

HOCKERILL NEWS

CAR PARKING 24-26 MARCH

Please be advised that the main car park will be closed at 1630hrs on Friday 24th March and will remain closed until 1300hrs on Sunday 26th March. The Boarders' Easter Celebration will be held on Saturday 25th March and the front car park will be used for this event, requiring the need for it to be shut. Apologies in advance for any inconvenience that this will cause.

The Education Hub

The Government has a blog called The Education Hub which is a site for parents, pupils, education professionals and the media that captures all you need to know about the education system. You'll find accessible, straightforward information on popular topics, Q&As, interviews, case studies, and more.

You can access [The Education Hub here](#).

Last week we published an article about Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA) in the Hockerill Hub. In February an article titled '[Why is school attendance so important and what are the risks of missing a day?](#)' was published in The Education Hub and parents are strongly encouraged to read it.

Remember that early intervention is key. If your child is experiencing emotionally-based school avoidance, please do let us know when reporting absence. The sooner we can identify when a student is struggling, the sooner we can support.

Lost Property

There are currently a number of small black coats, water bottles and some pencil cases in Reception, please ask students to come to Reception at break or lunchtime to check the lost property if they are missing any of these items. Any items that have not been collected by 30th March will be donated to charity.

IMPORTANT DATES

Contact us:

Saturday 18th March
1005hrs-1105hrs
Year 9 GCSE options presentation

Thursday 30th March
End of term
(Students depart 1240)

General communications to:
admin@hockerill.com

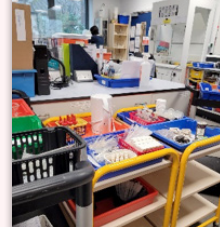
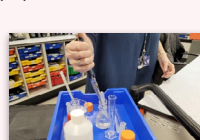
Exceptional circumstances for leave of absence to:
[Year 7 to 11 Student](#)
[Exceptional Leave of Absence Form](#)

[Sixth Form Student](#)
[Exceptional Leave of Absence Form](#)

SCIENCE NEWS

Friday 10th March was #TECHOGNITION. <https://techognition.org/> - the national celebration of technical support staff, recognising the importance of their essential roles in school.

The Science Department are incredibly well supported by our hardworking team of technicians. Amongst their many duties, Chloe, Dee and Cath prep for all our practicals, and clear away afterwards. They trial experiments for us, make up and safely dispose of chemicals, order, maintain and repair equipment and ensure teachers and students are following health and safety guidance in labs and classrooms. As teachers we would not be able to carry out lab based practicals without them. We thanked them as part of Techognition. The photos show a selection of the day to day roles carried out by the team.



Medical and Healthcare Club – Vet Talk

On Friday 10th March members of Hockerill Medical and Healthcare Club received a talk on Veterinary Medicine from Ruth Jackson – a partner at Bishop's Stortford Veterinary Hospital.

Ruth spoke to the students about many aspects of her job including the care and compassion of both animals and humans required to be a vet. She told students about her career and her training and described some of the day to day activities of her job as well as some of the challenges faced by vets. She also showed some really interesting photos of x rays and scans – including the x ray above of a dog who had eaten his own name tag! The students were also treated to some video clips of surgical procedures and some of the successful outcomes.

Ruth finished by answering some questions from the students.

Medical and Healthcare Club runs every Friday from 1pm in S5. Students in Year 11 and 12 who are interested in pursuing a careers in Healthcare as well as Medicine and Veterinary Science are welcome to attend.

Please see Mrs Lumby or Mrs Proudfoot for further details.

Mrs Lumby

Head of Science Faculty



MUSIC NEWS

On Wednesday evening, our school's annual Jazz Night took place, and what a fantastic evening it was! Our talented students took to the stage to showcase their musical skills and had the opportunity to work with a professional house band. They experienced what it's like to perform as top level musicians and it will hopefully inspire them even further.

Ensembles such as the Big Band, Senior and Junior Jazz, and a number of soloists took turns to perform a variety of jazz pieces. It was evident that our students, ranging from years 7-13, have put in a lot of hard work and dedication, and we are incredibly proud of them.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank pianist and conductor Charlie Bates for his outstanding musical direction and arrangements. His talent and dedication to the students has been evident throughout the rehearsal process and performance, and we are grateful for his contribution to this unforgettable evening.

In addition, we would like to express our gratitude to HPF for providing refreshments and for the incredible decoration that added to the ambience of the evening.

For those who missed out on Jazz Night, we encourage you to attend our next concert, "Hockerill at the Movies," which will take place on Tuesday, 28th March at 1900hrs. It promises to be an evening of entertainment, showcasing our a vast number of our students' musical talents with music from some of the most iconic movies.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in making Jazz Night a success, and we look forward to welcoming you to our next event.

Instrumental, Vocal and Theory Lesson Notice Deadlines

We hope that your children enjoy and look forward to their music lessons. If for any reason they are not, please get in touch to enable us to address the situation.

If you wish to stop having lessons at any point, you must let us know in writing by the dates listed below.

Want to Stop Lessons at:	Deadline to let us know by:
May Half Term 2023	Friday 24 March 2023
End of Academic Year 2023	Friday 19 May 2023

It is important for us to have these deadlines, giving our peripatetic staff sufficient notice to find a replacement student. It also minimises disruption for timetabling and the Finance Department.

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

Mrs Morrow-Plant

Joint Director of Music, Head of Instrumental Studies

SPORTS NEWS

Match Updates

U15A netball team won the Bishop's Stortford District netball Plate competition at Herts & Essex High School

U13A netball team won the Bishop's Stortford District Netball Plate competition at Herts & Essex High School

U12A U13A and U13B all won their fixtures against Joyce Frankland Academy this week

U12A 18-0 Player of the match Lucia

U13A 14-5 Player of the match Esme

U13B 8-5 Player of the match Nyla



LIBRARY NEWS

Juniper Book Awards 2023 – It's a 10 from Hockerill!

What a way to end our online author events for Year 7, with the award-winning Maisie Chan discussing her JBA shortlisted book, 'Keep Dancing, Lizzie Chu!' She gave the students in 7A/En a fascinating insight into her upbringing and the way this influenced the storyline of her nominated book. Maisie answered the students' questions, either on the day, or with responses to the questions I emailed to her. She was also keen to point out that the impact of the students' feedback, via their online reviews and during the session, was not insignificant in terms of the confidence boost it gave her as a writer. She personally wrote a reply to every review submitted by our students and staff, which went above and beyond!

Year 7 have now voted for the Hockerill favourite Juniper book and submitted their reviews on the JBA website. We have to wait until Friday 24th March to hear the official winner announcements, but congratulations to all the students who took part and I am really looking forward to hosting your exhibition in the Library, next term.

Mrs Bruce

College Librarian



STUDENT NEWS

Big Bang Fair at Herts & Essex High School

Some of our Year 7 students recently visited the Big Bang Fair at Herts and Essex. They were able to explore some interactive activities and discover exciting careers in STEM. Students were able to take part in the Big Bang 2023 competition for the KS2 stand and KS3 stand. Here are some feedback from some students.

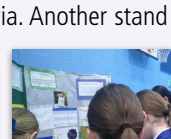
Ivan: I have learned about blood cells and how people donate their blood to those who are in need of more blood. I have also learnt how to make a lava lamp by using oil which reacts with water and food dye to be illuminated for extra effect so it would attract attention to people around the fair. Sweets were also included and there were mini games which also gave the participant to have a go at the mini games to win a small prize. Very surprisingly there was a cookie stall which allowed you to taste the cookies and choose your favourite one. None of them contained nuts and were gluten free. The choices of cookie were Oats, coconut, Buckwheat and Rye. I really enjoyed this fair and I hope we can have another event similar to this one.

Rohan: I learned how to make a lava lamp by using oil which reacts with water, food dye and red light to make the cool looking lamp. At the beginning of the fair, we were given voting slips to elect the stalls on unique criteria. Another stand which caught our attention was the gluten alternatives for cookies. The other options included oats, coconuts, buck wheat and rye flour. I thoroughly enjoyed this event and took a lot out of it.

Nathaniel: There was a range of different science experiment tools such as one called bounce experimenting which surface made a ball bounce the highest. There were also a range of careers stands such as a construction one which told you about the different jobs in construction.

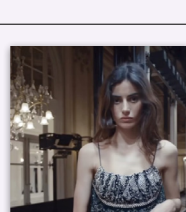
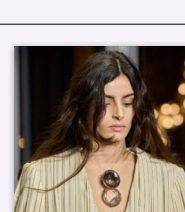
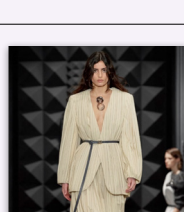
Mrs Essien

Science Department



Capucine Clowes in 12T2 recently walked for Louis Vuitton for their Autumn/Winter collection in Paris that was shown during Paris Fashion Week. This was her debut exclusive meaning she will be only be seen walking Louis Vuitton for the next 6 months. She started her modelling career at 15 years old when she was signed with Storm Management. Recently in January she was signed to Ford Models Paris. Congratulations Capucine!

Miss Bell



CAREERS NEWS

Year 13 University Applications

We are now well past the mid-way point in hearing back from universities. Congratulations to our university applicants this year for their excellent results so far this year. So far, 119 Hockerill UCAS applicants to UK universities received over 348 university offers and there are still 164 decisions pending.

Their pursuit is wonderfully diverse, from medicine to fine art, from Edinburgh to London, and let's not forget USA, Europe, and the reach all the way to Japan in the other side of the globe!

As we enter the period of decision making and preparations for next phase, let's wish them the best of luck for remaining applications.

Mock Interviews Y10/Y12

We are planning for these important interviews to take place during May and June. Please get in touch careers@hockerill.com if you may be able to come in for a day (or AM/PM) to be one of our interviewers. We will be in touch with you if you interviewed last year or indicated interest recently.

Bishop's Stortford Business Improvement District

We welcome ideas and interest from employers in our local area.

<https://bishopsstortfordbid.co.uk/a-message-from-hockerill-anglo-european-college/>

Mr Lee

Head of Careers Information and Guidance

careers@hockerill.com

HOCKERILL PARENTS AND FRIENDS

We're excited to announce the following completely BRILLIANT, award-winning comedians for our Comedy Night on Friday, March 24th:

Shazia Mirza

'One of the bravest and funniest comedians in the world.' Metro

<https://www.shazia-mirza.com>

Garrett Millerick

'smart, playful and devastatingly funny.' Chortle

<https://www.garrettmillerick.com>

Tadiwa Mahlunge

'One of the country's top new comedy acts.' The York Press

<https://ebdonmgt.com/actor/tadiwa-mahlunge/comedy>

Doors open 1900hrs

Show time 2000hrs

Tickets available on Wisepay

Parking for this event will be on the hard courts behind the Refectory. Please enter via the Manor Road entrance and it will be signposted.

