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IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 27th April

Monday 1st May

Tuesday 2nd May

Saturday 6th May

Monday 8th May

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Year 7 to 11 Student

Exceptional Leave of

Sixth Form Student

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> HOCKERILL NEWS



Industrial Action 27th April and 2nd May

The negotiations between the government and teaching unions have still not been resolved and further industrial action by one of the teaching unions will be taking place on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. As yet no other strike dates have been confirmed but it is likely that there will be some, and we will notify you as and when these dates are confirmed. Please note that GCSE and IB exams will not be affected by industrial action as invigilation is carried out by non teaching staff. Our plan for the **27th** and **2nd** will be as follows:

Year 13 will already be on study leave from Monday 24th April and so no special arrangements are needed. Teaching staff will be available at their normal lesson times throughout the week 24th to 29th April (except those staff participating in the industrial action on 27th April) should students wish to see them. Y13 boarders will study in the Refectory study hall during mornings of study leave and in their boarding houses during the afternoon. Years 10, 11, & 12

The College will be open to all students in these year groups on 27th April and 2nd May with students following their normal timetable as much as possible. In lessons where teachers are not present as they are taking part in industrial action, students will be gathered in the Refectory study hall and supervised while they undertake appropriate study e.g. revision for forthcoming exams. All students should therefore attend school with materials

and/or equipment that they can use in the event that they have a lesson in the study hall. Years 7 The College will be open for this year group on 27th April and closed on 2nd May. Students should therefore attend school as normal on the 27th and will have work set on Teams for 2nd May. In the event of a teacher not being present on 27th April the students will join the study hall.

Year 8 The College will be closed on 27th April and 2nd May to all students in this year group. Students will have work set on Teams on both days. In the event of further strike days, Year 8 will attend school.

Year 9

complete work set on Teams on 27th April and attend school as normal on 2nd May. In the event of a teacher not being present on 2nd May the students will join the study hall. Please note that these plans are subject to change should it be announced that the industrial action is not to go ahead. If that were to happen, we will inform you as soon as possible and College will be open to all students on both days.

The College will be closed for this year group on 27th April and open on 2nd May. Students should therefore

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we work through this latest phase of industrial action. **School Closures and Public Holidays**

Saturday 29th April Normal Saturday school (this was originally an Exeat Saturday) Monday 1st May Public Holiday. College closed to all students (except Y13 students with IB exams)

Earlier in the academic year (9th December) we informed you of a slight adjustment to the school calendar due to the addition of a public

Saturday 6th May Exeat. College closed for all students. Day of Coronation. **Monday 8th May** Additional Coronation Public Holiday. College closed to all students (except Y13 students with IB exams).

holiday for the Coronation on May 6th. As a reminder, please note the following:

Hockerill has many special elements and one of them is our adherence to the International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum at Key Stage (KS) 3 with the Middle Years Programme (MYP) in Years 7, 8 and 9 and the Diploma Programme (DP) in the Sixth Form (KS5). During the recent

OFSTED inspection, inspectors described our curriculum at KS3 as being more challenging and ambitious than the National Curriculum, at KS5 as 'going beyond that of A Levels' and that even GCSE was 'sitting under the MYP umbrella' and bringing all the strengths of MYP to Years 10

MYP and DP Evaluation Visit Report

and 11. We were delighted that OFSTED noted the higher ambitions of our curriculum beyond that of simply delivering content and which the inspectors described as giving our students 'genuine concern for and passion to understand the wider world'. In order to offer the IB curricula we are obliged to complete a 5 yearly reaccreditation and authorisation process. This involves submission of documentation detailing our curriculum and organisational approach, input from students, parents and staff, and a 3-day visit by an authorisation team. This enables the IB to ensure that all centers who teach IB programmes – currently around 5,600 schools in 159 countries - do so in a way that maintains 'fidelity' to the programmes as defined by the IB. Further details of what is involved in the reaccreditation

process can be <u>found here</u>. We had our joint MYP and DP reaccreditation visit on February 22, 23 and 24 of this year and we have now received the report. We are delighted to inform you that we have been reaccredited to continue teaching the MYP and DP for another 5 years. This is no small achievement and represents the outcome of a significant amount of work and preparation. The full report is available here and we encourage you to take a look and understand more about how we offer the IB programmes, how that has been judged by the IB and what we can do to make our students' IB experience even stronger. Our mission statement is 'Inspiring

so effectively going far beyond the academic and philosophical demands of other curricula. If you have any comments or feedback on the report, please submit them to IBaccreditation2023@hockerill.com. **Amendment to Planners** Saturday lessons (Periods 1, 2 & 3) – Friday 28th April

knowledgeable, enquiring, caring global citizens through excellence in education' and the IB programmes are what enable us to deliver this

Following the amendment to the date of the extended exeat, please be advised that these Saturday lessons will remain on Friday 28th April. However, these will now account for the missing lessons on Saturday 6th May so students should amend their planner to 'Saturday A

community. The exclusion criteria for other common infectious illnesses can be found here;

lessons'.

Vehicular access to school site

You will be aware that we have been working to better secure the perimeter of the school site and various gates and fences have been installed. Please be reminded that there will be no vehicular access to the school site at any time via Manor Road or Stansted Road. If you need to drop-off and pick-up close to the school, this 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, exeats 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 have been communicated separately.

Please note however that parking in the Dunmow Road car park is for staff and visitors only. Please bear this in mind when stopping your car to drop-off and pick-up your child so as not to obstruct the flow of traffic. 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 upgrade our ability to ensure the safety and well-being of our students.

A reminder to parents that students who have experienced diarrhoea and/or vomiting must remain at home for a period of 48hrs from the last episode, in line with Government guidance, in order to reduce the risk of transmitting infection resulting in an outbreak, within the College

Congratulations to the following Year 7 prize winners who completed an excellent workbook after their visit to Duxford for the last enrichment day; Connie, Phinneas, Alex, Abbey, Hattie, Giselle, Sithavi, Iris, Maeva and Abyan. They all receieved a prize from Mr Jackson in Form time

Head of Year 7

on Tuesday. Well done. Mrs Ashlee -McCrae

>SCIENCE NEWS Earlier this year, eight of our IB Chemistry students took part in the Chemistry Olympiad run by the Royal

Following the Year 10 Examinations, students have started a new Chemistry topic looking at 'Chemical Change'. This week they carried out an experiment to extract copper from copper oxide by reduction with carbon. They

investigations next term.

were able to observe that an orange-brown solid, copper, was produced. Year 12 Chemists have been preparing for their Internal Assessment (IA) in Chemistry by carrying out an experiment to find out 'How does the length of the carbon chain affect

the enthalpy change of combustion of an alcohol?' Students will complete a full write-up of this 'Practice IA' before beginning their own individual

Society of Chemistry. Pictured are Nishant and Talitha, who both achieved Silver Awards, and Zoe, who achieved a Gold Award. This is an incredible success since only the top 25% of Chemistry students in the country are awarded Silver and Zoe came within the top 5%. Five Year 12 students were awarded Bronze Certificates and hope to compete again next year. Congratulations to all of our certificate winners!



Before their examinations, Year 12 Chemists were studying Redox Reactions. In this practical they were determining the concentration of a solution of potassium iodate using a redox titration. This allowed them to practise their experimental skills as well as develop their understanding of redox reactions.

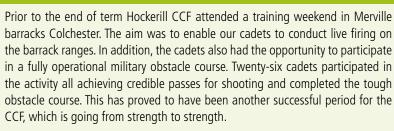
posters have been chosen as HAEC's entries. We will find out later this term if any of them have won a prize.



Aimi Hori Elise Ching Phebe Adejuwon Ananya Bhardwaj Imogen Wood **Mrs C Proudfoot Head of Chemistry**

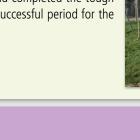
Last term all KS3 Science classes took part in the British Science Week 2023 Poster Competition. The topic this year was 'connections' and students across Years 7, 8 and 9 produced some fantastic work. The Science teachers then had the difficult task of deciding which 5 posters to enter into the national competition. Congratulations to Phebe Adejuwon, Imogen Wood, Elise Ching, Ananya Bhardwaj and Aimi Hori whose

How are humans



> CCF NEWS

> EQUIPE NEWS **Heads of Equipe** It is my very great pleasure to announce the new Heads of Equipe 2023-2024. They were introduced to their Equipes last term and delivered



an excellent set of assemblies. They will be working hard on behalf of their Equipe and the College as a whole for the next three terms, starting



Equipe OTOGRAPHY



with each team playing six. Students interested should join the f5 Team and let me know of their interest. Mr G Dinwiddy

for students in Years 7-10. There will be 24 matches in total,

Zach Howells (Head of Bader Ginsburg)

Maia Crouch (Head of Mandela)

Alexis Beaumont (Head of Seacole) Lucy Partridge (Deputy Head of Seacole)

Francesca Lewis (Deputy Head of Turing)

Luke Ricketts (Head of Turing)

Equipe Competitions

Head of Equipes

Violet Dempsey (Deputy Head of Bader Ginsburg)

Jess Taylor-Deloire (Deputy Head of Mandela)

Rugby success for Hockerill Year 7 Student Congratulations to Iris who captained a small but mighty BSRFC team to victory at a rugby large Girls Festival in London at Eton Manor RFC. They had no subs and battled through to the finals beating the large club, Welwyn Garden City who trained players like Red Roses', Marlie Packer. The girls were nervous but Iris was fierce in leadership and they took home the championship. We look forward to Hockerill rugby starting again in September.

>STUDENT NEWS

England rugby debut for former Hockerill Student Former student Elizabeth Crake who left the College in 2013 to study Dentistry made her England rugby debut playing in a 58-7 win against Scotland. Please read more about Elizabeth's achievements on the BBC Sport website by clicking on the link below: Women's Six Nations 2023: Liz Crake on juggling dentistry with an England debut - BBC Sport

>HEALTH AND WELLBEING NEWS

Mental Health & Wellbeing support for Children & Young People

Along with the current competitions for running and photography, I am excited to announce the full return of f5 Equipe Cricket, a mixed, six-a-side lunchtime competition



Mental Health Support for Hertfordshire's Children and Young People If your child or teenager is feeling low, anxious, or generally struggling, there are lots of services available to help them all year round.

>GENERAL NEWS

Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service Newsletter

and/or their parents/carers.

Wellbeing Service for ages 5-18, parents and carers and many more, via www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/mentalhealthsupportforhertsyoungpeople

The services listed on Just Talk's webpage (https://www.justtalkherts.org/just-talk-herts.aspx) are all free and don't need a professional referral, so they can be contacted directly by young people

Services are shown in the attached flyer also include Hertfordshire's new With YOUth Digital

Service

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COMEDY NIGHT Thank you so much to everyone who came out to support us last week at our first Comedy Show since lock down. It was a brilliant night! An extra big thank you to Hockerill parent, Paddy Lennox, for organising the comedians and being such a fabulous compère. We raised over £1500, all of which will be put back into school projects.



a Saturday!

HPF COFFEE, CAKE AND CATCH UP Once a month, we'll be hosting an informal drop-in coffee and catch up from 1100hrs in the Menet Room, just off Reception. The dates are



and hear your suggestions on what we can do to make your experience of Hockerill even better.

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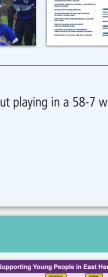
This will be held on Wednesday 3rd May at the Nags Head at 1930hrs. For those of you unfamiliar to the area, the Nags Head is a large pub, just up the road from Hockerill, with plenty of parking. We'd welcome as many parents as possible - it would be great to see some new faces



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below. The HPF team will be around, as well as at least one member of the school governing body. Pop in for a caffeine fix before pick up on