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Principal's message

Richard Markham



Welcome to the latest issue of the Hockerill News. This has proven to be another action packed half-term, so again I am left in the unenviable position of having to pick my own pastoral highlights.

At the outset I would like to praise all those involved in the recent Dance Shows, not only the performers but the countless other who contributed to set design, choreography and lighting. The two performances were wonderful occasions and a real showcase of the hard work and dedication of so many of our students.

Equally, I hope that those who were able to attend the recent Leadership College talk by Dr Karen Edge were suitably inspired and motivated to look to employ some of the strategies she shared with us.

These two events, enriching, enlivening and entertaining as they were are a small measure of the many parts which combine to make Hockerill such a special place.

I would like to take this opportunity to 'Bon Voyage' and 'Gute Reise' to those staff and students travelling to Münster and Liège. To all those not exploring Europe, I wish you a very happy half-term.

Mrs Dineke Spackman

We are delighted to congratulate Mrs Dineke Spackman who has been appointed Head of Secondary at The British School, Jakarta with effect from September 2017. Mrs Spackman has worked at Hockerill Anglo-European College since September 2009 and has been an outstanding teacher, mentor and leader in her time at the College. In her most recent post as Vice Principal, Mrs Spackman has supported the College with passion, energy, unstinting dedication and good humour. Mrs Spackman has been a significant motivating force in the College and her tireless efforts to ensure every student reaches their potential has been exemplary. The College is sad that Mrs Spackman will be leaving, but delighted to congratulate her on her promotion. We wish her and her family well in the next stage of her career.



National Careers Week

National Careers Week runs from 6-10th March this year and Head of Careers, Mrs Lumbers, has organised a full programme of seminars during lunchtime and after school for students to attend. The seminars are themed round the IB Learner Profile and aim to show the students how qualities such as being a risk-taker, a communicator or open-minded transfer to the world of work. There will be speakers from sectors such as medicine, journalism, research & development and law. Students have until Wednesday 1st March to return the booking form sent out via ParentMail.

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STOP
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Leadership College

Ms Davids

We were delighted to have Dr Edge with us on Saturday morning. Her talk was a fascinating walk through the challenges of leadership. Karen reflected on her own life's experience with profundity and humour and encouraged her audience of educational leaders and Sixth Formers to participate in a series of engaging activities with almost immediate effect. Karen was inspirational!

NOTICES

Monday 20th February

Term re-commences

Friday 24th February

IB Enrichment Day

Tuesday 28th February

Year 10 Parent

Consultation Evening

Monday 6th - Friday 10th March

Careers Week

Friday 10th March

1900 - Rugby Tour Race Night

Tuesday 14th March

1930 - Year 12 Croatia trip
information evening S3

Wednesday 22nd March

1900 - Uganda trip
information evening

Thursday 23rd March

1900 - Spring Music Concert
Chapel

Saturday 25th March

Boarders' Easter Dinner

Wednesday 29th March

End of term (students depart
at 1235)

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UCAS Applications



This year Mr Snell has assisted with a record breaking 125 UCAS applications, compared to 90 last year. The deadline was January 15th so the majority of students are still awaiting some responses but those students who applied early are in the process of deciding on offers, including Lily Hamer, who was the first student this year to receive all 5 offers back and has accepted an unconditional from Lancaster University to read Psychology. Our medicine applicants have a more anxious wait as they are unlikely to hear back until the summer term and in addition to the UCAS applications for this country there have also been a number applications to European, US and Canadian universities.

Pathways

This week we have been speaking to students and their parents in Year 9 about the decisions they have in front of them regarding their GCSE choices. The presentation from the evening will be sent via ParentMail.

Rugby Tour Fundraising

This summer 43 boys and 6 staff will set off on the 5th July for a rugby tour to Canada, which will undoubtedly prove to be a fantastic experience for everyone involved - certainly if the College's previous Canadian tour in 2014 is anything to go by. Fundraising for the tour began on a bright and sunny morning on Sunday 26th June with the 5km Quendon and Rickling Fun Run. This event was well attended with special mentions going to Evan Conboy and Ashley Ladbroke who both recorded a time under 21 minutes. This event raised in excess of £2,000. More recently, on Friday 6th January a Quiz Night was organised in the College refectory with over 150 parents and staff present. Mr Hutley kindly offered to be the Quiz Master for the evening and delivered a fantastic quiz thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. This event raised in excess of £1,000.

Events have continued with a bake sale on the 28th January at break time and a Race Night is planned for Friday 10th March, this also promises to be a hugely enjoyable evening. Lastly, on Saturday 25th March another 5km Fun Run, this time in Hatfield Forest.



Oxbridge

Hockerill Anglo-European College is pleased to be able to congratulate five students who have received offers to study at Oxford and Cambridge from September 2017.

Henry Walton and Celestya Riva are heading to Cambridge; Churchill to read Computer Science and King's College to read Human Social and Political Sciences respectively. Offers for Oxford have been made to Abigail Dallas (St Hilda's) to read French, Milly Lynch (Christ Church) to read Philosophy, Politics & Economics and Fatimah Shekoni (Queens') to read Chemistry.

Mr Markham commented "The College is delighted that so many of our students who chose to make an application to Oxford and Cambridge have been successful. It is important to recognise the work and commitment they have shown and to congratulate them on their success in attaining an offer. The IB Diploma Programme is a demanding post-16 qualification which is recognised and respected by universities around the world. It is heartening to see that the top UK universities welcome IB Diploma students and give them offers which are fair and in line with A level offers."

In addition to this the College had a number of students placed in the Cambridge pool, which means that they were considered serious candidates who came very close to being made an offer and they should be very proud of having made it so far - as should all of the students who were selected for interview. The College is delighted to see so many students considering Oxbridge and in the position to make such strong applications.



Personal Effectiveness

Year 11 students who had been studying for the ASDAN Certificate of Personal Effectiveness were recently awarded with their certificates by Mr Markham. All students studying the course successfully gained passes at GCSE grade B, each having displayed a high standard of work across a range of key skills.



The Yr11 GCSE Art trip to see the beautiful illustrations in the Moominland Exhibition, Southbank centre.

Sports Round Up

Mrs Hillcoat-Hyde

This term has seen a number of sports fixtures for both the girls and boys in a variety of activities.

The girls continue to play County Cup games in both Hockey and Netball and can be congratulated for their hard work during training and matches.

The U14 Girls' Hockey team are undefeated this term following some tough competition;

Hockerill 3 - 3 Joyce Frankland Academy

Knights Templar 2 - 3 Hockerill

Dame Alice Owen 0 - 1 Hockerill

Hockerill 4 - 1 St Edmunds College

Netball continues to be popular amongst the girls and we have had even competition with local schools including Herts & Essex and St Mary's. The girls have matches planned next half term ahead of the Netball Districts.

Girls in Years 7-10 took part in their first Basketball match against Herts and Essex at the beginning of term and although defeated they enjoyed the experience and the opportunity to play.

Miss Fonseca is currently running Girls' Football Club during lunch. The girls are enthusiastic and training hard in preparation for the Districts next term.

The boys are enjoying playing Hockey and have been entered in to the Essex Cup. The U14's drew 1 - 1 in their first match against Joyce Frankland Academy and the U16's drew 1 - 1 with Saffron Walden County High School and lost against Joyce Frankland Academy.

The boys have been entered in to the district Basketball League and have had the opportunity to compete against local schools.

The U15 team is undefeated with three matches left to play;

Hockerill 46 - 11 Friends

Hockerill 15 - 6 S. Marys

Hockerill 16 - 2 Joyce Frankland Academy

Hockerill 44 - 0 Forest Hall

Some students took part in the Hertfordshire Schools Athletics Association County Cross Country event at Westminster Lodge in St Albans on Saturday 4th February. All students did exceptionally well and individual places can be recognised below;

Pre-Junior Boys

Tom Fox 17th

Pre-Junior Girls

Molly Womack 14th

Junior Boys

Ibrahima Diallo 3rd*

Ben Sloan 10th*

Junior Girls

Grace Malcolm 1st*

Clare Malcolm 2nd*

Hallie Copping-Jones 27th

Annabel Readman 58th

Intermediate Boys

Brett Rushman 9th*

Ashley Ladbroke 25th

*Automatic qualification for Herts Cross Country Team.

Graham Simmons

Mr Markham

After 15 years involvement as a Governor at Hockerill, Graham Simmons has retired from the Governing Body. Graham has been a highly valued and insightful Governor and always spoke from a position of knowledge about school matters having been a boarder at a State Boarding School. Graham's many contributions to Hockerill have included focus on the premises side, and his expertise and experience will be greatly missed.

We wish him a happy retirement and thank him for all that he has done for the College.



Music Department Celebrates Success

Last term saw a large number of students performing particularly well in ABRSM, LCM Musical Theatre and Trinity Rock and Pop/Rockschool exams; special mentions should go to the following students on their outstanding results at the highest level:

Alexandra Henry (Year 13) - ABRSM Grade 8 Singing, passed with distinction

Samuel Tatchell (Year 12) - ABRSM Grade 8 Piano, passed with distinction

Nadia Nishizono-Miller (Year 13) - ABRSM Grade 8 Organ, passed with distinction

Bathsheba Tingey (Year 12) - LCM Musical Theatre Diploma in Singing

Robert Palmer-Fenny (Year 12) - Rockschoo Grade 8 Electric Bass, passed with distinction

The department is also pleased to announce the following current and former students' offers to study at music college:

Shadeh Sohrabian-Bailey (Year 13) - offered a place at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama to study jazz vocals

Peru Eizagirre (Year 13) - offered a place at Royal Conservatoire of Scotland to study jazz drums

Nick Carter (HAEC alumnus) - offered a place to study a Masters in Musical Performance the Royal Academy of Music

Congratulations to all the students and to the staff who have supported them, and good luck to them all as they continue their studies.





Bird boxes



Back in November Yr 10 DT students delivered bird boxes they had made to the National Trust, who then looked for a suitable home for them. Rodings Primary were absolutely delighted to accept them and they now have pride of place in various locations across the school grounds, with primary pupils hoping to see lots of baby birds in the spring.

CAS Gardening Group

Amongst the many options open to our Year 12 and 13s during Wednesday afternoons CAS (Creativity, Action and Service) sessions is a gardening group. They have been working really hard to clear an overgrown area to the rear of Thames House, have put up a shed and laid some slabs and are now ready to start planting. The group, led by Mr Fitchett, is very grateful to the manager at Homebase on Stansted Road who has kindly donated some new equipment and other items to get the garden started.



Equipe News

Competition for this year's Vine Cup, currently held by Brunel, heats up as term progresses with Pascal narrowly in the lead. There have been equipe fixtures in five different sports across all year groups, commendations are being added up and the weekly quiz continues (with Brunel leading in that particular section). Equipe assemblies have given our four equipes the chance to introduce their new prefects to the younger years. They are:

Brunel Lucy Downes and Ben Pollard
Da Vinci Sonya Sinadinova and Andrew Hewins
Goethe Michelle del Carretto and Holly Bowles
Pascal Eva Radukic and Rob Palmer-Fenny

MICHAELMAS TERM 2016

97%
EXAM PASS RATE
58% MERIT & HIGHER

Hockerill
Anglo-European College
MUSIC SCHOOL

2 OPEN MORNINGS
ATTENDED BY OVER

600
FAMILIES

MUSIC CLUBS
PER WEEK

20

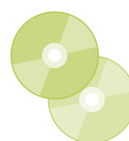
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SERVICE



405
TOTAL MUSIC LESSONS PER WEEK

WHICH EQUATES TO
202.5 HOURS
OR ALMOST
8.5 DAYS

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MUSIC CD



PRACTICE ROOMS **9**

2 REHEARSAL ROOMS



3 XMAS
MUSIC
SHOWS

1 MUSIC TOUR
TO FRANCE
AND SPAIN



PERIPATETIC
MUSIC
TEACHERS **29**

Year 10 GCSE Drama Stage Fighting workshops.

On Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th of January 2017, the Year 10 GCSE drama students had a master class in stage fighting. Led by Robin Hatcher, former Hockerill student and now professional performer in the comedy trio The Three Half Pints.

In the workshops, our students were taught how to safely deliver slaps, punches, chokes and falls. They also considered how these skills vary when being applied to create comedy or tension and learnt the importance of "catching the knap", "going to the blow" and "punching the parrot". The students really enjoyed the workshop and have added another skill to their actor's tool kit which they can use in their future examination work. It has been a pleasure to work with Robin and share his expertise we look forward to seeing him again later in the year.



Ancient Elements

Mrs Geissler

Last week Hockerill students exhibited their Dance and Drama skills in the Dance Show 'Ancient Elements'. This was the fourth show of its kind and it involved students from years 7-12. The students choreographed and created their pieces, taking each element (Fire, Water, Air and Earth) to another dimension. It was an opportunity for them to show their creative and artistic skills publicly through either Dance or Drama.

There were some really strong individual performances as well as thought provoking pieces from our IB Theatre students. The College Big Band, overseen by Mr Bond, also provided support to enrich some of the performances.

The show was a joy to watch with students collaborating across year groups to deliver an outstanding and creative show.



Holocaust Memorial Day

Year 9 went to Northwood and Pinner Liberal Synagogue on 6th February to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day 2017. Whilst here they took part in a workshop about the events of the Holocaust and were privileged to be able to listen to Eva Clarke who was born in a concentration camp on 29th April 1945. Eva shared her family story and the amazing strength and courage of her mother. The students were a pleasure to take and gained so much from this experience. Four in particular participated exceptionally well in the workshops and throughout the day, Patrick Roberts, Aedan Greener, Remy Jones and Tristan Merienne. All of whom have been presented with a lapel badge to commemorate HMD day. Please ask you son/daughter about Eva's story and their thoughts on the day.

Student's thoughts on the day ...

"I thought Eva's speech was very inspiring and moving"

"I thought Eva's story was incredible. The story of her family and what they went through was amazing"

"Eva's speech was amazing. It is a great example of how luck and determination can overcome anything"

"It was a very powerful experience to hear Eva tell her story"



EE Trip to Leeds

Mrs Fraser

Nine Year 12 students attended a conference at the University of Leeds to support their work on the Extended essay. They had the opportunity to work in groups on a critical thinking exercise based on original source material housed in the University's Brotherton collections. In the afternoon they worked with academics to develop their questions and research skills in the University library. Three of our number won Amazon vouchers for their contribution to the group activities. A huge thank you to Mr Capener for driving us.



Coming up in Boarding

3rd March 2017

Year 13 Boarding Formal

25th March 2017

Boarders' Easter Dinner

21st April 2017

Year 11 Boarding Formal

25th May 2017

Boarding Parents' Forum

9th June 2017

Year 12 Boarding Formal

Mr James' Cycling Accident - Sunday 29th January 2017

Mr Whiteley

Head of Lower College and slow cyclist!

We were all shocked to hear of Mr James' cycling accident 12 days ago. Mr James was out with a group of his friends from his cycle club, Dunmow Velo and had slowed to take a right turn when he hit a patch of black ice, he told me that he fell so quickly he didn't even have time to put out a hand, saving him from the cyclists common injury of a broken collar bone! However he landed on his right hip and shattered the top of his femur, his only injury. A land ambulance and the Air Ambulance attended and he was taken to Broomfield Hospital where he underwent what would seem to be very successful surgery to pin, wire, screw and plate the bits back together. Knowing his love for products made of titanium he will be quite proud of his new parts! Incredibly, and due in no small part to Mr James' determination, he has been up on his feet and is already following the physiotherapists advice, instruction and recovery plan.

Mr James expects he will be absent for some time and we are grateful for Mrs Lumbers who has stepped up as Acting Head of Art so he is confident that the Art Department is in good hands. The impact upon the students, particularly in Year 11 and Year 13, will be minimised and we thank Mrs Trimble who has



worked hard to rearrange the timetables to facilitate this.

Mr James thanks all of the staff and students for their good wishes and would like people to know their thoughts and cards mean a lot to him. He has been a member of staff at Hockerill for 17 years, appointed as an Art teacher and a Thames Housemaster. He was soon recruited to Canterbury and became Head of Art in 2008. Mr James has been a keen sportsman all of his life, he was once very good at tennis and I wouldn't challenge him to a game of table tennis as he would most definitely win it.

In the summer of 2004 he completed the amateur stage of the Tour de France, completing 150 miles with around 4000 metres of climbing. His next major challenge was in 2007, Land's End to John o'Groats in 10 days at 100 miles a day. Over the next 10 years he set himself other marathon challenges that have tested both his physical endurance and mental strength.

Last summer he took on the challenge of Newcastle to London, 320 miles in 24 hours. It was the worst summer weather possible for this. A strong cold wind blew constantly from the South and it rained for most of the time. The race began in Newcastle at 9am and we saw him come through Durham fairly quickly. At 4am he was on the verge of giving up but his mental strength pulled him through and this is what he will use to get better from his recent serious injury.

Mr James told me he was the fittest he has ever been and was not far short of the qualifying time for the amateur World Championships, he will work hard to recover well and he will qualify for this next year I am sure of it.

Language exchanges

This half-term has been a busy one for the Language College with a number of exchanges taking place. As reported in the last newsletter Yr 10 Spanish students visited the Instituto Rosalia de Castro in Santiago de Compostela in October and we saw the return leg of that visit last month. In addition to the Spanish students in College we also had a party from the Pascal Gymnasium in Münster, who were on a work experience exchange. Over half term we have 40 Year 9 and 10 students off to Liege from the 10th-18th February and a further 20 in Münster at the same time for their work experience trip, and will



have more information of those in the next newsletter. As ever thank you to the staff who make these unique and invaluable experiences possible for our students.

Hockerill Parents & Friends Round Up Burns Night



On 21st January, after a break of five years, HPF held a Burns Night Dinner and Dance. The excellent entertainment provided by Licence to Ceilidh meant that the dance floor was very busy all of the time. Local bagpiper Glen Malcolm piped in the guests and the haggis and also said the Selkirk Grace for us. The bar team, Lee and Sam, ensured that everyone had enough to drink. It was a great night.

Annual General Meeting

On 17th November HPF held the AGM for 2016. The detailed minutes are available on the Hockerill website in the 'support us' section. We elected a new Treasurer, and welcome Diaka Ba to the team, and appointed two more Trustees who support us; Sam Wallace for the 250 Club and Deborah Rushman for general support. The other committee members are staying in post for another year.

Visit to French Institute

On 5th December 2016, Mme Marin (our French Assistant) and myself took ten Year 12 students to the French Institute in London to sit the December session of the DELF Junior B1 examination (Diplôme d'Etudes en Langue Française).

This certification is awarded by the French Ministry of Education and is recognised by French universities and employers.

The following students were assessed in listening, reading, speaking and writing and I am very pleased to announce that they all passed the examination:

Amy Allport, Catie Appleton, Erin Cacace, Claudia Cashman, Alexander Hamilton, Olivia Hansard, Nadya Oppenheim, Seyi Owoso, Tilly Smith and Elisa Tamagni

Earlier that year, in June 2016, Mme Marin and Mme Jones took nine Year 11 students to sit the June session of the same examination. This was the first time students were offered to take the DELF and all passed with great success:

Maia Dilloway, Louie Edwards, Zoe Foster, Esther Grünbaum, Roshven Hall, Joe Hoult, James Jeffrey (former student), Caitlin Page and Giselle Turner

Very well done to all of them and thank you to Mme Jones and Mme Marin for helping with the organisation of the trip!

HOCKERILL PARENTS AND FRIENDS TOGETHER
WITH THE GREAT DUNMOW COMEDY CLUB
PRESENT:

HOCKERILL COMEDY

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they are but we promise
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