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Principal's message

Richard Markham



In a recent assembly I spoke to the students and staff about Derek Redmond, the Great British athlete who is probably most famous for not finishing an Olympic 400m semi-final in Barcelona (1992). At this time of year the story has an incredible poignancy for those of our students who return after the Easter break facing examinations. Redmond pulled up after about 150 metres but through sheer guts and determination (plus the help of his father) managed to hobble over the finishing line. I asked all the students to think about where they could look for help as they embark on the final 250 metres of their own personal 400 metre race. I hope they have taken up my challenge and prepared themselves well to revise and recuperate over the next few weeks and that they return in April ready for the final run-in.

This has been an incredibly busy half-term, and this edition of the Newsletter follows close on the heels of our [#MyFreedomDay special edition](#) which I highly recommend you read if you haven't already.

As ever, I am incredibly grateful for the support, help and encouragement we receive for our staff, parents and governors and for the eternal optimism of our students. I hope that you all have a wonderful Easter.



HPF News

Another half term has flown by. At HPF we are busy behind the scenes getting ready and organised for the Comedy Night on Saturday 22nd April. There are still some tickets left, but we don't know for how much longer! At the time of writing the line-up confirmed by our MC Paddy Lennox includes Milo McCabe and Hal Cruttenden. Tickets are £12.50 in advance and if there are any left they are £15 on the door.

Also on the 22nd April is the regular HPF Coffee Morning at the Nags Head, Dunmow Road, from 10.30 until 12. This is an opportunity to meet other parents, newer ones and long standing ones, just for a chat. It is often a lively morning with good conversation. Please come and join us.

Year 12 welcome former student back for CAS talk.

On Wednesday 22nd March Year 12 were delighted to welcome Fernando Ageo Damas (one of last year's Year 13) back to Hockerill. Fernando is studying Politics and International Relations at SOAS in London. With their 100 year anniversary coming up SOAS is assessing the colonial origins of the institution and considering how it develops now. They are launching a campaign to examine this and hosting a series of events looking at how to establish a "decolonised university." This is in collaboration with UCL's Why Is My Curriculum White Campaign which was covered in the press.

Fernando spoke to the students about this call to include more than white philosophers in the school syllabus and encouraged them to ask who decides what students are taught. He suggested they try to take an active role in what they learn and to develop their critical thinking skills.

His talk tied very much into our mission to create global citizens and inculcating international-mindedness. He urged students to question how far we are immersed in our own culture and to learn to look beyond.

At the end of his talk the students had a number of questions for him on his presentation, university life and also about how to get the most out of their extended essay.

We look forward to seeing Fernando back again but in the meantime are very grateful for his time and wish him all the best with his studies.



NOTICES

Wednesday 19th April

Term commences

20th to 26th April

Year 10 and Year 12 mock exams

Tuesday 25th April

Year 8 Parent Teacher Consultation

Saturday 29th April to

Monday 1st May

Extended Exeat weekend

Tuesday 16th April

Year 8 Potsdam trip information evening

1830 - Chapel

Saturday 22nd April

HPF Coffee Morning

1030 - 1200 Nag's head

HPF Comedy Night

1930 - St Albans Hall

Wednesday 17th May

Year 8 Munich trip information evening

1830 - Chapel

Thursday 18th May

Year 7 Parent Teacher Consultation

Wednesday 24th May

Year 7 trip to Freiberg departs

Friday 26th May

Year 11 students' final day

Boarding Parent Forum

1445 - Chapel

Half term holiday commences (students depart at 1540)

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Hockerill's First Olympian

William Troost-Ekong who attended Hockerill Anglo-European College, from September 2005 to June 2010, is now a professional footballer and represented Nigeria in last summers Olympic Games and won a bronze medal.

University of London in Paris Competition

Heloise Olufs Yr 13

I participated in a competition suggested by the Hockerill French Department. I had to watch a video, answer questions about it and then write a mini-essay in French about an invention that I would like to launch one day. I uploaded my answers and about two weeks later received the message that I had won the second prize.



Yoruba Club

Shamiela Davids

At Hockerill we celebrate linguistic diversity and in keeping with this spirit, the College has recently launched the lunchtime Yoruba Club for students who want to maintain contact with the West African language. For a small number of our students the language has huge emotional and cultural significance. The Club aims to enrich the students' working knowledge of the language, to encourage those who would like to be more proficient and it also includes those who know very little about Nigerian culture but who would like to familiarise themselves with the richness of African culture. According to Annabelle Woghieren and Toyin Odusin, both boarders, the club has sparked interest in their traditions and it has invited students to explore beyond their horizons, encouraging pride in their heritage.

MUN Bath Trip

Theo Chan 12P

On Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th of March, 19 students were invited to go to BISMUN 2017-Bath International Schools Model United Nations. During the weekend we were given the opportunity to explore the city of Bath, including a visit to the Roman Baths. For the rest of the weekend, we spent our time debating resolutions which we believed our countries would either be in favour for against. This was an extremely rewarding experience because students from a variety of schools came together therefore allowing us as delegates to learn from each other, not only how we as delegates should speak but also each country's opinion on the issue. Overall two delegates from Hockerill were commended (Theo and Jacob) and five more were highly commended (Esther, Sam, Claudia, Damien and Alex). Two out of four delegations from Hockerill were commended (Germany and Panama). This was an extremely fruitful weekend filled with lots of fun and I strongly recommend anyone and everyone to join MUN in Hockerill.



Model United Nations

Shamiela Davids

This has been another wonderful year for our Model United Nations Club who recently returned from a very successful weekend at the Bath International Model United Nations Conference. Our students represented delegations from a number of various UN member states. Seven of our delegates were commended and we take enormous pride in the enthusiasm and confidence they demonstrated over the course of the weekend. They researched their allocated countries in advance and during the conference they lobbied vigorously to get their resolutions debated. Some of the key issues for debate included: topics as diverse as antimicrobial resistance, the situation in Syria, climate change and the rights of the disabled. On the Sunday of the conference weekend delegates were presented with an emergency scenario! MUN is an invaluable experience and our students enjoyed an amazing weekend, forming new friendships and learning to co-operate, negotiate and lead. Thank you to the outgoing MUN leadership team for a tremendous tenure – they will soon be passing the baton the incoming leadership team for whom the selection process is underway!

Fairtrade Fortnight

Guy Dinwiddy

January 9th saw the first meeting of Hockerill's Fairtrade Steering Committee and since then they have swung into action with a number of events and activities; all 6 Boarding Houses have Fairtrade tea, there are more Fairtrade products in the refectory and during the week of January 30th there were 3 Fairtrade Assemblies. Fairtrade Fortnight ran from 27th February and there were a number of activities in College to mark it from writing Fairtrade Haikus, Fairtrade themed "Word of the Week" and "Thursday Thought" to a Fairtrade Bake Sale. The profile of Fairtrade within College was raised enormously and tied in excellently with #MyFreedomDay also. The committee should be commended for their hard work as we are now officially a Fairactive School.





Hockerill International Film Festival

Alex Venturi Yr 12

The kind of films that were shown at the International Film Festival are not the usual blockbusters one sees at the cinema. These films are created by artists trying to share thought-provoking messages with the audience. There was so much to discuss about them, the situations the characters find themselves in against the backdrop of their cultures. The atmosphere of the week was cool, and the films were gripping. I learned a huge amount and if this is repeated in future I will certainly be attending!



Bishop's Stortford Rotary Club Quiz

On Monday 6th March our Quiz Team took part in a 'University Challenge' style quiz organised by Bishop's Stortford's Rotary Club in the Ferguson Lecture Theatre at Bishop's Stortford College. The team won their first round match against St Mary's before taking on Herts & Essex High School in the semi-final which set them up for a hard fought final against Bishop's Stortford College that they went on to win 420 to 310. Congratulations to the team of Ruskin Harding (Year 12) (Captain), Edward Braeckman (Year 10), Adam Wilson (Year 10) and Thomas Wilson (Year 10).



Roding House Gym

Charlet Chan, Roding House Sports Captain

From an idea that the girls brought up several years ago, Roding House now has a functioning gym in their garden! It was not an easy process, from politely bothering Mr Markham about the possibility of having a gym to struggling to find the pedals for the exercise bike; nonetheless, it was

a successful one.

Thanks to the extraordinary help from Mrs Irish and Mrs Kheng, the House Captain's Team – Kristie, Leila, Charlet and Eva, are able to get the girls inside the gym and start working off the "Roding 10 (pounds)". The Roding girls would

5th Saffron Walden Music Festival

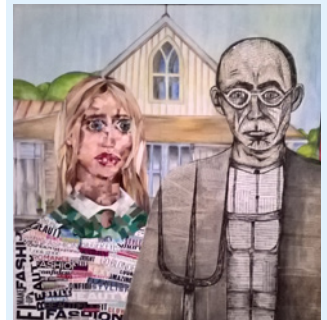
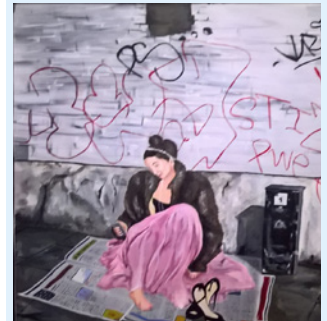


During the weekend of 4th and 5th March Year 11's Katherine Lewington competed in the Saffron Walden Music Festival. Each performer received positive and instructive comments from 5 adjudicators from London with Hilary Sturt and Anthony Bailey the senior adjudicators of the final. Many congratulations to Katherine who won the Woodwind section and also won one of the five Challenge cups which were presented to those who had performed the best piece in the demanding Grade 7-8 Class.

IB Year 13 Visual Arts Display

Jonathan James

Year 13 celebrated the final stages of their Visual Arts course during the week beginning 13/03/17. Students had to select their strongest works and produce a curatorial rationale regarding the displays.



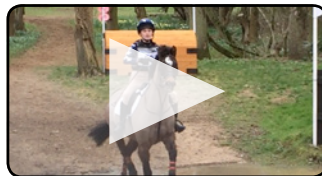
Hockerill Equestrian Team

Natalie Pierrejean

The College Equestrian team has had the good fortune of receiving a very generous anonymous donation from a Hockerill parent to fund their new bespoke equestrian kit. This has allowed for the following kit to have the College logo; saddle cloths, rider 'skins', hat silks and warming up jackets to match the professional look that already exists with their rival school teams. Their youngest member of the team, Estelle Pierrejean in Year 8, has competed in this new gear at two recent school events. She borrowed her younger brother's pony, 'Holly' at the Schools Eventer Trials held at The Jays Equestrian Centre near Bury St Edmunds where she was placed 3rd in the 60cm class. She later had an additional two impressive rounds on her own pony, 'Pickles' to have just 4 faults in both the 70cm and the 80cm classes which were well attended.

Last weekend, Estelle then travelled to Poplar Park Equestrian Centre near Hollesley in Suffolk to compete in the Woodbridge Schools One Day Event. After an exuberant dressage test, 'Pickles' then later settled down to produce a double clear in both the Show Jumping and the Cross-Country phases to climb the positions to finish in 5th place in the 90cm class.

She is hoping to be joined by her Yr 11 team mates of Ines Harper, Alice Somerville and Kitty Haslam for some events in the Easter holidays and beyond but they are understandably very busy at the moment with their GCSE preparations.



Click on the images above to see Estelle in action.

Maths Challenge Competitions

On Tuesday, 21st February 2017 Mrs Spackman took four Year 10 students (Charlie Brunt, Dewi Chappel, Harrison Grose, Rael Taylor-Sezgin) up to Linton College for the Annual Year 10 Maths Team Challenge; they were well prepared and looking forward to the contest. They arrived early giving the team time to work through the teaser before the challenge began. There were a number of different schools represented and all the teachers worked with a different school. Our team won the Countdown Round and, at the end, all the teams were congratulated on taking-part in the Challenge. The organisers did not announce which schools came in the top three explaining that it was the taking-part and enjoyment of mathematics that mattered. Mrs Goldsmith knew we had a good team and, a couple of days later, got in contact with the organisers. To our delight we found out that the team had come in second place. Many congratulations!

On Wednesday 22nd March two Year 8 and two Year 9 students went to the Cambridge University Mathematics Department with Mr Stuart for the regional final of the UKMT Team Maths Challenge. After an early start and a train journey to Cambridge the four students (Cai Chappel, Nicholas Petkov, Nilesh Gurumurthi and Oliver Brunt) enjoyed a nice walk across the river to their destination before taking on the day's challenges. The team did very well, particularly in the first 3 rounds, and only a lower score in the 4th and final round denied them a high place on the day and they should be congratulated on their efforts.

All of the team enjoyed their day doing mathematics in such a famous building and would like to thank Mrs Goldsmith for organising the trip.

Interact Live

Angeline Lee

Interact Live took place on Friday 17th March, we had performances from Hockerill, TBSHS and Herts & Essex. There were four categories: Dance, Solo Performers, Comedy and Bands. The students were absolutely incredible and the event was very well attended. It was superb to see the talent from all three local schools and a great opportunity for many students who don't normally perform to get up on stage.

All money raised from the Interact Live Event will be going to each school's allocated Charity. Money raised by Hockerill is going to support our students in the summer who are attending the Uganda trip supporting the Amigos Charity. In total we raised over £700.00 but after a few expenses the total raised is in excess of £600.



iSTEM plus Mission X - Antarctica to Mars

Edward Vine

As part of IB enrichment Day on Friday 24th February Year 7 & 9 students and teachers embarked upon a great journey from the vast wilderness of the Antarctic to the barren surface of the Red Planet, Mars.

They were led on this adventure by the eminent Antarctic Scientist John Dudeney OBE, who gave a personal perspective, based on 50 years of experience, on the parallels between the isolation and consequent challenges of living in Antarctica with those that will be faced by astronauts on long duration space missions, and reviewed some recent studies on the effects of isolation on human performance.

Helping along the way were a team of twelve guests that included internationally recognised academics, researchers, aerospace engineers, a Cambridge Astronomer, an Emeritus Professor of Mathematics and leading neuroscientist.

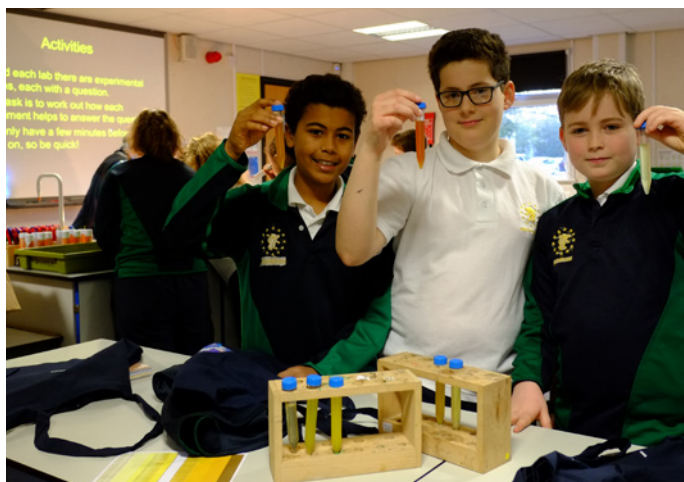
Students were able to explore every aspect of preparing a mission to Mars and engaged in the following activities:

- Using CAD to design, test and race their rockets
- Practical hands on design and construction of a Mars Lander craft
- Training Like Astronauts: Mission X
- Examining the mental and physical demands on the human mind and body of prolonged Space travel.

They were also, given the opportunity to listen to presentations about life in the Antarctic, radiation from the Sun, travelling to Mars, training cosmonauts and engineering the structures of spacecraft and living quarters on Mars.

Performance data from the training activities were gathered for later (anonymised) data analysis in Maths and students were invited to complete applications to become Captain of a mission aboard The Starship Mars Voyager which tested both their knowledge about Mars and their team leadership skills

A busy but exciting, enjoyable and eventful day: next year, Alpha Centauri?



Food, glorious food!

Thank you to Wayne, Dana and the catering team for all their hard work throughout the term, including last weekend's spectacular Easter Dinner.



Boarding Schools' Association (BSA) "Boarding Bus" Visit

Natalie Pierrejean

To celebrate the BSA's UK Golden Jubilee and as part of their #iloveboarding marketing programme this national organisation have kitted out a minibus to replicate modern boarding accommodation.

On Friday 24th March the specially commissioned minibus was positioned outside St. Alban's Hall for a couple of days which gave staff, students and parents the opportunity to come and take a look. Day students rarely get an opportunity to visit the boarding houses so this was an ideal chance for them to get an insight into the boarding life of their peers.

Existing boarders and their parents were also given the chance to visit the bus and they were invited to leave constructive feedback about changes they would like to see in their own boarding accommodation.

#iloveboarding



Lessons From Auschwitz

Freya Rowson, Ieuan Chappell Year 12



untouched since the days when the Nazis fled, and visiting was a really overwhelming experience, as it was harrowing to be confronted with the horror of what happened to millions of people at Auschwitz during World War II. The most poignant moments of the trip was at the end of the day, when we all lit candles by nightfall and laid them on the famous tracks at Birkenau in memory of the people that suffered there.

The trip was an incredibly important and moving experience, and we want to move forward and spread the messages and lessons we learnt from Auschwitz: that we must all stand up to hatred to stop anything like this happening again. Next term, we are planning on talking to Year 9 RE classes studying the Holocaust and hopefully presenting an assembly to share our experience with others.

On 7th March, we went to Auschwitz-Birkenau as part of a project called Lessons from Auschwitz, run by The Holocaust Education Trust. We were both incredibly moved by what we saw there. The aim of the project is rehumanise the Holocaust: both the victims and the perpetrators. After a 3am start we flew to Krakow then went on to the Polish town of Oswiecim, or its German name of Auschwitz. What most shocked us was how commercialised it was: there was a sign directing us to the concentration camp, right next to a sign advertising the nearest KFC. The course leaders got us to think about the legacy of the town, and how they have to move on for economic purposes, but we felt there should have been more to commemorate the events that happened there apart from a small plaque in the town square. We then travelled to Auschwitz I, the concentration camp. It has been converted into a museum, which contained several hard-hitting exhibitions showing some of the belongings, such as shoes and suitcases, collected from victims. Most of us felt that Auschwitz I was easier to visit, as it felt slightly more removed from the awful events that happened there, it could have been a Holocaust museum somewhere else in the world. However, we then went to Birkenau, which has been left virtually

International Women's Day

Carlotta Marchesin Year 12



International Women's Day, which falls on the 8th of March, is an event growing more popular, in the UK, as well as the rest of the world. Its history dates back to 8th March 1908, when female factory workers protested against the conditions under which they had to work. Since then, the 8th of March has become the official day dedicated to women.

In Italy this day is celebrated with the traditional gift of yellow mimosa, which is not a well-known flower in other countries. There is a reason why mimosa is the symbol of Women's Day: in 1946, the UDI (Unione Donne Italiane, Union of Italian Women) was looking for a blossom that could be used for the first Women's Day after WW2. The choice was practical: mimosas are one of the few flowers that bloom in March and at the same time are affordable.

Our English class, led by Ms Barker, decided to commemorate this day by preparing little bunches of mimosas for every single female staff member at Hockerill, including the nurses at the Health Centre, the ladies at the Reception and the staff in the boarding houses.

It has been an opportunity to remind people of the role of women and their importance in everyday life, as well as celebrating the arrival of spring.

East Herts YMCA Sleep Easy Event – Friday 24th March

Angeline Lee

10 Students, accompanied by myself and Mr Fitchett, slept rough in the grounds of Bishop's Stortford College for one night to raise funds for East Herts YMCA. It was a very long and cold night but the students were fantastic, they have been thanked by the organisers for busking and creating a wonderful ambiance. Hockerill won the best Shelter Event, it was very impressive. It was a superb evening raising money for those less fortunate than ourselves.



Visiting Theatre Productions

Emma Scott-Stevens

We have had a very busy half term in the English Department. In addition to the excellent author visits organised by the College Library, we have also had visiting theatre workshops in Years 7, 9 and 11. The Ginificent dramatisation of 'Jekyll & Hyde' to Year 11 presented students with an engaging interpretation of the text; effectively supporting students in their final preparation for the Literature exams. The Young Shakespeare Company's performances are always exciting and eventful. Their performances of Romeo and Juliet to Year 7 and Macbeth to Year 9, actively involved students in both directing the actors and the performance itself. Next term we are looking forward to a visit from the author Pauline Francis who will be working on a creative writing project with Year 8 students.



Library News

Julie Ballard

The Lent term has seen three author events as well as a programme of Library Lessons, clubs and a Parents' Reading Group. Bali Rai, author of (Un)arranged Marriage, talked to Years 9 and 12, whilst Chris Lloyd visited us with his giant wallbook and introduced Year 7 to the world of Shakespeare.

Dan Smith came to Hockerill for an after college event in the Library which was well supported and a great hit with both staff and students. His current book, Boy X, won the Essex Book Award. Our Books & Biscuits club have been taking part in the Essex Book Award, reading the shortlist, posting their reviews on the EBA blog and making book trailers. A small group of students attended the Award Ceremony in Chelmsford.

Another Library trip was to the Bishop's Stortford Picture Book Award which is part of Bishop's Stortford College's Literature Festival in February. The club had voted for their favourite book before Christmas and they attended the Award Ceremony to see one of their favourites receiving the prize.

Ten students also successfully completed and passed the Arts Award Bronze after attending Library Arts Award clubs focusing on either Picture Books or Graphic Novels and Comics. Congratulations to: Kelsey Au Yeung, Sophie Brixton, Theo Chan, Esther Grunbaum, Emily Hughes, Ellie Kwame, Sarah Lauble, Nicia Lourenco, Caitlin Page and Emily Roberts. The standard of work was extremely high and we have been praised by Arts Award for our delivery of the Arts Award programme in the field of Literature.



The San Clemente Literary Award 2017: Dreaming the Impossible

Dr Carmen Millán - Head of Spanish



On Tuesday 21st March, I had the privilege to attend the 22nd edition of the San Clemente Literary Award organised by our partner school, IES Rosalía de Castro. I was joined by Mr Markham and two Year 13 students (Benedetta Lanati and Arianna Meoni).

The San Clemente Literary Award has a unique feature: the jury is comprised by Sixth Form students in its entirety. The student panel have the responsibility to read and choose the winning novel in each of the three categories (Galician Language, Spanish Language, and Foreign Language). However, this is no ordinary award. The wonderful twist is that the winning authors in each of the categories are invited to the school to join in a wonderful celebration of both youth and literature.

For the first time last year the award had international representation. Several European secondary schools were invited: the Lycée Saint François Xavier de Vannes (France), Grimmshausen Gymnasium of Gelnhausen (Germany), Escola Secundaria de Santa Comba Dão (Portugal) and ourselves. This year Moscow School N° 1558, Rosalía de Castro and Napperville Central High School from Chicago also took part. Hockerill students were invited to participate in the Spanish Language category where the winner was Cicatriz by Sara Mesa. The other two finalists were Izán o da saca by Xabier Quiroga and Irene by Pierre Lemaitre.

I would like to thank Mr Markham for joining me in this trip and also our two students, Benedetta Lanati and Ariana Meoni, for being excellent ambassadors for the College at this event. I would also like to congratulate Mr Ubaldo Rueda, Head of IES Rosalía de Castro, for his vision and undeterred determination to fulfil a dream: turning avid secondary school readers into 'judges' of the best contemporary writers, creating an opportunity for both young readers and accomplished writers to spend a whole day together joined by one common link: their love for reading and their love for literature.

National Careers Week

Anne Winship

For National Careers Week Head of Careers, Mrs Lumbers, organised 17 visiting speakers to come into college and give 34 seminars at lunchtime and after school. These were themed around the IB Learner Profile and encouraged students to think about the personal qualities that might be required for different careers as well as just the qualifications. The seminars covered areas from marketing to actuarial careers with journalism, pathology, law and IT in between and were both well attended (with 682 tickets being given out) and very well received. We would like to thank all of the speakers who gave their time for such informative and engaging presentations.



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CCF News

Pete McGrath

March has been a very busy month for the College CCF. The month started with a Contingent exercise in Thetford where 25 cadets carried out low level training. An RAF flying day followed with 7 cadets taking to the skies in glorious weather, Joe Donovan was even allowed to land his own plane.

Then followed the annual competitions; Combat Cadet 2017 was first, a team of 8 senior cadets embarked to Thetford Army training Area to carry out a 3 day military skills competition. The result was a gold medal which means the team came within the top 6 of 19 teams. The next weekend was the cadet Leadership Challenge which was held at Welbeck Sixth Form Defence College. This was a competition for Years 9-10 cadets and consisted of 2 days of leadership and engineering tasks, the team were fantastic and came a very well deserved 3rd place with only 3 points separating the first 3 teams.



Sports News

Natasha Hillcoat-Hyde

Hockey

The U14 Girls Hockey team won all of their matches in the Herts County Cup pool earning them a place in the Semi-final against Presdales. The game finished 1-1 and went to extra time. With no goals being scored during extra time we saw three girls per team step up to take Penalty flicks. We made the most of our opportunity and won 5-4 on flicks which meant we would play Queenswood in the Final. The Final was an intense game where both teams gave of their best and demonstrated a high level of skill and dedication to teamwork. Hockerill lost 2-1 but should be proud of their achievements being named Runners-Up in the County.

The U12A Girls Hockey team took part in the Herts Cup Finals on Wednesday 22nd March. They played Dame Alice Owen and Queenswood A and were runners-up in the County losing to Queenswood.

The U14 and U16 Boys have made it through to the Essex Cup Finals and will play Joyce Frankland Academy next term.

Basketball

The U13 and U15 Basketball teams are both District Champions.

Rugby

Year 10 beat Broxbourne 14-10 in the final of the Hertfordshire Emerging Schools Cup. In a game full of twists where the lead was taken by both teams during the game.

Hockerill scored first with an excellent team try where running rugby and ball handling were on show and the conversion was successful. Broxbourne responded well with a powerful team try of their own.

Broxbourne continued to attack making Hockerill tackle for large periods of the first half. Hockerill managed to resist for some time, however gave a penalty away in front of the posts. Broxbourne opted for the kick but hit the posts which was rebounded into a Broxbourne players hands who managed to ship the ball out wide to the winger to finish off the try.

Hockerill attacked well but Broxbourne managed to keep them at bay. A key part of the match was when Matthew Ige managed to beat a number of players where quick footwork saw him through on goal with nobody to beat. Unfortunately the referee had deemed a knock when the ball was placed on the line.

With 5 minutes to play it seemed as if Hockerill were destined to lose, but the boys continued to battle hard until the final minute where they were rewarded with a scrum 5m out.

The forwards secured good ball and the ball was distributed to Matthew Ige who spotted a gap in the Broxbourne defence and attacked. He glided past would be defenders and ran the ball under the posts to secure a last minute win for Hockerill.

The boys were presented with the trophy in front of supporters. The Broxbourne boys were gracious in defeat and shared a team photo with the Hockerill team.

Cricket

It has been an eventful half term for girls' cricket with two teams competing at the District Indoor Finals organised by Hertfordshire Cricket and the Lady Taverners. The U13 team, comprised entirely of Year 7 girls, captained by Florence Martinelli (7G), thoroughly enjoyed themselves, although they did not progress. The U15 team, ably led by skipper Amber Mays (10B), had many first-choice players out, however, won the District Final by one run. They then moved on to play in the County Finals and finished fourth in Hertfordshire.

