

HOCKERILL NEWS



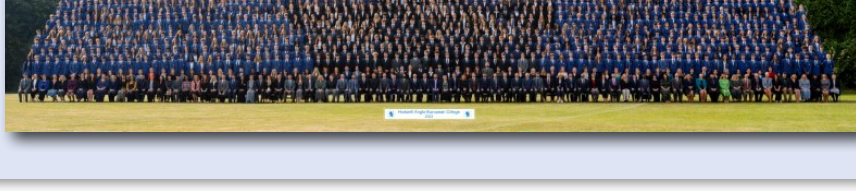
David Woods
Principal

DUNMOW ROAD CAR PARK CLOSED – MONDAY 2 OCTOBER

Please be aware that the Dunmow Road car park will be closed on Monday 2 October due to construction works of the new Sixth Form centre. There will be no drop off or collection point available on Dunmow Road and so we encourage students to walk to College wherever possible and to arrange drop-off away from the College site. We apologise sincerely for the inconvenience but hope that you will bear with us as we develop a Sixth Form centre that will inspire our students

SCHOOL PHOTO

Parents are now able to order the whole school panoramic photograph. Please scan the QR code to order via Kittle



IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday 30 September
Year 7 Parent Information morning

Monday 2 October
Black History Month

Tuesday 10 October
World Mental Health Day

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](#)

YEAR 7 NEWS

ENRICHMENT DAY – THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER (ACTION REQUIRED)

On Thursday 19 October, Year 7 will be participating in a Model United Nations activity as part of the College's Enrichment programme. Your child has been allocated a country to represent and they will have been informed of this by their Form Tutor.

It is imperative that students bring their electronic learning device to College for the day.

It would add to the colour of the occasion if they found some outer garment to wear that represented their country. They should come in College uniform, but an outer garment typical of the culture of the country they are representing would be ideal ([costume guidelines can be found here](#)).

Boarders should ensure that they bring this to College on their return from the Exeat 2 Weekend which will take place from 7– 8 October. Residential boarders are to discuss the costume requirement with their respective House tutors.

Students are not expected to do much advance preparation for the day, but if they wish to learn something about their country through books or online resources, they are more than welcome to do so.

We look forward to an enjoyable and successful day.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mrs S Bennett

Head of Geography / ECP Coordinator

BOARDING NEWS

BOARDING PARENT FORUM - WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER

A reminder that there is a Boarding Parent Forum taking place on Wednesday 11 October (1800hrs - 1900hrs). This will take place online. A link to join the meet, along with an agenda, will be emailed to all boarding parents prior to 11 October. Please submit questions prior to the event [here](#). The deadline for questions is Friday 6 October (0900hrs). The forum will be recorded and we will endeavour to share this recording within the Hub on Friday 13 October for any parent who is unable to follow the event live.

MUSIC NEWS

EDINBURGH AND GLASGOW TOUR

We are getting ready to set off for our Tour to Edinburgh and Glasgow in October. We are very much looking forward to the trip. If you would like to order a tour hooded sweatshirt for your child, please make sure you have submitted the Microsoft Form that was emailed to you by Monday 2 October. If you would like to keep updated on the trip whilst we are away, we will be posting on our Music 'X' page (previously Twitter). Please follow us @HockerillMusic. The hyperlink on the right provides a direct link.



CHRISTMAS SHOW AUDITIONS

We are beginning our preparations for the Christmas Shows on 13 and 14 December. We are holding auditions for Solo Singers on Tues 10 October after College to select singers to perform with the College Big Band (and maybe choir) in the two shows. If your child would like to audition, please ask them to complete this [form](#). Please note that the successful candidates will be expected to attend College Choir/ Lower College Choir (whichever is the most applicable) throughout the Michaelmas term.

FILMOGRAPHY OF OUR SESSION TRACK

Earlier this year we worked with students from Big Band, Upper and Lower College Choir and String Orchestra, giving them a taste of what it is like to work as a session musician. They experienced recording in their parts in small sections to a click track and then we had a filming session where they did multiple takes of the song. The audio has since been professionally mixed and mastered by an external sound engineer and we are very fortunate to have Mr Graham Instrall who has brilliantly captured the filmography. This will be the first time that students involved have seen and heard the outcome of their amazing work and we hope that you all enjoy it! A huge thank you to all the students involved and to Mr Charlie Bates and Mr Graham Instrall who dedicated a lot of their time to this project. To watch the film click on the image below.



SCIENCE NEWS

CAMBRIDGE BIG BIOLOGY DAY 2023

Saturday 14 October

10am – 4pm

Hills Road Sixth Form College

If you have an interest in Biology or are considering a career in Biology the Big Biology Day at Hills Road Sixth Form College could be for you. Last year the event attracted around 2000 people. This is a free public engagement event for everyone, young and not so young, something for everyone, with the aim to enthuse, engage and educate people about Biology.

There will be around 40 organisations and individuals providing hands-on activities including schools, colleges, learned societies, companies, research institutes and university departments. Included in the event is advice and guidance on careers in Biology. There will be people representing medical and vet professions, apprenticeships, lab technicians, the pharmaceutical industry which should appeal to anyone who is thinking about careers beyond college.

No sign up is required all you would need to do should you wish to attend is turn up on the day.



SPORTS NEWS

HAEC RUGBY REPORT

On 20 September, the first game of the HAEC Rugby season kicked off, playing Bancroft's School in a home game. From kick off it started well, with HAEC putting in the work and stopping Bancroft's on multiple occasions from getting past and scoring. There were then some well-run counter attacks from the lads, almost breaking through the Bancroft's defence with some heavy hits. Unfortunately, Bancroft's soon scored a try and conversion, followed by another of both soon after, bringing the atmosphere down a notch. The boys then rallied themselves and started to once more hammer through the lines until a successful try was made by David Hamzat; ultimately, the conversion was not achieved as the ball just agonizingly scraped past the wrong side of the sticks. In the end it was a disappointing result of a 22-5 loss, but the team showed resilience and hopefully will make the next game something to cheer about.

Photographer & Author Alex Thursfield 12B2



ANTHROPOLOGY NEWS



ANTHROBYTES PODCAST

Anthrobytes is the Anthropology Podcast put together by sixth form students and Mrs Dallas, in which we discuss all things human in bite-sized portions!

In this week's episode, Anthrobytes talks about the letter 'P' for 'Post-Holiday reflections'. Tune in for reflections on food, language, home and the cultural dissonance that can accompany the return back to everyday life following on from the holiday season.

[Click here to listen to the podcast.](#)

GENERAL NEWS

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER

Mental health, like physical health, is something that we all have. Our mental health can shift from good to not so good and back again throughout the course of our lives and is influenced by many things, both environmental and personal to each of us.

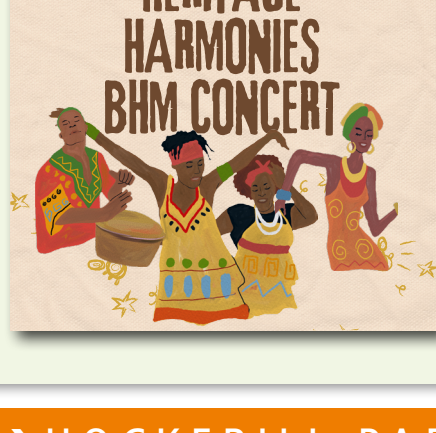
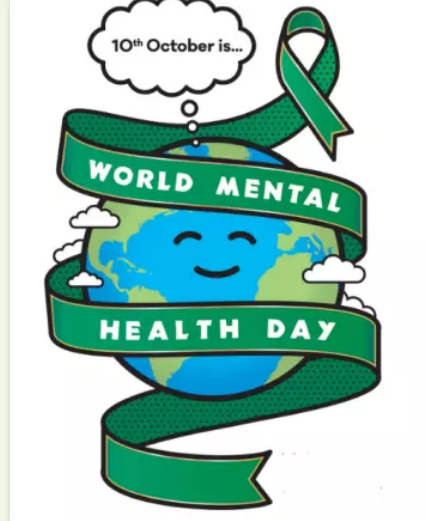
World Mental Health Day is an international day for global mental health education, awareness and advocacy against social stigma. World Mental Health Day was first celebrated in 1992 as an initiative of the World Federation for Mental Health. Each October, across the globe, thousands of supporters celebrate this annual awareness programme which brings attention to mental illness and its effects on people's lives worldwide.

As a College, we are raising awareness of young people's mental health with the charity YoungMinds. Student's will be attending assemblies with this theme, taking part in form time activities, and we are encouraging staff and students to wear something yellow on the day, as part of YoungMinds #HelloYellow. Students are allowed to wear one piece of yellow clothing in place of a school uniform (this cannot be their blazer, trousers or skirt), or yellow accessories such as socks, hair ribbons etc.

[Please see more about YoungMinds and #HelloYellow here.](#)

We are also launching the new NHS service for young people's mental health called Sandbox. Students can leave free 1-1 counselling for 12 weeks [by clicking here](#).

All Hockerill students have access to the Student Wellbeing 'Team' where they can find lots of resources and links to services provided nationally which are designed to provide support for some of the challenges young people face.



HERITAGE HARMONIES – BLACK HISTORY MONTH CONCERT 12 OCTOBER

We welcome you to our Black History Month Concert "Heritage Harmonies" on Thursday 12 October at 1900hrs. This concert is a tribute to the innumerable black activists, writers and advocates who paved the way for black history month. This will be a celebration of Hockerill's diverse community, giving students the opportunity to express their cultural heritage. Various art forms will be on display throughout this showcase, including singing, spoken word and dance.

The concert is FREE, and tickets can be reserved [via this form](#): (this form will close once the tickets are gone). The event will be held in St Albans Hall. For more details, please kindly contact osafot@hockerill.com and/or waritay@hockerill.com. We look forward to seeing you there. Your presence is hugely appreciated.

HOCKERILL PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 250 CLUB WINNERS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER. BOTH RECEIVE £100.

What is the 250 Club?

Hockerill's in-house lottery, run by Hockerill Parents and Friends.

It costs £5 a month (for one number - you can, of course, have more than one) and this enters you into a monthly draw to win £100. There's an additional £250 prize at Christmas.

Why should I sign up?

This is our main source of fundraising for Hockerill. Any money raised goes directly back into the school to pay for all the enriching 'extras' that state funding doesn't cover.

How do I sign up?

It's really easy. Scan the QR code, fill in your details and a member of the HPF team will be in touch.

