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Welcome to the school year 2023/24 after what we hope has been an excellent summer break. This school year will see us build on the successes of last year and further develop the breadth and quality of the unique educational offer that Hockerill provides. We are particularly excited about the work we will be doing in the fields of equality, diversity and inclusion plus the opening of our redeveloped Sixth Form Centre. Joining us for the 2023/24 school year are new students and their families plus a number of new staff. The College extends a very warm welcome and we look forward to making you feel part of the community which is such a strong feature of the Hockerill experience.

The College has been a busy place during the summer and this pre-term edition of The Hub will bring you up to speed with what has happened. It will also give you all the information you need to start the school year successfully. Should you have any further questions please consult the College website where you will find the answers to most questions. If that does not give you what you need then feel free to contact your child's Form Tutor for any academic matters, the College Reception for more general enquiries or your child's Head of House if it is boarding related. We have also posted below links to information about road closures on Dunmow Road between the A120 / M11 and Parsonage Lane junctions that will affect access to the College from the east until the end of November.

I look forward to welcoming you to the College and to meeting you at one of the College events. The year ahead promises many opportunities and I look forward to seeing your children participate and flourish.

Best wishes for 2023/24.

David Woods  
Principal



## Exam and Year 13 destination headlines

We have had an excellent summer in terms of examination results with outstanding performances at GCSE and IB Diploma. The results are remarkable given the challenges that the Y11 and 13 students had to overcome during their two-year courses and the deliberate move to return results to the pre-covid levels of 2019. Huge congratulations go to them all and we wish them well for the next stage of their education journey be that in the Sixth Form at Hockerill or elsewhere, in employment or at university.

At GCSE, 93.4% of GCSE entries were graded between 9 and 4, with 85.8 at 9-5, and 35.5% of entries graded at 8 or 9. Furthermore, 89.2% of students achieved at least 5 subjects with grades 9-4 in English and Maths. In terms of progress, the school is in the top 10% of providers nationally. The College's emphasis on the importance of languages also ensured that we continue our strong showing in the English Baccalaureate, despite national trends, with 85.4% of students achieving grades 9-4 in all of its components.

IB Diploma results were also impressive 16% achieving 40 points or more (the A Level equivalent is 4A\*A) with an overall average score of 33 points (global average 30 points). 2 students achieved the maximum score of 45 points, which is exceptional as just 772 students achieved the score in the entire 2022 global cohort. The high grades enabled our students to move on to their first-choice universities in virtually all cases with key destinations being 106 students have confirmed UK destinations so far, with the most popular destinations being: University of Warwick (7) with one student obtaining the Undergraduate Global Excellence Scholarship; University of Exeter (7); University of Nottingham (6); Durham University (5); University of Manchester (5); Loughborough University (5); University of Bristol (5) with one student obtaining the Vice Chancellor's Scholarship; Royal Holloway (4); University York (4); University of Cambridge (3); University of Edinburgh (3); UCL (3); University of Leeds (3); University of Bath (3); University of Reading (3); and SOAS London (3). Other students from this year's cohort are going to university in the USA or studying at a European university, undertaking an apprenticeship, or having a gap year before starting a degree in 2024.

## Campus Security

A key project over the summer break has been upgrades to campus security and, in particular, perimeter security. This has involved the installing of additional fencing and access control gates. All students will be issued with a lanyard and ID card that will enable access to and from the site through the upgraded gates. Of particular note for day students who arrive on foot is that they will no longer be able to access the site via the Durham House arch by Old Science (Dunmow Road car park). All students and visitors will now be required to access the site via a pedestrian gate by Rochester House. Signage will be in place to show the route.



## Arrangements for the start of term

The start of term is staggered to allow for the return of boarders and the induction of new students. Please note the following times, dates and venues.

### ***Sunday 3rd September***

All new residential boarders (including all Year 12 boarders) from 1630hrs onwards. Please go directly to your Boarding House.

### ***Monday 4th September***

Year 12 students to report to the Refectory at 0840hrs.

Year 7 and **new** students in Years 8, 9 and 10 should report to St Albans Hall (SAH) at 0840hrs. All returning residential boarders from 1600hrs onwards. Please go directly to your Boarding House.

### ***Tuesday 5th September***

All students must report directly to their form room at 0845hrs. Heads of Year will post form room locations on their Year Team.



## Uniform

Please be reminded that students should be compliant with our dress codes that are detailed [here](#).



## Dunmow Road / A120 Road Closures

The next phase of the M11 improvement works will be undertaken on the A1250 Dunmow Road (commencing on 3<sup>rd</sup> September). Road closures will be in place diverting traffic accessing Bishop's Stortford from the M11 junction 8. Bus operators are aware of the works. Please find further details via [this link](#).