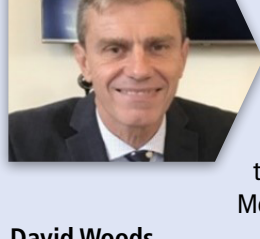
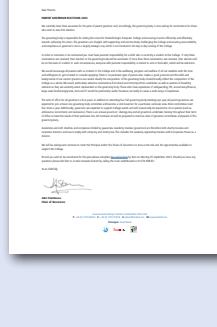


> HOCKERILL NEWS



REMINDER - NOMINATIONS FOR PARENT GOVERNOR 2023

Please be reminded that we currently have three vacancies for the post of parent governor and the governing body is asking for nominations for those who wish to stand for election. Please complete the form found in this letter on the right by 9am on Monday 25 September if you wish to be considered.



David Woods
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday 30 September
Year 7 Parent Information morning

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](#)

Shutdown of IT Services - Thursday 28 September

Please be advised that we will be undertaking an upgrade of our IT systems which will require a shutdown of services including Wi-Fi, telephones, EduLink etc. To minimise disruption, this work will be completed between 8pm and midnight on Thursday 28 September. Access to Microsoft applications will not be affected however, as there will be no WiFi in College, boarding students should plan their prep accordingly.

PARENTS INFORMATION EVENINGS

Please find links below to recordings or slides of the Parents' Information Evenings that have taken place over the last two weeks.

[Year 8](#)

[Year 9](#)

[Year 10](#)

[Year 11 \(slides only\)](#)

[Year 12 \(slides only\)](#)

[Year 13](#)

NON-UNIFORM DAYS

The College organises a number of non-uniform days which are occasions when students may wear their own choice of (appropriate) clothing to wear to school in exchange for a donation towards a worthy cause.

To improve efficiency at our end and reduce the burden on students and parents, we have enabled WisePay to accept donations for all non-uniform days at the start of the year. We are asking for a minimum donation of £7 per student and parents can pay by clicking on the 'donations' icon within their WisePay account. Students will then not be expected to bring in cash donations on the day.

The following days are non-uniform days (all Saturdays):

- 14th October
- 9th December
- 27th January
- 2nd March
- 23rd March
- 11th May

Additionally, students may wear a Christmas Jumper on Thursday 14th December. Last year money was raised to fund bike storage at the College. We hope to raise enough money from non-uniform days this year to support another project which will have a positive environmental impact. Please remember that participation in non-uniform days is not compulsory for students. Those who do not wish to participate may wear their full College uniform but a donation is required for those who do participate.

Mr A Mackenzie
Vice Principal

> CURRICULUM NEWS

MYP IN THE SPOTLIGHT

This week's MYP In The Spotlight focus is Year 9. During Year 9 students will continue to work towards their final MYP Grade in all subjects. Later in the Year students will chose their electives for GCSE studies. Next month during the first Enrichment Day students will start to work on their Community Project. This is a compulsory part of the MYP Curriculum – look out for further details in the Hub next month.

In Art, Students are studying pattern to design and make a ceramic tile. The theme is natural forms (Fruit and Vegetables).

In Computer Technology, students will learn about binary, bits, logic gates and hardware specifications and specify a new PC system - how many GHz, GB?

In DT, students will either be designing and making a household item from metal inspired by the Bauhaus design movement; packaging for a cinema snack based on a favourite film of their chosen client; or meals designed with dietary requirements in mind.

In Drama we trying to understand the concept of Prejudice in a variety of contexts. They must recognise the right we have as humans to personal and cultural expression. They will demonstrate this by structuring a piece of Theatre in Education, which helps them to understand how and why Prejudice occurs.

This term in English, our year 9s will be exploring the key concept of communication through travel writing. Over the next few weeks, we will be exploring different types of travel writing and creating our own travel portfolio and blog. We will also be understanding the different conventions used in travel writing texts to create an academic poster comparing two texts.

Year 9 Humanities begins with a focus on the concept of change. In History we are examining how the First World War created change across Europe and the world. In RE students are studying how global changes have challenge religious principles on conflict and in geography we are focusing on a unit called Dangerous Geographies: Natural and human processes create changes in the physical landscape and cause problems for people and societies. We have one group learning History and Geography through French and one group through German. The content and key concepts taught are the same across all six groups.

In Maths, we start the term with a week of numeracy to ease the students back in after the summer holidays. Then we begin our first unit Statistics allowing the students to work on their mathematical communication through data collection and analysis.

In the first Unit in Music, students will be investigating the ever-changing role of Blues music; from a tool for communication and a synonym of racial identity, to globally accepted aesthetic form. They will be learning how to play and compose using twelve bar blues and develop their improvisation skills.

All Y9 Languages are focusing on the Global Context of "Identities and Relationships" and all the Units of study focus around "Communication" as the main key concept.

First Languages (French and German) have started their third year of the MYP programme and will continue the development of their language skills this academic year focusing on the discussion of relationships with others and role models.

Second Languages (Italian, Japanese, Mandarin and Spanish) will continue their journey this year learning the vocabulary and structures needed to talk about and reflect about various aspects of their identity, and relationship with others.

In Science, Year 9 students start with one of 3 topics.

Genetics and inheritance: Models can represent the structural and functional relationship between DNA and inherited traits but the consequences of manipulation of this structure must be recognised.

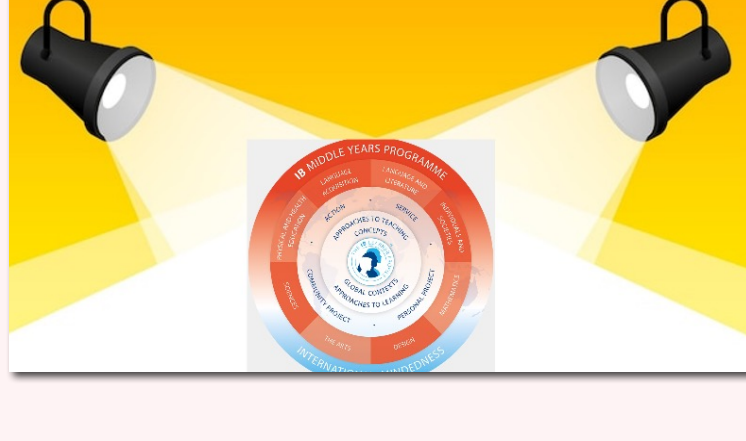
Patterns of reactivity: To use patterns and evidence to consider the chemical changes and relationships within Chemical Reactivity to allow consideration of how Scientific innovation can be undertaken.

Energy: Generating energy is beneficial to human existence but can also threaten the environment we live in.

In PE, students will be taking part in health-related exercise lessons, with the girls will be taking part in hockey lessons, and boys starting rugby lessons. Hockey and rugby are also the main sports clubs on offer for year 9 this term, on a Tuesday after College.

Students will have PSHE lessons once a week. The theme for the Michaelmas 1 term is Relationships and sex education. They will begin their lessons with understanding British Values, and move into lessons around friendships, families, and relationships.

Further details of curriculum areas can be found in the Hub.



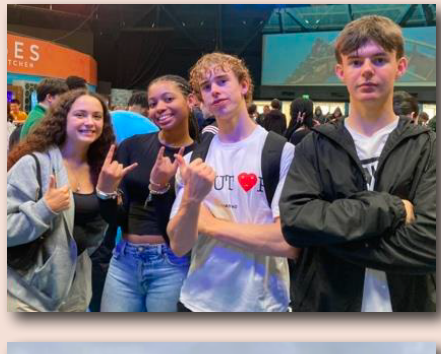
Mrs A Lumby
Assistant Principal

> BOARDING NEWS

WEEK TWO

After a fully eventful open morning, Saturday was a chill one with in-house activities. The original plan was for an outdoor cinema but due to the weather Winchester did their own one in-house. We had hot dogs and nachos and we watched Pitch Perfect.

With an early start we had our packed lunches in hand from the Refectory and off we headed to Thorpe Park. We arrived around 10am when it wasn't too busy. We had two coaches full of Hockerill students all excited for Thorpe Park and we had 5 hours to have fun! Unfortunately, the rain came earlier than forecast but at that point we were tired and ready to head back.



Greta (Year 10 - Winchester)

> MUSIC NEWS

IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL LESSONS

Due to some current problems with our music lesson timetables they are not showing correctly on Teams.

If the timetables are checked on a desktop or a laptop, the correct timetable is shown. It is just on mobiles and iPads that they are not all updating.

Instrumental and Vocal teachers will be sending out an email or a Teams message to list their lesson times for that week.

If in doubt, students should come the Music Office to check their time with a member of staff.

We apologise for the inconvenience.

OPEN MORNING

We had a fabulous morning performing for the Open Morning last weekend.

Kayla Scholtz sung "Ain't Nobody" with the College Big Band in the Hall as a prelude to each of Mr Wood's speeches. Despite playing it 5 times, each and every performance had great energy and it sounded fabulous!

The Hockerill String Quartet were performing in the Refectory whilst parents enjoyed their tea and cakes. They performed a whole array of repertoire and gained some excellent first reading experience!!

Thank you to all the musicians involved!!



Music Dates for your Diary

Music Tour - 19-23 October – Edinburgh

Afternoon Recital - 30 November - 4pm Chapel

ABRSM Exams - Mon-Tues 4/5 December

R&P Exams - Weds 6 December

Carol Service – Thurs 7 December

Christmas Shows – Weds 13 and Thurs 14 December

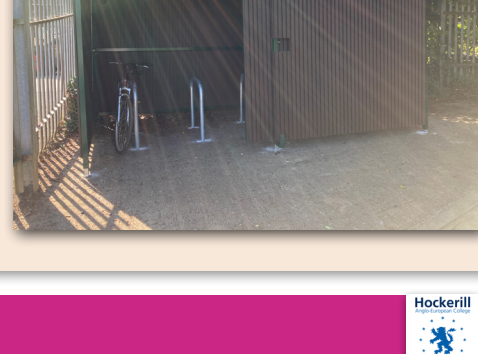
Feel free to get in touch with Amy Morrow-Plant morrowa@hockerill.com with any queries regarding instrumental lessons and Music events. Please contact Mrs Morrison, morrisonm@hockerill.com for any academic music queries.

> GENERAL NEWS

BIKE STORAGE/SAFETY

A number of bicycles have been found to be chained to the fencing along the bikeway parallel with the Hard Courts. Students must use the new sheltered bike storage facility located at the top of the Hard Courts. In addition, we expect students riding bicycles to wear helmets.

Mr A Mackenzie
Vice Principal



> HPF NEWS

YEAR 7 SOCIAL

A huge thank you to Hockerill parent and founder of The Belgian Brewery, Nik Lemmens, for providing us with the perfect setting for our Year 7 social last week. It was a lovely evening, with some excellent craft ales and cocktails.

POP-UP COFFEE AND UNIFORM SALE

We will be holding our regular pop-up coffee session on Saturday 14th October from 10.30am until 12pm in the Menet Room, just off Reception. Thanks to generous donations from parents, we also have a stock of pre-loved uniform to sell. (We have a card machine for payments). Drop in for a catch-up!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

HPF is actively looking for new members to take on various roles as some of our committee will be moving on. Please email hpf@hockerill.com - or come along to our pop-up coffee - if you'd be interested in helping out. We play an important role in creating the community spirit which makes Hockerill so special - and we love hearing from people with new ideas or time to give.

SCIENCE NEWS

In August, Summer Stevens, Year 13, attended a five-day work placement at the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology as part of the In2Science summer programme. This is the report of her experience. After finding and applying to the programme online, I received a place and was matched with a research team in Cambridge based on my interests. The group researches protein complexes which regulate gene expression. I learnt about the multiprotein complex called CPF which is involved in the addition of the poly-A tail during post-transcriptional modification, and I got to carry out the biochemical techniques they use for research. For example, some of the techniques I learnt include gel electrophoresis, protein purification, plasmid transformation and cleavage assays. The programme also included access to online workshops regarding topics such as STEM careers, interview skills and personal statements. Overall, it was a very enriching experience which gave me lots of insight into what a career in STEM could look like.



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> RECRUITMENT NEWS

We are recruiting for **invigilators** to work casual hours throughout the year. If you know anybody who may be interested, further details are available [here](#).