key. All Year 8 students will receive one of two World Book Day titles, during their upcoming Library lessons, provided to them by the Library. Students have also been encouraged to take part in the Readathon charity fundraiser, to raise money to give books for children in hospital. Students can collect sponsor forms from the Library or find further information using the link: <https://readforgood.org/>. The deadline is 20th April, so there is still time, and any money raised - no matter how small the amount - will contribute significantly to this cause.

In place of the usual printed World Book Day tokens, secondary schools have been provided with a QR code to distribute and a token which can be printed, if necessary. This can be downloaded and used to pay for any of this year's WBD titles (available in bookshops and selected supermarkets) or to give £1 discount off any book over the value of £2.99. Students can scan the poster in the Library to download their token, or download the PDF by clicking on the poster image. Unfortunately, the vouchers cannot be used online.



Calling all Budding Authors! Interested in a Career in the Publishing Industry?

With next week's National Careers Week fast approaching, these videos may be of interest to students interested in a career in the publishing industry: from becoming an author to illustrating; as an editor; working in promotions or finance. OpenBooks is a national initiative to inspire the next generation of book industry talent and further information, together with links to the videos, [can be found here](#)

Mrs Sarah Bruce

College Librarian

keep up to date with the latest news by following the library on twitter [@HAECLibrary](#)

CCF NEWS

During February half term four Hockerill CCF Cadets Cpl Thomas Child, Cpl Harley Champkins, Cpl Charlie Pipers and Cpl Ian Malcolm all attended the senior instructor's course at Thetford Training area. This course develops cadets in the art of teaching many military skills ranging from foot drill, weapon handling and field craft. All our cadets achieved credible passes, with one achieving a HC (Highly Competent). As a college we are incredibly proud of all their achievements.

They have demonstrated resilience, a willingness to take themselves out of their comfort zones, some of the attributes we look for in our young leaders.

CAREERS NEWS

National Careers Week 2023

6th - 11th March

For students:

National Careers Week Virtual Fair (From 6th of March)

<https://ncw2023.co.uk/>

Tens of thousands of students across the country took part in Careers Week last year, having an opportunity to access the Virtual Careers Fair and take part in other careers activities. The careers fair had close to 100 exhibitors last year for you to look at and investigate. You don't just have to be in school to access the Virtual Careers Fair though. From the 7th of March, you can visit: ncw2023.co.uk

Next Steps Fair (by Unifrog, 8th March 1630hrs - 1900hrs)

<https://www.unifrog.org/events/upcoming/628-unifrog-next-steps-student-fair>

On Wednesday 8th March, Unifrog is hosting a free virtual, live and interactive careers fair for students to attend as part of National Careers Week! The Next Steps Fair is a free, unique opportunity for you to compare all your post-school/college options in one place. Hear from Sophie Pender, our keynote speaker, Forbes 30 under 30, and founder of the 93% Club and join live sessions with top UK universities like the University of Manchester and University of Warwick, plus big name employers and apprenticeship providers like the BBC and EY. Ask your questions on entry requirements and what a normal day in different industries looks like.

On Demand Work Experience, National Careers Week edition by SpringPod

<https://on-demand.springpod.com>

For parents:

Parents' Guide to NCW 2023

<https://nationalcareersweek.com/download/27878/?tmstv=1675438116>

Inviting All Parents

As we look to plan for the next Hockerill Careers Fair and Mock Interviews - may we invite you to contribute? Or perhaps you know someone who can?

[Please complete this response form](#) and we will be in touch with you!

STUDENT NEWS

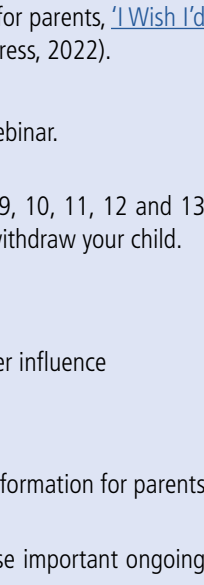
Charity dance show

We welcome you to our charity dance show on Thursday 23rd of March at 1900hrs! The fundraiser is for our CAS project, a compulsory part of the IB Diploma and is in aid of Maggie Dance, a charity that empowers young people with learning difficulties to take part in dance lessons and shows. The event will showcase pieces of work choreographed by ourselves and by many young students from across the College. Tickets will go on sale via WisePay this week and the event will be held in St Albans Hall. Doors open at 1845hrs with drinks and snacks on sale during the interval. All profits will go to Maggie Dance. For more details, please contact Mrs Geissler. We can't wait to see you there to celebrate the talent we have on offer!

Ticket Prices:

Adults: £4.00

Concessions/students: £2.00



Budget Bites

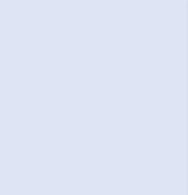
Hello budget biters!

The production of a cost friendly cookbook was not a simple task. However, we strove to help the local community during this costly-of-living crisis. Our desire was fulfilled, resulting in a budget cookbook with recipes from around the world at an affordable price. This cookbook is a collective initiative that was formulated over the course of 2 months. We have ensured that the recipes incorporate items that are accessible for all. We cannot stress the cost enough - except let you know that each meal is £5 and under. We understand that such a price resembles those of a meal deal. Yet, our home-cooked alternatives cater for an entire family rather than the regular individual. Informing our buyers of when they could purchase our product was a particular priority - which we have been able to achieve. You will now be able to order our books from WisePay, for yourself and your loved ones. As well as that, your support will not be overlooked as we have implemented the deal of buying one book while the next will be half price. Such an opportunity to treat yourself, support the community and economise should not be disregarded.

Start buying it now on WisePay... your taste buds will be forever grateful!



GENERAL NEWS

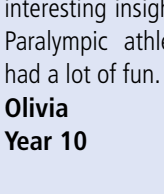


Happy Camps

Click on the poster for more information about free Happy Camps for children in Hertfordshire



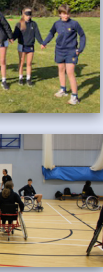
HOCKERILL PARENTS AND FRIENDS



Comedy Night

Don't forget to buy your tickets with the early bird discount of £15. It'll be a GREAT way to spend a Friday evening!

[Click on the poster to enlarge the image.](#)



Would you like to feel more involved in your child/ren's school and meet some friendly new faces in the process? If so, HPF needs YOU! There's no minimum or maximum commitment required - you can help out with events as and when you're available. If a more 'behind the scenes' role is for you, we also need support in running the 250 Club and our various social media sites.

To volunteer, scan the QR code below. You can also use this to sign up for the 250 Club.

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