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Principal's message

Richard Markham



The Michaelmas Term is the longest term in the academic year, and for our examination groups comprises a large part of the teaching time for their final year.

In looking back on the term, the highlights are so many as to make recording them individually impossible. However, I would like to pick up a few areas.

So what has been good? There is so much to choose from, but my personal highlights would be two specific events: the Year 11 Presentation evening – and the talk from T54 Paralympian Richard Chiassaro; and the Mental Health Day so expertly presented by Dick Moore. In their own way these made an incredible contribution to the emphasis that the College puts on fostering resilience and raising awareness of how to seek advice and

guidance and the importance of a supportive, caring environment for students and staff. Similarly, the amazing range of Sporting, Musical and Co-curricular matches, debates, tours, concerts and visits which allow students to develop into fully rounded individuals and to try new things so that they can add to their already very apparent strengths and abilities.

Finally, I would emphasise how proud I am of the students and staff and their service to the community. Hockerill occupies a unique position, being a bridge between the local, national and international communities. Our fund-raising touches upon all three of these areas, and so do our voluntary activities. Hockerill is unique locally in that Sixth Formers are required to undertake a Service element as a part of their academic programme and this is one of the exciting developments which will soon be seen in the Middle Years (Years 7 to 9) Programme which the College offers.

What do we take into next term? We say thank you to our Year 13 Prefects and the Senior Prefect Leadership Team. As ever, I have been impressed by the diligence, maturity and responsibility with which our outgoing Deputies and Head Boy and Head Girl have approached their role. I would like to take this chance to say the first of many 'Thank Yous' to Olivia Tomlinson and Noah Lawson, Millie Berrett, Taha Alibhai, Aletta von Brockhusen and Leo Kilkenny. Stepping into these large shoes are the new Head Boy Griff Williams-Renouf, the new Head Girl Zoe Foster, and their incredibly talented group of deputies Samuel Tatchell, Katya Byng, Joe Hoult and Maia Dilloway. It just remains for me to wish everybody a very Happy Christmas and I look forward to seeing the College students back on Friday 6th January.

How are things?



On Thursday 10th November Dick Moore from the Charlie Waller Trust (<http://www.cwmt.org.uk/>) was in College for the day giving presentations to all students, staff and also to parents. These presentations were very well received by each of the groups providing excellent advice, introducing things to think about possibly not considered before and hopefully provoking discussions both in College and at home. We are very grateful to Dick for the time he spent with each group and look forward to building on his moving and inspirational presentations with the students in their Wellbeing lessons.

We displayed a "How are Things?" tree in the cloister corridor and Hockerill staff were asked to complete the leaves for the tree by describing 'what I would tell my teenage self'.

GCSE Presentation Evening

Mrs Geissler

On Friday 25th November the College welcomed back its Year 11 class of 2016 for an evening of celebration and presentation of GCSE certificates. We were honoured to have Richard Chiassaro as our guest speaker that evening who led a very inspiring talk about his life and challenges he has faced along the way. Richard is a British Paralympic athlete who was born with spina bifida and competed in this summer's Rio Paralympic Games. He exchanged stories about his upbringing, training regime and the Games themselves but one key message he left with our students is that during life there will be times of hardship but through mental determination you can achieve your goals.

It was lovely to have former and current students come together again once more and hear how they are currently doing in their new establishment. The evening was enjoyed by all and Hockerill students are always welcomed back to let staff know what they are up to.



NOTICES

Thursday 5th January
Boarding students return

Friday 6th January
Term commences

Saturday 7th January
Year 11 mock exams commence

Monday 9th January
Hockerill Parents and Friends meeting
Sixth Form Centre 2000

Saturday 14th January
Non Uniform Day and Bake Sale in aid of Animal Rescue Charity

Tuesday 17th January
Year 9 Parent Teacher Consultation evening

Wednesday 18th January
Ski Trip information evening
St Albans Hall – 1930

Thursday 19th January
Year 10 Muenster exchange information evening
L5 – 1830

Saturday 21st January
Burns Night
Refectory – 1930

Monday 23rd January
Year 12 Parents information evening (UCAS & Extended Essays)
St Albans Hall – 1900

Wednesday 25th January
Liege trip information evening
St Albans Hall – 1830

Friday 10th February
Half term holiday commences at 1540

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Music Tour

Mr O Bond

Over 40 of Hockerill's student singers and instrumentalists took part in the music tour to France and Spain in October. Our first concert included performances of impressionist repertoire at the birthplace of Claude Debussy in Paris, followed by onward travel to our Spanish partner school, I.E.S. Rosala de Castro in Santiago. Whilst in Galicia, we performed at the Conservatorio Profesional de Música de Santiago to a packed audience of Spanish exchange and music students, followed by a joint concert by Hockerill's main ensembles and traditional local songs and dances performed by Galician school students in A Estrada. Our final concert at I.E.S. Rosala was a great success, with a hugely positive response from their student audience. After Spain, we returned to France and performed a classical instrumental and choral concert in the impressive and inspiring venue of Bayonne Cathedral, finally concluding the tour with a big band set on the main stage of Disneyland's Videopolis venue in Paris. Other excursions included visits to the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Biarritz Aquarium, Bayonne's Atelier du Chocolat, Santiago Cathedral and A Coruña's famous Roman Lighthouse. Many thanks to the students for their hard work and spectacular performances, as well as the additional music staff who accompanied us on this trip. We are also extremely grateful to Madame Cunin and Dr Millan for their invaluable assistance in planning, organising and translating for us on this tour - merci and gracias!



YEAR 10 SPANISH EXCHANGE TRIP TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Dr Millán Head of Spanish

During the first week of October half-term, the Spanish Department organised their Year 10 exchange trip to Santiago de Compostela. Students stayed with host families from our partner school, IES Rosalía de Castro, and had the opportunity to attend lessons and also explore the beautiful city of Santiago and some other areas of Galicia. Highlights of this trip include the visit to the cathedral roof where we braved the rain and heard about the origins of the pilgrimage route to Santiago; climbing both the Tower of Hercules in A Coruña (the only Roman lighthouse still in operation) and Siradeira Mount in O Grove; finally, the inspirational concert offered by the Hockerill Orchestra & Big Band who came to Santiago as part of their Music Tour. We all felt very proud!!!

Overall, it was a fantastic 10 day experience for all our students who were able to be immersed in Spanish culture and put their Spanish skills to the test. Students behaved impeccably and were a credit to the College. We are now looking forward to welcome the Spanish students here at Hockerill at the end of January.

@HAECSpanish



Maths Competition

Mrs A Goldsmith

We had an excellent trip with 4 yr 12 mathematicians. We came 18th out of 24 teams so not a high score but the trip itself was excellent. The weather was dry and we absorbed lots of Cambridge culture on our way from rail station to maths venue. We went to the Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences which is the oldest of the University of Cambridge museums and has a collection of at least 2 million minerals and rocks, all brilliantly notated and mainly from UK locations. A walk through the museum will take you on a 4.5 billion year journey through time, from the meteoritic building blocks of planets, to the fossils of animals and plants that illustrate the evolution of life on the planet. We also went to the Whipple museum which has a fascinating collection of historic science equipment including a Newtonian telescope, orreries (models of solar system) and globes (of various planets and moons). The venue of the Challenge was the modern and very impressive Centre for Mathematical Sciences. We enjoyed the experience despite not scoring as high as we'd hoped!

Basel Trip

In November Mr Russell and Mrs Lumbers took the Year 12 DT students to Basel in Switzerland. The main focus of the trip was the Vitra Museum across the border in Germany, where the group visited the production facility, completed a design workshop and toured the campus, where each building was designed by a different world-renowned architect. There are more photos on the department website: www.hockerilldt.com



World Kindness Day

Mrs S Rittman

When did you last do something to brighten someone else's day? Kind words cost nothing, and on Friday 18th November members of the new Human Rights Club and Amnesty International came together to organise an event to mark World Kindness Day. Students and staff came to the Chapel at lunchtime to perform 'random acts of kindness', for example buying sweets or thank you cards for others, or writing kind messages on post-it notes and leaving them for people to see. We were overwhelmed by the support for the College community and raised £50 for the Anti-Bullying Alliance. The event coincided with anti-bullying week which we also discussed in form time. Students are encouraged to be the 'power for good'. Remember, 'the world is full of kind people. If you can't find one, be one'.



Sports round-up

Mrs N Hillcoat-Hyde

Hockey has continued to develop and girls have taken part in various matches against local schools including Leventhorpe and Bishop's Stortford College. There have been many Cup matches played against schools in both Hertfordshire and Essex. The Year 7's have attended training on a regular basis and the A Team have recently played two cup games against Dame Alice Owen in a Herts Cup game in which they drew 0-0 and Queenswood where they lost 3-4 (Queenswood scoring with the last touch of the game). The U13's have had a successful run and beat Queenswood 5-0 in a recent cup game. The U14's and U15's have played a few games (a few have been cancelled by opposition which is a shame). However, they continue to work hard at training and have several fixtures during the Lent term. The U16 team came second at the U16 National Schools Championships and went on to represent Hertfordshire in the regional stage of the competition. The team travelled to Redbridge where they played three games narrowly losing each game by one goal during the pool stage of the competition. They played for 7th & 8th position and game 7th beating their opposition 5-0. The Senior girls and boys have been training on Wednesday evenings and are enjoying their sessions. The girls beat Herts and Essex and will play Parmiters and SWCHS next week. Boys in Years 7-9 have been training on Friday afternoons and have Essex Cup fixtures coming up.

We have seen some fantastic rugby played by all year groups with the enthusiasm from our students to represent Hockerill as great as ever.

We have had seven boys teams represent the College this season with regular A and B teams in Year 7 and 8. Our hugely successful U15 girls team from last season has continued, as has the strong Saturday block fixtures against Broxbourne and St Edmunds College, which again, has seen plenty of successful results. The Year 7 and 8 boy's teams both triumphed as we hosted our first Hockerill Triangular tournament with local rivals Birchwood and St Marys in attendance.

The Senior side and U15's are still involved in cup competitions after putting together a string of positive results of late and they will both have aspirations of making finals.



The U16 Girls should be commended for an outstanding performance at the recent East Regional finals. Ably led by Martha Hoult the average age of the team was well below the age limit of the tournament and with several Year 10 and Year 9s in the team the future looks rosy for girls hockey at Hockerill.

The games were incredibly tight and the girls built upon their experience last year to record a more impressive final position with an impressive 5 - 0 victory in the cross-over 7/8th Play-off.

I would like to thank all the girls for their diligence and commitment this season and congratulate them on an impressive tournament.

Mr Markham



The College is incredibly proud of the achievements of **Pat Melcalfe-Jones** (2008-2015) who recently represented Oxford University in the Annual Women's Varsity Rugby Match at Twickenham. Oxford won 3 - 0 and we were delighted to see Pat at the forefront of this victory.



Remembrance Day

Mr P McGrath

The CCF represented the College in the Bishop's Stortford Remembrance Parade on 13th November. There were 27 cadets and staff on the parade.



Rotary Youth Speaks Competition

Bishop's Stortford College was the venue for this year's Rotary Youth Speaks competition on November 28th, where our team of Year 8 debaters made their case for "Rights for Lefties". Leila Trusty had two minutes to introduce the topic and the main speaker Alex Mulvey then had six minutes in which to convince the audience of the merits of their case, as well as field a question from the floor, before Nicholas Petkov provided the vote of thanks. The team were up against eight teams from five other schools who had all chosen much more serious topics, such as euthanasia and capital punishment, compared to Hockerill's plea for more consideration for left-handed people – a decision the team were happy with as they felt their ten minutes provided some much need light relief.

Although they didn't win, the team all enormously enjoyed both the competition and the preparation for it and were very happy with how they did in this their first year taking part. All three intend to compete again next year and feel what they have learnt this year will stand them in good stead to do even better. They all agree that as well as being fun they think that learning to stand up and speak in front of an audience is a skill that will prove very useful in whatever career they follow in the future.

The team was organised by Ms Barker who was both delighted and impressed by how they approached the task and the enthusiasm, independence and maturity they showed during preparation. She was very proud of the way they organised themselves and is sure that with this experience under their belts they will be serious contenders to win next year.



Hockerill also fielded a team in the Senior Competition which took place a week earlier. This was the final competition for the Year 13 team of Sam Honey, Will Speed and Jacob Grunberger who have had success in previous years and did well again this year speaking about "Why boys don't cry". Leila and Alex both went to watch the older team in action and were impressed by their performance – as well as finding the chance to see how the competition works very useful. This year's senior competition was of exceptionally high quality and Ms Barker felt our team represented the College magnificently particularly given they were in the middle of mock exams, and main speaker Sam especially should be congratulated on achieving a score of 47 out of 50 points.

A request for support from the Joint Chair of Governors

Rachel Lawson and Judith Braeckman

The governors would like to wish everyone a very joyous Christmas and happy New Year.

Please remember that we have a fantastic Burns Night taking place on the 21st of January. We would wholeheartedly encourage you to come along. It is a wonderful black tie event and in previous years it has been a highlight in the social calendar of the College and is back by popular demand. Tickets can be purchased now on Parentmail and are £35 per person.

With a building project in the offing, meaning a significant phase of construction for the College will start in the next eighteen months, all funds raised by HPF and via any other sources will be heartily welcomed. We continue to actively seek any additional income streams available to us. Government funds are increasingly scarce to find, but we have put in a bid for Capital Improvement Funding and we await a (by no means certain) outcome in the Spring.

If anyone is aware of any other "pots of treasure" we would be delighted to hear from you.



Year 11 Mock Examinations

Mrs Whiteley

Our Year 11 students will be busy over the Christmas holiday preparing for their mock examinations which are being held between the 9th – 14th January. Below are some suitable websites and links that they can use for their revision and preparation for these exams. Best wishes to you all for a restful but productive holiday.

Art	Students should refer to their Art book comments and guide sheet for action points
Business Studies	http://www.tutor2u.net/business
Computing	www.hockerillct.com provides good links to different websites and resources.
Drama	http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zbckjxs GCSE drama Bitesize http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/drama/gcse/drama-4240/past-papers-and-mark-schemes AQA GCSE Drama Past Papers https://headlong.co.uk/ Headlong Theatre Company 1984 http://www.splendidproductions.co.uk for Macbeth
Economics	http://haecon.blogspot.com
Electronics	http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/design/electronics/ http://www.clarvis.co.uk/version2/index2.html https://www.kitronik.co.uk/blog/kitronik-university/ http://www.doctrionics.co.uk
English	English Language: http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zr9d7ty English Literature: http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/english_literature/
Food	http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/design-and-technology/gcse/design-and-technology-food-technology-4545/past-papers-and-mark-schemes http://www.s-cool.co.uk/gcse/food-technology
French	https://revisionworld.com/gcse-revision/french http://www.lepointdufle.net/p/apprendre_le_francais.htm http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/z9dqxb http://fr.lyricstraining.com/fr/ http://www.tv5monde.com/ → 'langue française' section (dictations, listening, reading activities, videos, articles)
Geography	http://coolgeography.co.uk/gcsen/ http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/geography/ecosystems/
German	BBC Bitesize - http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/german/ Languages Online http://www.languagesonline.org.uk/ Language Gym http://www.language-gym.com/
Graphics	http://www.technologystudent.com http://graphicsrevision.weebly.com
History	http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/history/shp/ http://www.johndclare.net/Weimar1.htm http://www.hodderplus.co.uk/myrevisionnotes/gcse-history/edexcel-b/index.asp http://spartacus-educational.com/Germany.htm http://www.medicinethroughtime.co.uk/
Italian	Language Perfect www.onlineitalianclub.com and www.impariamoitaliano.com http://italianoperstranieri.loescher.it/materiale-didattico www.quizlet.com (search for GCSE Italian and you will find links by topic)
Japanese	https://edpuzzle.com (for a complete programme of video tutorials to support the GCSE course) https://www.educationperfect.com (for tailored vocabulary lists) http://japanese4schools.co.uk/ (Mrs Rajakumar's website with revision books, and multimedia versions of each of the workbooks)
Mandarin	https://www.languageperfect.com
Maths	https://vle.mathswatch.com/vle/users all students have been given logins for this site
PE	Staff advise you to work through the revision guide and workbooks that have been provided for you by the department.
RE	http://www.rsrevision.com/GCSE/index.htm http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zb48q6f https://getrevising.co.uk/revision-tests/possible-exam-questions-b603?game_type=flashcards http://www.revisioncentre.co.uk/gcse/re/
Resistant Materials	http://www.technologystudent.com Past papers are available on Show My Homework
Science	Google classroom, year 11 resources, code: 4xs7ya the students will be able to find past papers, videos, revision mats and links. There are separate folders on the drive to access the different subjects.
Spanish	Past papers: http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/spanish-4695/past-papers-and-mark-schemes BBC GCSE Bitesize: http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/spanish/ Memrise (vocabulary revision): http://www.memrise.com/course/193647/aqa-gcse-spanish-vocabulary/ Language Perfect (Year 10 & Year 11 vocabulary lists)

Write for Rights

Mrs S Rittman

On Friday 2nd December the Amnesty International group organised our annual 'Write for Rights' event. Messages were sent to campaigners and prisoners of conscience around the world, from Canada to Cameroon. Seventy-eight cards of solidarity were sent off to eight people whose human rights are being abused. It only took a few minutes to write a card, whilst enjoying mince pies and Christmas music. But for someone jailed for exercising their freedom of speech, a family fighting to defend their land, or a child tortured because of their appearance, the messages are invaluable. A message of solidarity shows them that they are not alone. Thank you to everyone who came to support the event.



Interact Club Fundraising over the Festive Period

Mrs A Lee

The Hockerill Anglo-European College Interact Club has been very busy supporting a number of good causes over recent weeks.

Knowing many people find Christmas a difficult and pressured time, the Interact Club wanted to make a difference and attempt to reduce some of the financial pressures faced over the festive season; they are aware that for some it is a struggle to keep their homes warm during the winter months and that a growing number of parents are torn between giving their children a warm home, a few little gifts at Christmas and a balanced nutritious meal. Being aware of these issues the students wanted to give something back and decided to organise, with the support of the Rotary Club, a collection for the Bishop's Stortford FoodBank to be distributed to those in need in the run up to Christmas.

The whole College supported the Christmas Hamper drive, by donating essential foods as well as some treats, to help to make Christmas a little more enjoyable for some of these individuals and their families.

The Club has also been selling crocus bulbs, complete with pots and soil, for a crocus growing competition to be judged in the New Year. The winners of healthiest and best looking plant, best decorated pot, and also the worst looking plant, will all win points for their Equipe. They have already raised £110 for mind, and the competition is likely to be hard fought as all students are keen to add to their form's total in end of year Equipe Cup.

Save the Children will be the beneficiary of the students' venture to sell Candy Canes at break time – the canes cost £1 and they have already raised over £100, with the festive twist being that the canes are sold to be delivered to a friend (or member of staff).

The Interact Club's final event of a cake sale was held on Saturday. This raised money for Edie's Butterfly Appeal (for research into Ependymoma, a type of primary tumour on the brain or spinal cord) which they have successfully supported in the past and are delighted to be able to support again.



Christmas Performances

Our incredibly talented musicians once again outshone themselves with a series of stunning Christmas performances. With a repertoire including Carols, Jazz, Michael Bublé and pop classics they entertained packed halls with old favourites and some exciting new numbers.

Particular thanks go to Shadeh Sohrabian-Bailey, Ali Henry, Taha Alibhai, Tom Lewington, Nadia Nishizono-Miller, our Year 13 stalwarts for whom this is their last Christmas production.

