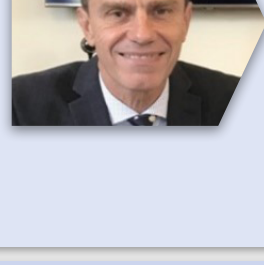


HOCKERILL NEWS



PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Thank you to everyone who voted in the Parent Governor election that concluded this week. We had an excellent turn out and we look forward to welcoming Ms Oya Er Wilkes, Mr Richard Johnson and Mr Imran Patel to the governing Board in due course.

David Woods
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 6 November
Term recomences

Thursday 9 November
Flu vaccinations

Saturday 11 November
Sixth Form Open Morning

SIXTH FORM OPEN MORNING

Year 11 Parents and students were sent a letter of invitation last week to our Sixth Form Open Morning, taking place on Saturday 11th November from 9am-12.20pm. To register, click on the link here: [Registration for Hockerill Sixth Form Open Morning](#)

ACTION REQUIRED FLU VACCINATIONS – YEARS 7 TO 11

The NHS would like to offer the Flu Vaccination to all students in Years 7 to 11. Nurses from Vaccination UK will be in College on **Thursday 9 November** to undertake this and require your consent. Please find a letter from the team which includes the online [Consent form here](#).

Please note that these vaccinations take place the week students return to College following half term. The consent form will close a week before the vaccinations take place.

Please find further information about the vaccine in by clicking onto the image of the leaflet on the right.

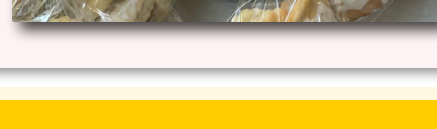
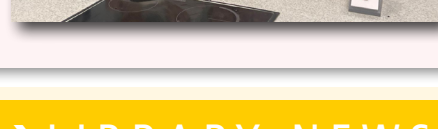


BOARDING NEWS

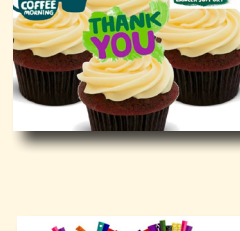
THAMES CHARITY BAKE SALE

On Monday 17th October, members of the Thames boarding house carried out a bake sale which generated £219.62 in revenue in order to raise funds to support the British Red Cross in aiding Morocco's recovery from the 6.8 magnitude earthquake that recently took place. The earthquake had an approximated three thousand casualties and affected six million and 600 hundred people. Hopefully the funds raised for the British Red Cross may act as a catalyst in the recuperation of Morocco.

Bryce (Year 13, Thames)

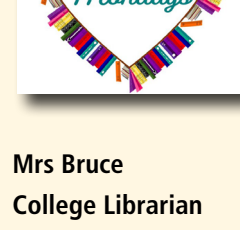


LIBRARY NEWS



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING AND RAFFLE

A couple of weeks ago, the Library hosted a Macmillan Coffee Morning for the Parents' Reading Group, together with a small raffle, which remained open to students for the week following. There is a list of prize winners on the Library door and winners have also been contacted via email. Thanks to all who supported this event and £146.12 was raised for the charity.

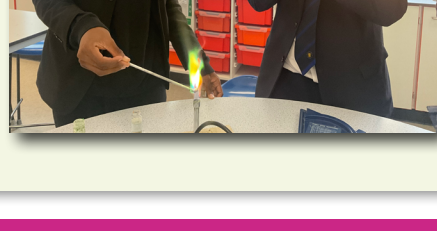
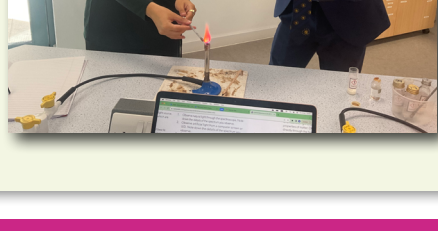


MINDFUL MONDAYS

Mindful Mondays have gradually been gaining in popularity this half term, now that students are aware that Mondays are a 'device free' day in the Library. It is lovely to see the students engaged in games, colouring or reading and are not spending all their time behind screens. Mindful Mondays will continue throughout the rest of the year and students are reminded that they can make suggestions for the sort of activities they would like to see in the Library, using [this link](#).

Mrs Bruce
College Librarian

SCIENCE NEWS



This week, Year 12 chemists have been studying electronic configurations and looking at line emission spectra as evidence for the existence of energy levels.

Mrs Proudfoot
Head of Science

CCF NEWS



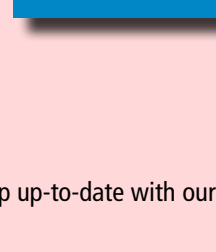
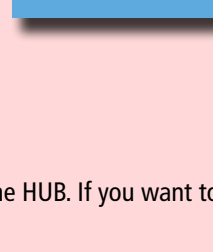
Hockerill CCF (Combined Cadet Force) attended a field exercise over the weekend 14-15 October 23. The field exercise took place on the military training area of Friday Woods Colchester. The training was focused on military skills, such as camp craft, cooking, improvised shelters, patrolling techniques, culminating participating in a full-scale operation (night ambush). This was a fantastic opportunity for all our cadets to learn and practice skills in an isolated location with no home comforts.

The Cadets worked extremely hard and demonstrated leadership and teamwork throughout. This was a fantastic effort which will bode well for the cadets in their future development.

Mr Riley
SSI - School Staff Instructor

MUSIC NEWS

We have had a wonderful first half term back. Marcus Cox, our new classroom music teacher (as well as Drama and Science teacher) has been warmly welcomed to the department and has already settled in nicely.



EDINBURGH MUSIC TRIP

The Music Department will be in Scotland on a musical adventure when you read this in the HUB. If you want to keep up-to-date with our travels, please follow us on Instagram @haecmusic (click on the graphic to the right).

HOCKERILL MUSIC FESTIVAL

In February, we will be running our very own Hockerill Music Festival where there will be two Hockerill Young Musicians selected (one beginner/intermediate and one advanced level). The idea of the Festival is to provide a performance opportunity for all musicians in the College no matter what level, and to celebrate our musicians that we have at Hockerill. Entries for the Festival will open during November – students who wish to enter should start thinking about pieces they could begin preparing. We will have an accompanist available for those who need one and students who play Rock & Pop instruments will be able to use a backing track.

If you have any questions about the Festival, or you would like to support the festival, please contact Mrs Morrow-Plant (morrowa@hockerill.com)

THE HOCKERILL CONCERT BAND

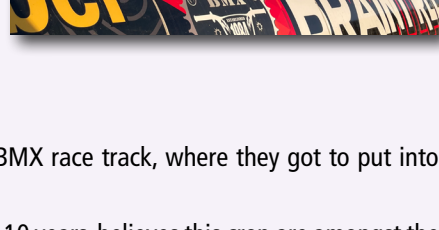
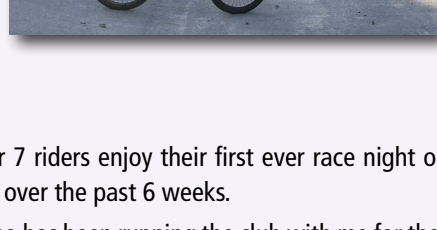
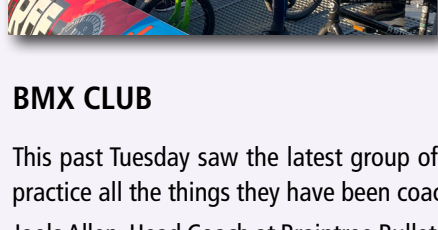
The Hockerill Concert Band had a lot of fun performing in assemblies this week for year 7, 8, 9 and 10. They performed a piece they have been working on called Barrier Reef. We are always on the lookout for more brass and woodwind players to sign up for music lessons at Hockerill. We are particularly keen for students to take up trumpet, trombone, clarinet or flute. [You can sign up for lessons here](#).

Free taster lessons available on request.

Have a wonderful half term break!

Mrs Morrow-Plant
Director of Music, Head of Instrumental Studies

CLUB NEWS



BMX CLUB

This past Tuesday saw the latest group of Year 7 riders enjoy their first ever race night on a BMX race track, where they got to put into practice all the things they have been coached over the past 6 weeks.

Jools Allen, Head Coach at Baintree Bullets, who has been running the club with me for the last 10 years, believes this crop are amongst the best we have had. Every single rider has substantially improved and thoroughly upheld the club's ethos of team spirit, personal challenge and enjoyment.

The club now breaks for winter and resumes after Easter.

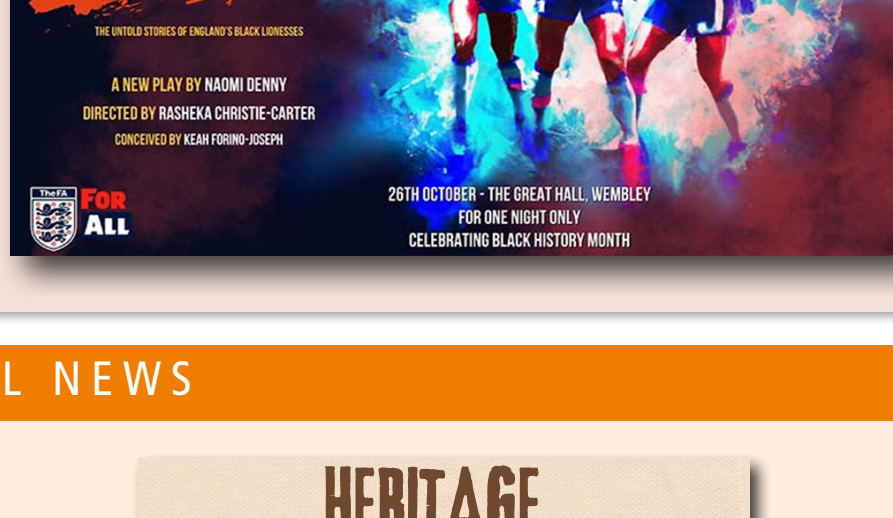
Enjoy your half-term.

Mr Russell

STUDENT NEWS

ZAHRA-ROSE COOKE TO PERFORM IN STILL WE ROAR AT WEMBLEY

Zahra-Rose Cooke in Year 8 is performing in the production Still We Roar at Wembley Stadium. Still We Roar tells the stories of Kerry Davis, (England's first Black female footballer), Mary Phillip, (England's first Black female captain) and Hope Powell (first female manager for England). These three women are pioneers in the game. Their paths have crossed many times, most notably at the Women's World Cup in Sweden 1995, where our play is set. The 40-minute play will be performed in the Great Hall at Wembley Stadium on Thursday 26th October to celebrate Black History Month. The show will be followed by a live Q&A with Kerry, Hope and Mary where they will comment on the show and add context to their stories. A new show written by Naomi Denny, directed by Rasheka Christie-Carter and produced by Adrian Grant and Keah Forino-Joseph. Zahra-Rose is playing Lisa Davis, Kerry Davis's sister. Congratulations to Zahra-Rose!



GENERAL NEWS



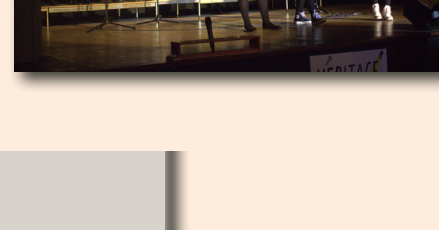
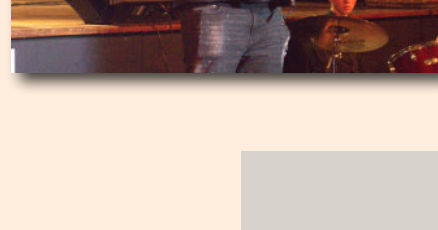
HERITAGE HARMONIES CONCERT

Thursday 12th October saw Hockerill's first ever Heritage Harmonies Concert for Black History Month. This was a student-led event, organised by Sixth Form Senior Prefects, Benjamin George-Oppong, Awa Isa Jagana and Morenike Sodunola, with the support of the Music Department and other staff. The concert was a tribute to the innumerable black activists, writers and advocates who paved the way for Black History Month and was a celebration of Hockerill's diverse community.

The concert was a resounding success, with students from Years 7 to 13 performing music, dance and poetry in front of a packed house. The concert featured the College Choir, a String Quartet, the Senior Jazz Ensemble, Hockerill Voices, the Year 7 Choir and the College's House Band, along with a Dance Group and our fantastic soloists and poetry reciters. The varied programme included music from Stormzy, Black Panther, the film Harriet about Harriet Tubman, Grover Washington and Dave, as well as poetry from literary giant Maya Angelou and beautiful, heartfelt poetry written by the students themselves. We include below the Poem Brown, written and performed by Iman Ogunlola in Year 11.

One student commented, "there was a lot of amazing talent, and it celebrated black culture and history very well. It was informative as well as entertaining. I hope they do it again next year". One parent commented that, "[the] students clearly felt they had a voice", and that the event "felt truly inclusive". Another parent commented that, "it felt like the first time my child (and me as a parent) felt fully seen, included and accepted in a school community".

Money was raised on the night for the Sickle Cell Society. Over £200 was raised through the sale of refreshments, including plantain chips and Mighty Malt, in addition to donations made by parents on the night. [If you still wish to donate, please click here](#).



BROWN

The colour of the trunks of a tree
Brown
and the colour of tea,
so soft, so gentle, so calm
but what do you think
when you see brown on me?

Do you not feel at ease
when you see the brown of the crisp autumn leaves
And feel a soft breeze.
No, you only see brown when you step on the ground
You see brown when you step on something foul
To you, brown is scarce
you say you love brown
yet you pick it last.

But when I see brown
I see so much more than just a colour
I see success, I see definitively no less
and over a million ways to self-express:
I see fast runners
I hear great singers
and I smell exquisite dinners

I see my mum
and I see all my aunts
I see my grandmas
and I know this didn't all happen by chance
They fought to survive
they never stop
they just thrive
and it makes me so proud
to know that I'm brown

I'll make sure to stand up and out from the crowd
I'll make sure the message of brown is spread around
I will keep my head up
and I will never frown
And no, my pride? It will never drown.

-By Iman Ogunlola

HPF NEWS

UNIFORM SALE

Thank you to all parents, who kindly donated fantastic quality uniform. It was great to see so many lovely items being given a second life!

We are always delighted to receive new donations, which can be left at Reception. We politely ask that all uniform is washed and laundered and left in a bag marked HPF so it can find its way to school.

We also raised £400, which will go directly back into projects around the college.

Just to give you an idea of the kind of thing we help fund, in the last couple of weeks, we have bought a harp for the music department and paid for the hard-working Year 13 students to have a celebratory BBQ after finishing their extended essays.

If you'd like to help us fundraise, please consider joining the 250 Club via the QR code provided.

