

# THE HOCKERILL HUB

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HOCKERILL ANGLIO-EUROPEAN COLLEGE 28 APRIL 2023

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## HOCKERILL NEWS

### Industrial Action 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 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 will be as follows:

#### Years 13

Year 13 will already be on study leave from Monday 24th April and so no special arrangements are needed. 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 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 closed to all students in this year group. Students will have work set on Teams.

#### Year 8

The College will be closed to all students in this year group. Students will have work set on Teams. In the event of further strike days, Year 8 will attend school.

#### Year 9

The College will be open to all students in this year group. Students should therefore attend school as normal. In the event of a teacher not being present 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. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we work through this latest phase of industrial action.

### Reminder - Year 11 and Year 13 End of Year Arrangements

#### 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 13

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

### Boarding Parent Forum - Wednesday 10th May

A reminder that there is an online Boarding Parent Forum meeting scheduled for Wednesday 10th May at 1800hrs. Please submit questions prior to the event via the link here. The deadline for questions is Friday 5th May 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 12th May for any parent who is unable to follow the event live.

### Lost Property

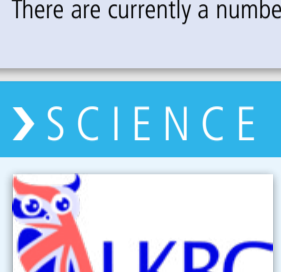
There are currently a number of coats in lost property. Students may visit reception during break or lunchtime to retrieve any missing items.

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Contact us:

- Monday 1st May**  
Public Holiday. College closed to all students (except Y13 students with IB exams)
- Tuesday 2nd May**  
Industrial Action (further details below)
- Saturday 6th May**  
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).
- General communications to:**  
[admin@hockerill.com](mailto:admin@hockerill.com)
- Exceptional circumstances for leave of absence to:**  
Year 7 to 11 [Student Absence Form](#)  
Sixth Form Student [Exceptional Leave of Absence Form](#)

## SCIENCE NEWS



On **Friday 5th May** all students in **10A, F, L, K and M** will take part in the UK Biology Challenge as part of their science lessons.

The UK Biology Challenge is a National Competition designed for students aged 13 to 15. The Biology Challenge consists of two, twenty-five-minute multiple choice papers which are taken on line under supervision. Some of the questions will be based on the GCSE Biology curriculum, but the competition will also reward students whose knowledge of Biology has been increased by reading books and magazines, watching natural history programmes, taking notice of the news media for items of biological interest, and are generally aware of our natural flora and fauna. Students are not expected to revise for the Biology Challenge.

**Students MUST bring a fully charged device to their Science lesson on Friday 5th May in order to access the online questions.**

I hope students find this opportunity enjoyable and I look forward to sharing the results with you in due course.

Mr Tillett

Head of Biology

## MUSIC NEWS

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It's with great pleasure to celebrate the success of the Hockerill Music Department Movie Night Concert, which was an evening of great entertainment and musical brilliance. With a total of 399 performers involved in the concert, it was truly a remarkable event. The performance from the Year 7 French choir to the Percussion Ensemble performing on frying pans showed just how much contrast there can be! The concert was rounded off with Solo vocalists Isabella Henry and Abbie Younger performing alongside College Big Band, Senior Strings and College Choir with Into the Unknown from Frozen 2. We cannot praise the students enough for their outstanding efforts, their level of professionalism and talent displayed by each and every one of them. Congratulations to all involved in making the concert a success and we would like to extend our appreciation and thanks to the wonderful HPF for supporting us!

We would like to note the exceptional results achieved by our students in their instrumental and vocal examinations last term. The 100% pass rate with 81% of students achieving a merit or higher really highlights the hard work and dedication of our students. Special congratulations to Hanako Ward, Caidle Brennan and Sofia Bartlett for achieving grade 8 in their respective instruments with distinction and merit.

Finally, the recent success of our students in the Bishop's Stortford Rotary Young Musician Competition is a true testament to the level of talent and commitment within the Hockerill Music Department. We are delighted to have had several Hockerill students take part and perform exceptionally well in the competition which is open to students in primary and Secondary schools across Bishop's Stortford. Congratulations to Koko Fish who was awarded Runner Up Young Musician of the Year, this is an incredible achievement!

The following students took part:

- Jonah Chan – Cello
- Eszti Chan – Violin
- Koko Fish – Cello
- Max Khorshidchehr – Piano, Singing, Saxophone
- Charmon Lam – Cello
- Leo Suo-Saunders – Trombone
- Imogen Tang – Piano
- Isaac Taylor – Cello
- Hanako Ward – Guitar
- Richard Zhang – Piano

Each of these students performed brilliantly and worked really hard to prepare their pieces for this competition, amongst those students, the following awards were given:

- Intermediate Piano Section Winner – Richard Zhang
- Intermediate Strings Section Winner – Koko Fish
- Runner Up Intermediate Strings – Charmon Lam
- Intermediate Brass Section Winner – Leo Suo-Saunders
- Runner up in Junior Woodwind Section – Max Khorshidchehr
- Highly Commended in Junior Piano Section – Max Khorshidchehr
- Overall Intermediate Winner – Koko Fish
- Overall Intermediate Runner Up – Richard Zhang
- Runner up Young Musician of the Year – Koko Fish

Well done all! This is fantastic news and you should all be proud, we certainly are!



### Upcoming events this term:

- Afternoon Recital- **Thursday 15th June** – 1600hrs in the Chapel (Formerly known as Soloist Concert)
- ABRSM Exams – **Monday 19th June**
- Summer Solstice Concert – **Tuesday 20th June** - 1900hrs in SAH Celebrating extra-curricular music clubs at Hockerill
- Trinity Rock and Pop Exams - **Weds 21st June**

It's back..... Hampers '23 – **Friday 30th June** – Watch this space!

**We would like to wish all year 11's and 13's the very best for their upcoming exams!**

### Music lessons

**Music lessons for students in Year 11 will automatically stop at the end of the summer term.**

If you wish for your child to continue vocal/instrumental lessons upon returning to College for Sixth Form, we ask that you complete an electronic application form – you will receive a link for this in your welcome pack later in the term. If you would like to continue your lessons with your current teacher in September, please ensure you enter their name in the relevant section. We will do our very best to accommodate this request.

We wish them all the very best for their upcoming GCSE exams and hope to be welcoming them back to Hockerill in September.

If your child is taking part in a trip or exchange this term, please ask them to speak to their instruments/vocal teacher regarding their scheduled music lessons during the time they will be away.

With sufficient notice, their teacher will do their best to try and re-arrange the lesson/s for them.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Library Reading Challenge

The Library Reading Challenge continued during the Lent term and it has been fantastic to see the number of students taking part. Some students have completed multiple bookmarks and written reviews for their peers – a very successful way of promoting the books in the Library. This term we will continue the Reading Challenge with new blue bookmarks, but in the meantime, congratulations go to the last term's enthusiastic participants:

Year 7				
Ian C 7V	Abbas D 7W	Olivia M 7X	Giselle N 7Y	Harriet M 7Z
Imogen C 7V	Honey D 7W	Eva P 7X	Mia S 7Y	Leire M 7Z
Alex D 7V	Anthony J 7W	Melodie W 7X	Zoe T 7Y	James P 7Z
Sophie I 7V	Nifemi O 7W	Connie A 7Y	Alec C 7Z	Jessica P 7Z
Emmie S 7V	Adam S 7W	Reuben D 7Y	Winter D 7Z	
Max C 7W	Emily J 7X	Honor H 7Y	Max K 7Z	

Year 8				Year 9
Phoebé D 8V	Lily T 8W	Alven W 8X	Harry L 8Y	Alex U 9V
Felix F 8V	Ariane G 8X	Grace W 8X	Kamal O 8Z	Ray O 9W
Ellie M 8V	Shehan S 8X	Emaan F 8Y	Harley R 8Z	Libby C 9Z
Sid Mutsika-Mahwe 8V	Valerie T 8X	Alfie F 8Y		

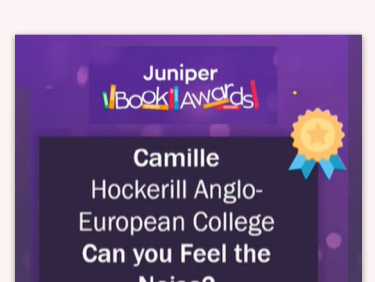
### Juniper Book Awards

At the end of last term, the Juniper Book Awards ceremony took place online, with the announcement of this year's winning book as voted for by the participating schools. This year's prize went to David Farr's wonderful 'The Book of Stolen Dreams' which was also voted the favourite book of the Hockerill Year 7 students. During the ceremony, a variety of other prizes were announced for students of the schools involved. Six of our students received honourable mentions for their book reviews, which had been uploaded to the JBA website. These were: Ananya Bhardwaj, Mia Smith, Siyona Patel, Margot Matthews, Aimi Hori and Hattie McCarthy. In addition, Camille Horwath-Reilly won the overall Best Book Review Prize for 'Can You Feel the Noise?' Congratulations to all those mentioned, and especially to Camille. A recording of the ceremony can be watched via [this link](#).

We are now eagerly anticipating the exhibition of the Year 7's JBA work which will take place in the Library on Tuesday, 9th May.

Mrs Bruce

College Librarian

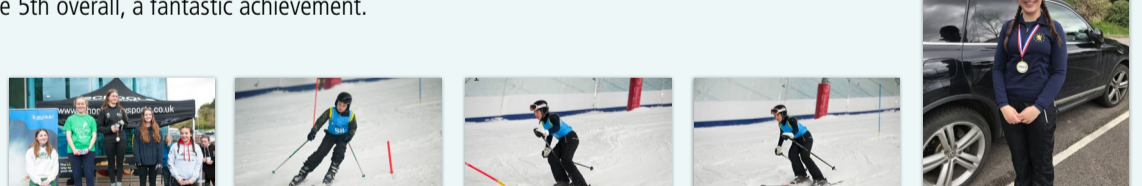


## STUDENT NEWS

### Year 10 student represents Hockerill at the English Schools Indoor Skiing Championships

Congratulations to Sofia for representing the College with pride at the English Schools Indoor Skiing Championships.

Sofia came an impressive 5th overall, a fantastic achievement.



### Year 10 Student achieves distinction in the Hamilton Olympiad paper

During this year one of our students from Year 10 took the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust follow on paper of the Intermediate Maths Challenge.

Congratulations go to Nigel Ying of Year 10, who achieved a distinction in what is called the Hamilton Olympiad paper. This is a 2-hour challenge consisting of six difficult problems requiring full written solutions.

## GENERAL NEWS

### Vaccination Catch Up Clinics

If your child has not yet received the MEN ACWY/DTP vaccination, we will be running clinics in the community over the June half term.

Please click on the following link to book your appointment at one of the following Clinics

- Hemel Hempstead Warners End Community Centre
- Watford Meridan Community Centre
- Welwyn Welwyn Civic Centre

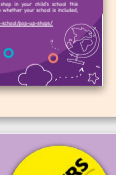
[Vaccination UK East Anglia Immunisation \(schoolvaccination.uk\)](http://www.vaccination-uk.co.uk/eastanglia-immunisation-schoolvaccination-uk)

### Uniform Supplier Summer Process 2023

Please click on the image for further information from Fosters.



## CAREERS



### Mock Interviews

**Y10: 10th May, Y12: 21st June**

Thank you to the fantastic parent volunteers of our school community who will be coming in as interviewers. If you would like to join in – we still have a few spots left, please email [careers@hockerill.com](mailto:careers@hockerill.com)

### Morrisby

Y10/Y12 pupils who signed up for Morrisby Profile are required to sit the aptitude tests at home ASAP. Once completed, they will be offered an individual interview to reflect on the report and produce an action plan.

### University/Apprenticeships

- Thank you to Gonville & Caius, Cambridge for providing a virtual university talk session to a group of Y10/11 students last week
- Y12s had a talking on exploring apprenticeships on Wednesday (Gov funded ASK Programme) - thank you to Mrs Laura Hackett from SFYP Herms for delivering this talk
- In May, we look forward to welcoming UCL and Oxford on campus to talk about University and UCAS Personal Statements

## HOCKERILL PARENTS AND FRIENDS

### Drop-in Coffee TOMORROW 1100hrs

Don't forget that we'll be serving coffee/tea and biscuits in the MenA, F, L, next to Reception, tomorrow morning from 1100hrs.

Pop in for a caffeine fix and to say hello.



### AGM

This will be held at The Nags Head pub, Bishop's Stortford, at 2000hrs next Wednesday, 3rd May. It would be great to see as many people as possible - we always welcome new faces, new ideas and useful feedback.

### 250 Club

Congratulations to April's winner, Clare Harvey, who wins £100.