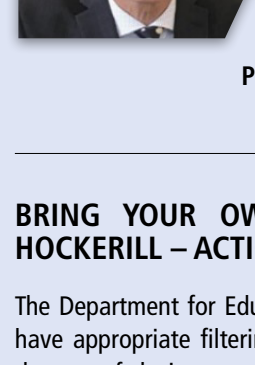


HOCKERILL NEWS



PARENT GOVERNORS 2023

We recently invited nominations for the role of Parent Governor and I am delighted to say that there has been a good response. There are 6 candidates for 3 vacancies. This means we must now hold a ballot. Information about the candidates and how you can vote will be sent to parents directly on Monday 9 October.

David Woods
Principal

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) AT HOCKERILL – ACTION REQUIRED

The Department for Education requires that all schools have appropriate filtering systems in place to monitor the use of devices connected to WIFI provided by the school. Full details of the statutory guidance can be found in Part two of [Keeping Children Safe in Education](#) (September 2023), particularly Pages 35 – 39.

In order to meet the requirement all students will be required to install a security certificate before returning to College after half term (by Monday 6th November). This certificate will help us to keep our students safe online while they are at school but will not affect the way the device works outside school. We will only be able to monitor usage when the device is connected to the Hockerill WIFI.

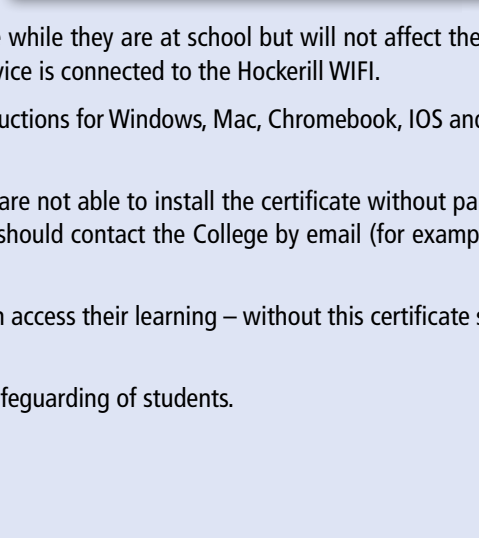
Installing this certificate to a device is very simple. Full instructions for Windows, Mac, Chromebook, iOS and Android devices can be found in BYOD-WIFI page of our website or by clicking [here](#).

Full boarders who are not returning home at half term and are not able to install the certificate without parental support can be provided with help in completing this task. In this instance parents should contact the College by email (for example year7@hockerill.com) or the student can report to reception.

This is a task which must be completed so that students can access their learning – without this certificate students cannot connect to our WIFI or login to Microsoft 365.

Thank you for completing this and further supporting our safeguarding of students.

Alasdair Mackenzie
Vice Principal



IMPORTANT DATES

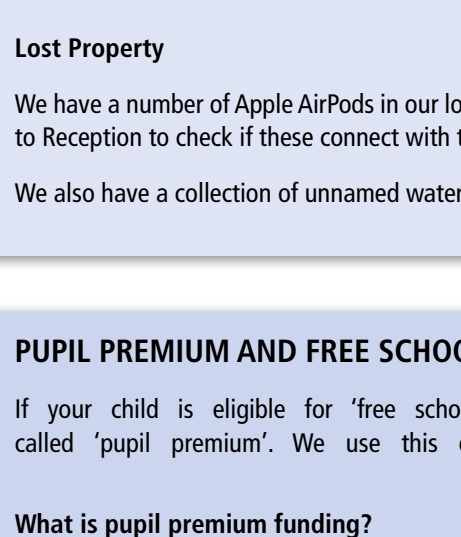
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Black History Month

Tuesday 10 October
World Mental Health Day

General
communications to:
admin@hockerill.com

Exceptional
circumstances for
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Year 7 to 11 Student
Exceptional Leave of
Absence Form
Sixth Form Student
Exceptional Leave of
Absence Form

USE OF MOBILE PHONES AND DEVICES BY STUDENTS



Some students have asked for clarity around the rules for use of phones and devices at the College. It seems sensible to share this with parents as well. The following notice has been uploaded to all Year Group Teams.

"Students are not allowed to use their mobile phone or device between the hours of 08:50 – 15:40 unless permission has been given by a member of staff. Students are not allowed to use their devices inside buildings at anytime without permission from a member of staff. Students wishing to use their phone should go to Reception to do so. Years 12 & 13 can also use their mobile phone in the Sixth Form Centre and Refectory (to listen to music through headphones). Staff may confiscate your mobile your device if you are not following the rules. Confiscated devices will be taken to Reception where collection can be arranged. You would also receive a Behaviour notification on EduLink if this happened. Please use your paper copy of your timetable and should you need to use your phone, ask for permission first. The same rules apply after College in relation to using phones inside buildings."

Staff are unlikely to confiscate phones unless a student is clearly misusing their device or is a serial offender.

Please could all parents work through this content with their child(ren) to avoid any avoidable staff intervention.

Alasdair Mackenzie
Vice Principal

COMMUNICATION FROM RECEPTION

We like to encourage good organisational skills and independence in our students so please assist us by avoiding items being dropped off to Reception for students during the school day.

Lost Property

We have a number of Apple Air Pods in our lost property that we have had for some time, if your child has lost any please ask them to come to Reception to check if these connect with their phone.

We also have a collection of unnamed water bottles in Reception, any not claimed by Friday 20 October will be disposed of.

PUPIL PREMIUM AND FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, the College will receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

What is pupil premium funding?

Pupil premium funding is given to schools by the government to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided based on pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

At Hockerill Anglo-European College we receive an extra £1035 for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

For example, we've previously used pupil premium funding for:

- Educational provision/resources
- Academic interventions
- Support for trips

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

How do I register?

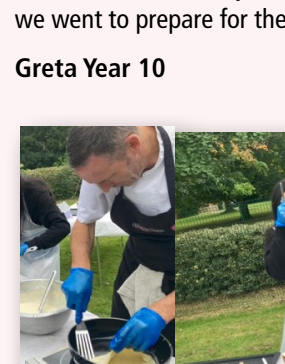
The latest eligibility rules can be on the Hertfordshire County Council website where you can also register:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx#year3>

Your child might also be eligible if you're in a household with no recourse to public funds (NRPF), subject to a maximum income threshold. This is for children of:

- Zambrano and Chen carers (non-EEA nationals caring for a British citizen residing in the UK)
- British National (Overseas) passport holders
- Spousal visa, work visa, or student visa holders
- Those with no immigration status
- Families with a right to remain in the UK under Article 8 of the European Convention of Human Rights
- Families receiving support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 who are subject to a no recourse to public funds restriction
- Certain failed asylum seekers supported under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Further information for this can be found on the government website.



HOCKERILL IS ON INSTAGRAM!

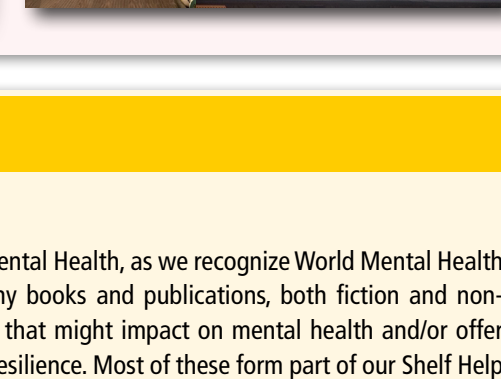
Please follow us [@hockerillangloeuropacollege](https://www.instagram.com/hockerillangloeuropacollege) where you can keep updated with college events, what students are getting up to and general Hockerill news.

We also have a Facebook page which you can find by searching **Hockerill Anglo-European College**. Please do like/follow the page to keep in the loop.

YEAR 7 NEWS

YEAR 7 PRESENTATION EVENING

Please click on the image to the right to view the Year 7 presentation from Saturday 30th September.



BOARDING NEWS

BOARDING PARENTS' FORUM

A reminder that the Boarding Parent Forum is taking place on Wednesday 11th October (18:00-19:00). To join please [follow the link here](#). You can also find a copy of the [agenda here](#). The forum will be recorded, and we will endeavour to share this recording within the Hub on Friday 13th October for any parent who is unable to follow the event live.

A FANTASTIC WEEKEND IN BOARDING

Another weekend gone and it was a fun one. On Saturday the Refectory ran a little cookery class, where the chef made pancakes with us, we were then let loose on the toppings. We had fruit, cream, sauces and chocolate. That night Winchester had a mini feast for our evening snack, with lots of food from around East Asia, we had Korean red bean pancakes, spicy beef buns, mochi and much, much more. We ended the night very full!

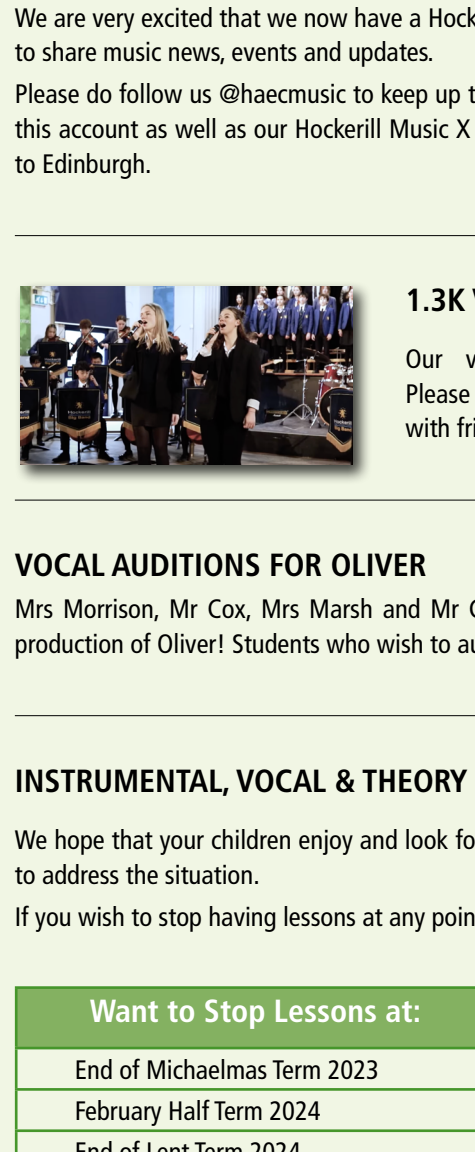
On Sunday we had a slightly earlier brunch so that the Seniors could leave on time to go to London. They had 4 hours to wander around and explore central London. While the Junior houses (Winchester, Durham & Canterbury) went bowling, we had lots of fun with two lanes for all of us and some very close scores. After everyone was back on campus, we had a lovely dinner then back to our respective houses where we went to prepare for the next week ahead.

Greta Year 10



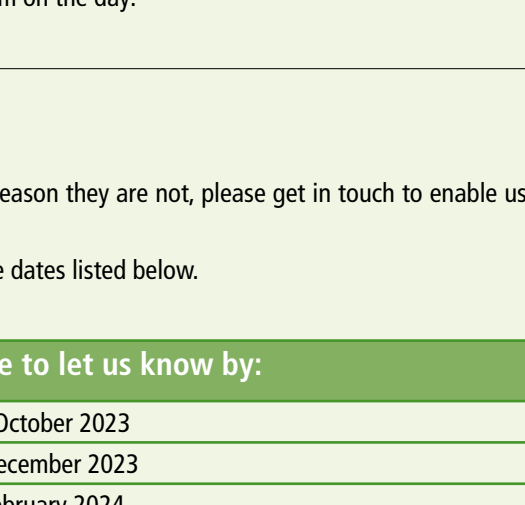
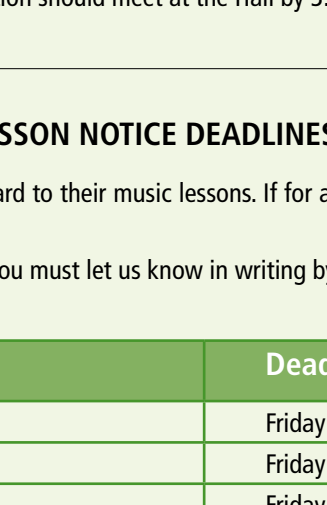
LIBRARY NEWS

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY



Next week, there will be a focus on Mental Health, as we recognize World Mental Health Day. The College Library houses many books and publications, both fiction and non-fiction, covering a range of subjects that might impact on mental health and/or offer suggestions of ways to build mental resilience. Most of these form part of our Shelf Help collection, although not exclusively so. Students can [use this link](#) to see a small selection of what is available to borrow from the Library.

Students can also access Issues online magazines [via the Library's subscription here](#) and the log in details are: Username: **Hock** Password: **3567**
A video explaining more about Issues can be found by clicking on the link below.

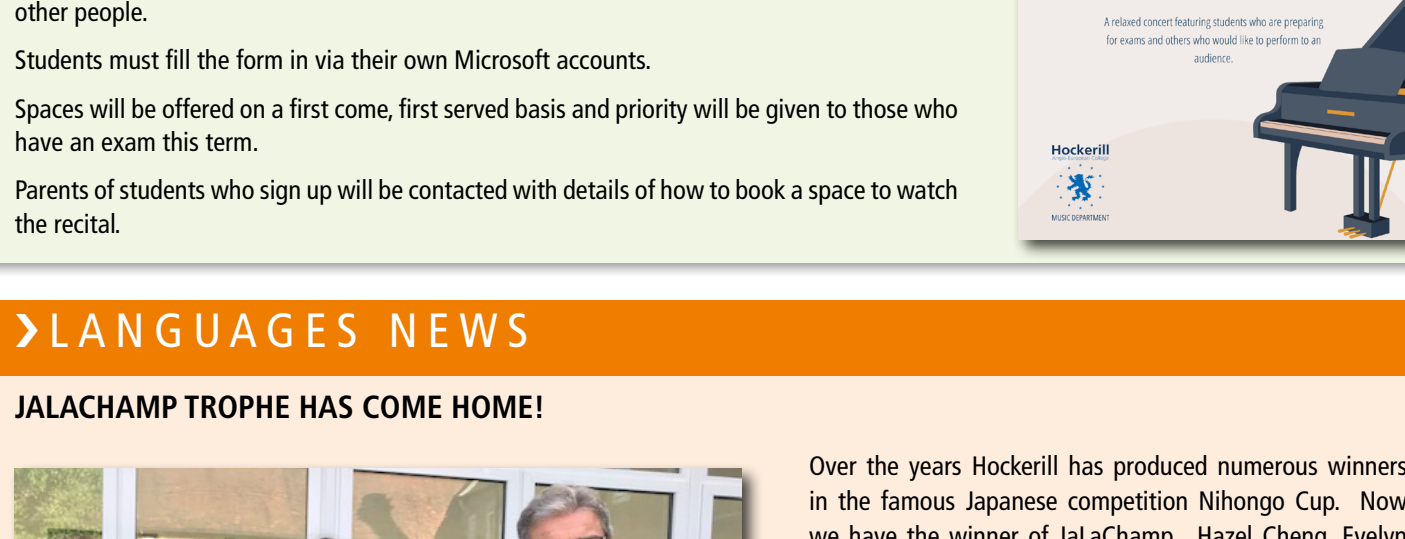


SPORTS NEWS

SENIOR RUGBY GAME REPORT

On Wednesday, 4th October, the Senior Rugby team ventured down to Hertford Rugby Club to play Richard Hale School. The first half didn't start that well, with Richard Hale taking the lead early on with some fast and efficient gameplay; however, late tries from Freddie Bevan and Benjamin Oppong (with Freddie converting one of the 2 kicks) energised the boys and filled us with confidence leading into the break. When the second half began it was clear the team was more motivated and gave the Richard Hale squad a run for their money, with improved performance all-round, leading to another try from Benjamin Oppong. The game ended 45-17, with Richard Hale the winners.

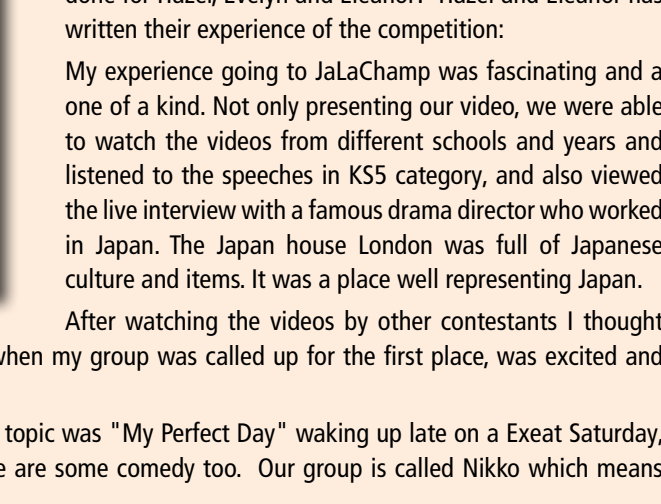
Author & Photographer, Alex Thursfield (12B2)



HOCKEY NEWS

The year 8A and 8B hockey teams had excellent victories over Leventhorpe at home with a 9-2 win and a 4-2 win respectively. Players of the match were Lara Stebbing and Mabel Bowie.

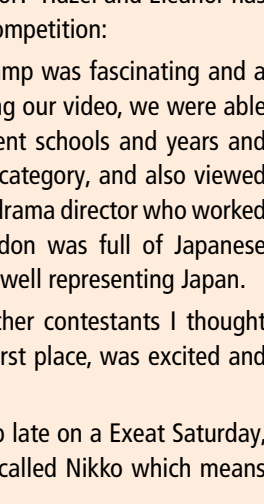
The year 9A hockey team faced an exceptional standard of hockey at the East Herts first round of the Nationals. Captained by Imogen Sharman, they fought hard in a number of games securing a draw with Dame Alice Owens.



MUSIC NEWS

FOLLOW US ON X

We are very excited that we now have a Hockerill Music Department Instagram page. This page will be used to share music news, events and updates.
Please do follow us @haemusica to keep up to date with projects we are working on. We will be posting to this account as well as our Hockerill Music X (formerly Twitter) page whilst we are away on our Music Tour to Edinburgh.



1.3K VIEWS FOR OUR VIDEO SO FAR!

Our video has reached a whopping 1.3k views in its first week of being live! Please do give it a watch by clicking on the photo, and if you haven't already please share the link with friends and family.

VOCAL AUDITIONS FOR OLIVER

Mrs Morrison, Mr Cox, Mrs Marsh and Mr Callum Bates will be holding vocal auditions on Tues 17th October 4-5pm in SAH for our production of Oliver! Students who wish to audition should meet at the Hall by 3.55pm on the day.

INSTRUMENTAL, VOCAL & THEORY LESSON NOTICE DEADLINES

We hope that your children enjoy and look forward to their music lessons. If for any reason they are not, please get in touch to enable us to address the situation.

If you wish to stop lessons at any point, you must let us know in writing by the dates listed below.

Want to Stop Lessons at:	Deadline to let us know by:
End of Michaelmas Term 2023	Friday 13 October 2023
February Half Term 2024	Friday 8 December 2023
End of Lent Term 2024	Friday 9 February 2024
May Half Term 2024	Friday 22 March 2024
End of Academic Year 2024	Friday 17 May 2024

It is important for us to have these deadlines, giving our peripatetic staff sufficient notice to find a replacement student. It also minimises disruption for timetabling and the Finance Department.

Please contact us at musicadmin@hockerill.com if you have any queries.

Amy Morrow-Plant
Joint Director of Music, Head of Instrumental Studies

SIGN UP FOR THIS TERM'S AFTERNOON RECITAL NOW OPEN

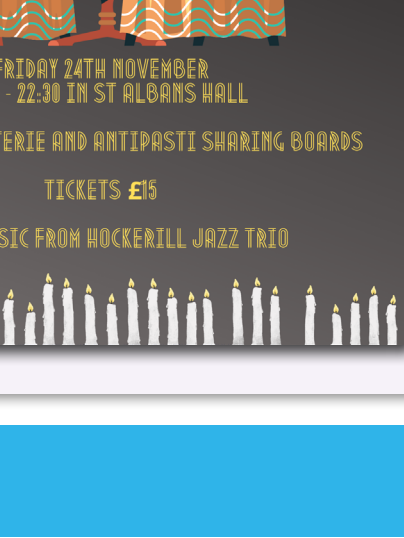
The sign up list for this term's Afternoon Recital is now open. Students who wish to perform can [sign up by clicking here](#).

The Afternoon Recital will be on 30 November at 4pm in the Chapel. The Recital is for solo instrumentalists and vocalists to have a performance opportunity with a nurturing and supportive audience. Gaining performance experience is an essential part of being a musician and it is vital that students perform regularly and learn how to enjoy sharing their music with other people.

Students must fill the form in via their own Microsoft accounts.

Spaces will be offered on a first come, first served basis and priority will be given to those who have an exam this term.

Parents of students who sign up will be contacted with details of how to book a space to watch the recital.



LANGUAGES NEWS

JALACHAMP TROPHE HAS COME HOME!

Over the years Hockerill has produced numerous winners in the famous Japanese competition Nihongo Cup. Now we have the winner of JalaChamp. Hazel Cheng, Evelyn Liu and Eleanor Waterhouse convinced the judges and audience that their animation My Perfect Day Was creative, funny and showing their amazing skills in Japanese. Well done for Hazel, Evelyn and Eleanor! Hazel and Eleanor has written their experience of the competition:

My experience going to JalaChamp was fascinating and a one of a kind. Not only presenting our video, we were able to watch the videos from different schools and years and listened to the speeches in a K5 category, and also viewed the live interview with a famous drama director who worked in Japan. The Japan House London was full of Japanese culture and items. It was a place well representing Japan.

After watching the videos by other contestants I thought that chances were slim since everyone was amazing and creative. So when my group was called up for the first place, was excited and proud. I knew that all the effort was worth it.

Our video was a hand-drawn animation with narration in Japanese. The topic was "My Perfect Day" waking up late on a Exeat Saturday, spending time with pets, family and friends, and doing activities. There are some comedy too. Our group is called Nikko which means sunlight as it is a symbol for happiness (which creates a perfect day).

Going to JalaChamp, I met a lot of people, for examples, students and teachers from other schools, Japanese speakers and Chairman of Japan Foundation. I had a chance to talk to them and everyone was so friendly and respectful to the Japanese culture. This was a great event for me to experience, and I'm sure for everyone there too. Definitely, I hope that this competition continues for others to experience and enjoy too!

Hazel Cheng (Year 10)

JalaChamp was overall such an amazing experience of all of us, I think that it taught us various things about Japanese culture.

We entered the video category, where we needed to create a Japanese animation/video, with a script and English subtitles. The theme of the video category was "Our Perfect Day". We all split the roles into equal parts. Hazel was in charge of animating the whole video, Evelyn was in charge of subtitles, and I was in charge of reading out our Japanese script. We all worked on together, each with different ideas of what our perfect day would be like. I think we all took the opportunity to practise our Japanese skills seriously, but we also had fun with creating this video, which is why we were surprised to find out at the end of Year 9 that we had made it to the finals of this competition.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend JalaChamp finals day as I was on holiday, but in early August, the organisers of the competition invited me to go to London to meet them, have my photo taken. I had a great time there; the staff were very friendly and I loved speaking in Japanese. Exploring Japan House and talking to people from the Japan Foundation, I found out more about the culture and tried foods that I had never had before (which was amazing!). The whole experience was brilliant and was one that my friends and I will never forget.

Eleanor Waterhouse (Y10)

ANTHROPOLOGY NEWS

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!

This week for the letter Q - we address a few of your Questions about Anthropology. What is it? Why is it important in today's world? What makes human beings the same and different from each other? Tune in for our thoughts and more.

HOCKERILL PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

CANDLELIT SUPPER - WITH JAZZ

Friday November 24th, 19:00 in St Albans Hall

Please come and join us for our annual supper by candlelight.

Sharing boards of cheese and charcuterie, a fully stocked, licensed bar and music performed by Hockerill's talented jazz musicians.

All details are on the flyer on the right.

To buy your ticket, please [click on this hyperlink](#). This will give information about the event, and you'll also be able to choose your seat allocation.

Please note: this is a new system and doesn't require payment through Wipeasy. It is accessible to all parents/carers, staff and school governors.

