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Principal's message

Richard Markham



Welcome to the final edition of Hockerill News for the 2016/17 academic year. This edition details all the events that have taken place this term and provides us with a wonderful opportunity to reflect and remember the wealth of special moments. Reading through the eclectic mix of events and activities I am, once again, struck by the wealth and variety of what goes on at the College and reassured of the vital role played by co-curricular activities to enhance the delivery of the academic curriculum. I hope you enjoy this selection of events and that they spark memories for you as they have for me.

A number of staff are leaving Hockerill this year and I would like to publicly recognise the many and varied contributions they have made to the College over a number of years.

Mrs Martin leaves Hockerill today after 20 years of service to the Science Faculty and to the Heads of Year team. Mrs Martin has been an outstanding servant of the College and we wish her the very best for her retirement. A number of Hockerill staff are spreading their wings and leaving to take up opportunities overseas. Mr Hill is leaving Bishop's Stortford for Australia, Miss Swann, Miss Pante and Mr Michell are embarking upon an adventure in Egypt and Mr Soriano-Vidal is returning to his native Spain. It is with great sadness that due to ill health we say goodbye to Ms Barker who is returning to her beloved Cornwall. We also wish farewell to Miss Brocchi, Miss Fonseca and Mr Cockett who are taking up new posts in UK schools.

Finally, Mrs Spackman, our much loved Vice Principal leaves us today for a thoroughly deserved promotion to a headship in Jakarta. Trying to sum up what Mrs Spackman has done for Hockerill would take longer than I have been allotted today, and suffice to say the College will miss her bubbly, sunny disposition and the fact that I think she is possibly the only person I know who can multi-task in excess of 9 things at the same time. Mrs Spackman, you put many of us to shame and we owe you a huge amount for the support, guidance and friendship that you have given to Hockerill. We will miss you.

To all the staff who leave this term I would like to say thank you and wish you safe travels and happiness in your new endeavours.

This summer College students are travelling on trips to India, Uganda and Croatia. I look forward to sharing with you the events of these trips in the next edition of the Newsletter. Our planning application for the new Science and Sports Hall are progressing well and I hope to be able to provide you with regular updates regarding the progress on these projects. I hope that you all have a wonderful summer and that we look forward to welcoming the students back in September.

Development Fund

Hockerill Anglo-European College is proud to have supportive parents and friends who contribute to the improvement in facilities by supporting our Development Fund.

We are delighted to be in the position to submit a planning application for a new Sports Hall and a new Science Block. The College has been very fortunate to have been awarded government funding towards the cost of the Sports Hall and towards the refurbishment and replacement of windows across the College site.

In addition, this will enable us to realise our overall strategic plans for the site by developing space for performance, sixth form and other curriculum areas, key to making optimum use of our beautiful campus potential.



NOTICES

Monday 4th September

Arrival of ALL Year 7 boarders and ALL Year 12 boarders

Tuesday 5th September

Term commences for ALL Year 7 students and ALL Year 12 students

Existing boarders and any new in-year boarders return

Wednesday 6th September

Term commences for all other students

Saturday 9th September

Year 7 New Parents' Presentation

Monday 11th September

Individual Photographs

Saturday 16th September

Open Morning

Saturday 23rd September

Exeat Weekend

Friday 6th October

Get On Board – Year 6 boarding experience

Wednesday 11th October

Careers Fair

Saturday 14th October

Non Uniform Day

Wednesday 18th October

Year 7 Parent Teacher Evening

Friday 20th October

Half Term commences (students depart at 1540)

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The Great Get Together

Mrs Rittman

The weekend of 16th -18th June marked The Great Get Together, a weekend of events to remember Jo Cox MP who was killed a year ago, and celebrate all we have in common. The theme was based on a quote from Jo Cox's first speech to parliament, 'we are far more united and have far more in common than that which divides us'. Hockerill Amnesty International Group (Y12) and Human Rights Club (Y7 and Y8) organised a lunchtime get together where we were inspired by quotes about what we have in common and then thought about positive messages we could give back to the college community. We wrote messages on labels and stuck them on a red background to create a giant poster reminding us what we have in common. A mixed group of year 9 singers led by Miss McConnell performed a moving rendition of "Where is the love?" by The Black Eyed Peas that they had prepared in music lesson. It gave us all an opportunity to reflect on what we have in common.



Drama Club Picnic

Ms Day

On the sunny afternoon of Saturday 24th of June Year 7, 8 and 9 Drama club invited their friends and family to the Cloister Garden to watch what they have been working on this year whilst enjoying a picnic in the sunshine.

Year 9 shared their work on Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream, focusing on the story of the lovers. They mixed modern language with Shakespeare's making for a highly entertaining performance. Yr 9 student, Jude Merritt, also performed a monologue that he had written himself. Year 8 continued

their theme for the year of taking classic tales and telling them with a twist, creating Scarlett, Short-Brown Hairlocks and Hazel and Gretta. The girls created some very entertaining stories and enjoyed every moment of sharing them with their family and friends.

Year 7 successfully performed a script called The Syndicate, which had a very mysterious ending! The afternoon was enjoyed by all particularly with the addition of Key stage 3 musicians, notably Tristain Osgood, Cecilia, Sofia and Florence Martinelli Yr 7, Maisie Fraiser, Emma Troman, Eleanor Hewins, Ines Inchaurreaga, Katie Ochiltree, Erin O'Connor and Niamh Baumann Yr 8, entertaining the audience before and after the performances.



BMX Club

Mr Russell

On Monday 26th June and Mr James and I took the Hockerill BMX Club to Lea Valley Velo Park for the day. The day began with a real treat: an hour on the velodrome track where the students had to get used to riding fixed gear bikes with no brakes on bends with 42 degrees of incline. Next up was an hour on the BMX track, where they put into practice all they have been taught this year at Braintree. After a packed lunch watching Olympic legend Bradley Wiggins on the track, the final session was an hour on the red mountain biking trails, where I was the only real casualty! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the club for their excellent attitude and camaraderie this year.



Harlow Outdoors

Mrs Ashlee-Macrae

Year 10 had an excellent day on 14th June at Harlow Outdoors. It was a very warm day and once we all arrived at Harlow, Year 10 were more than happy to get changed and take a dip in the river! The students took part in a range of activities from Jacobs Ladder, Kayaking, Bumble, Canoeing, Climbing and High ropes. I have to say that despite some original fears by some students about heights, all students were fully engaged in their activities and cheered each other on.

My thanks go to the staff who accompanied the trip for all their hard work and it was great to see so many of them get involved in the activities along with the students. I will be holding an assembly to share all the pictures with the students before the end of term.

Year 10 have grown and matured over the year and as we enter the summer holidays it is very important that they complete the work set by their teachers in order to maintain their knowledge and understanding of the GCSEs. I always remember the saying 'fail to prepare and you prepare to fail' at this time of year. Please support your child with their work over the summer and ensure they return in September ready to fully embrace the demands of Year 11.



Library News

Mrs Ballard



Another busy term in the Library but highlights included our Carnegie and Greenaway 'shadowing' programme and local author, Pauline Francis working with students during Library lessons.

Our Books & Biscuits club 'shadowed' the Kate Greenaway Medal which is an annual award for the best illustrated children's book. The students worked on making short book trailers using our new equipment from a successful Hockerill Parents & Friends Small Projects bid.

One of them can be seen on

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8BQWhIPbFgo&feature=youtu.be>

Staff, Pauline Francis and students 'shadowed' the Carnegie Medal reading the shortlist and writing reviews. The reviews were posted on our Carnegie website: <http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/grouphomepages/index.php?GroupID=1874>

Both groups came together for an afternoon tea event where we discussed the shortlists and voted for our favourites and then the 'real' winners were announced.

Pauline Francis delivered a creative writing workshop to all the students in Year 8 during their timetabled Library Lessons. The English department gave each student a signed copy of her novel *Traitor's Kiss* and we launched a short story competition entitled 'The Box'. Pauline selected Jessica Glover as the overall winner and she said it was 'a very original story with variety and tension'. Jessica won the set of Carnegie shortlisted books donated by the Library. Second place was Lorcan Neville and third was Maisie Fraser. Highly commended were Claudia Pettingell and Annie Stephens. Commendations also went to: Hannah Trapmore, Niamh Baurmann, Tara Gaynor, Annabel Pattinson, Leila Trusty, Cameron Street and Harriet Dunne. Prizes were awarded in the Library at a break time.

It's a Knockout

Mrs Faiers

It has been a very busy summer term for all the students but, in between all the whole College events, we have managed to squeeze in a huge variety of weekend activities including a day at the Beach, a Eurovision Song Contest themed evening and High Ropes. Once again the "It's a Knockout" event was an enormous hit with all the boarders as they clamoured over the obstacles and covered themselves in water and foam!



The Year Heads of the Upper and Lower College

Mr Whiteley, Head of Lower College

At the end of the academic year there are always some changes to team of teachers who provide the valuable and high quality pastoral care that all the students in College derive so much benefit from. We have already temporarily lost Mrs Geissler for a period of maternity leave and it was lovely to meet Emmie Rose a few weeks ago when she came into our office for a visit.

Mr Soriano took over Year 9 in January and he made an immediate and positive impression upon the year group, stepping up from a Year 9 form tutor. He has led his year group with skill, enthusiasm and perseverance. I am very sorry to see him go, he is a loss to our team, but he has a new leadership position as the MYP coordinator in a school back home in Spain.

Mrs Martin has devoted many years of her career to working at Hockerill and after a successful career here in both Science and as head of most years at some stage she has decided that it is time for some rest and relaxation and she will retire at the end of term. The pastoral team will feel the loss of such a valuable, experienced and capable year of head and we wish Mrs Martin a long and happy retirement. We will all miss her.

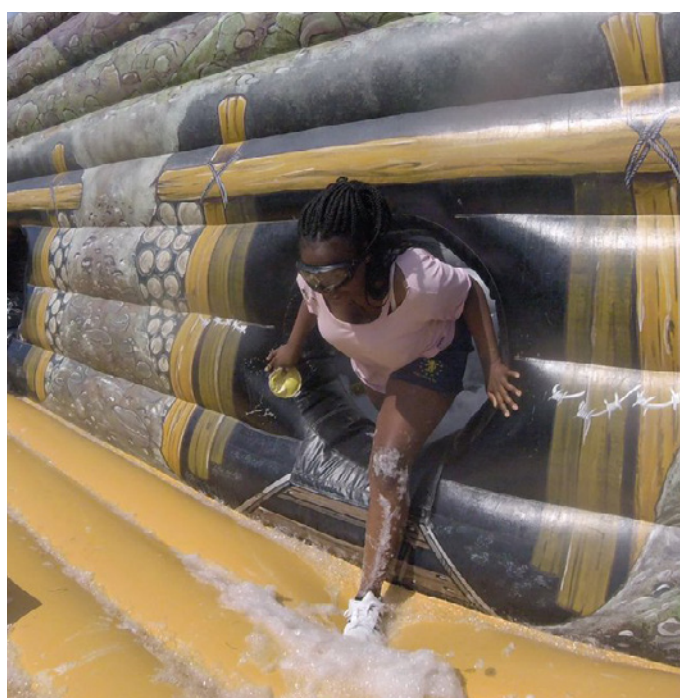
In order to provide stability, a degree of continuity and a knowledge of the students and their needs for current Year 9 as they begin their GCSE courses Mrs Whiteley has agreed to move from Year 11 back to Year 10.

We have been fortunate in being able to appoint two more internal candidates to the Head of Year team. Miss Rowan will be an acting Head of Year 9 until the return of Mrs Geissler and Mrs Humphris (new teacher of Biology) will join the team permanently as Head Year 8.

The team for the next academic year in the Lower and Upper College is therefore:

Mr Whiteley	Head of Year 7 and Head of the Lower College
Mrs Humphris	Head of Year 8
Miss Rowan	Acting Head of Year 9
Mrs Whiteley	Head of Year 10
Mrs Ashlee-McCrae	Head of Year 11

I am confident that this is a strong team that will continue to provide the excellent level of high quality pastoral care that students and parent have come to expect from Hockerill College. I take the opportunity to wish you and your family a lovely summer holiday, wherever you may be, and we look forward to hearing about it from the students on their return to College in September.



HAEC Ski Trip - Zell am See 2017

Mr Whiteley, Ski Group Leader

I am sitting at my desk on what appears to be the hottest day of the year so far, thinking of the coldest day of the winter. It was -15C, wind at about 30mph, snow coming at me horizontally and I was freezing, I was very happy but I was freezing! On hot days such as these I remember the cold ones and try to make a bit of cold offset the heat.

Our College ski trip was, without doubt, one of the best ever. There were a number of reasons for this but mainly it was due to the most excellent mixture of young people who made up the group. They looked after each other, showed encouragement, inclusivity and a genuine desire to get along with each other, enjoy each other's company and learn from one another.

It was quite warm when we set off, too warm in fact really for a fleece Hoodie! Nevertheless these were out in force. The coach company Kingsferry had, to my disappointment failed to secure the crossing I wanted so we left quite early secure in the knowledge that barring problems we ought to make Zell am See in time for breakfast. My plan was to check in early and get to do ski fit and settle in at leisure, we even ended up getting lunch in the hotel, which was a bonus.

We missed Mr James right from the start, he had fallen off his bike 4 weeks earlier and seriously fractured his femur, it was a horrible and very serious injury, from which he has made a truly remarkable recovery and has his name back on the ski list for next year already. I had to relearn how to count children and was in fear all night I might lose someone (Mr James is very good at counting).

Michael and Conny Wartbichler at the Daxer had made the usual excellent arrangements for us and we checked in without fuss, into lovely rooms and were looked after to an exceptionally high standard. Our children behaved impeccably in the hotel, they were respectful, careful, polite and well-mannered throughout. I was incredibly proud of them all. It is a joy to see Year 8 students happily working with Year 10 and getting to know each other. Our first challenge was to manage the nearly 400 bits of ski kit from the hire shop to the hotel with everyone knowing what was theirs and where they had put it! Again we rely on those who know what to do showing those that don't.

After supper we met our ski instructors, I had decided this year to move to a different ski school. I was advised that the Outdo was an excellent organisation and so they proved to be. Having had the number of injuries requiring hospital treatment grow in recent years I was delighted that we did

not need to take anyone to the hospital during this trip. The instructors were genuinely interested in the students and wanted to get the best out of them. Snow conditions on the Schmitterhoe were best described as "Spring", meaning soft, slushy and bare in patches. I spent the first ski day pointing out the white expanse of the Kaprun Glacier some 10 miles away and wishing to be there knowing what it would be like. Luckily on day 2, and for the rest of the week, the conditions were favourable to take our coach over to the Glacier where we skied on our daily allowance of fresh powder which fell each night. On day 4 we had about 30cm of fresh snow that had fallen onto groomed piste. I think I took a wrong turn at lunchtime and found myself on the back of the mountain for a jolly run down X4 in deep powder completely alone. It was probably the second best run of the season!

I think we had a world record number of birthday parties, with 4 students and one teacher, I don't think any of us have been to a party in the coach park of the Channel Tunnel or at 2450m both with real cake and candles!

Suffice is to say the skiing was excellent; the children thoroughly enjoyed it and made fantastic progress. There was good group flexibility with movements into faster groups and into more stylish groups, we all were well lead and we all learnt some new skills. At the end of each day after supper all I really want to do is go to bed but we made good use of the après ski activities with two trips to the beautiful Taurensa, a Bowling Alley and pizza and the highlight of a proper Tyrolean evening in the hotel with the Alpine Horn, Cow Bell Ringing, Dancing, Wood Chopping (with real logs and real axes, don't ask to see the RA for that one!) and Yodelling. It was such a laugh and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

All too soon it is time to begin to pack up, return equipment and journey home. It was a fantastic week for so many reasons. We had exceptional weather, not too cold and snow each night. Our transport was great with the supplementing of a bigger coach with a number of free seats at no extra cost and efficient and friendly drivers. A first class warm and friendly hotel with good food and fast wifi! A high quality ski school, well led by Marc, with instructors that love skiing, teaching and children.

I am thankful to my colleagues (Miss Swann, Mrs Hodder, Mrs Irish, Miss Pante, Mrs Mackenzie, Mr Michell & Dr Poles) who give up a week of their holiday and to Mrs Whiteley who keeps us all in order but most of all to the students for letting me come too. It may be the hottest day of the year, today, but I know it is only 178 days to the start of next season.



Rugby Tour

Mr Connolly

At 06.00 on Wednesday 5th July 43 students and 6 staff will congregate in the front car park to board the coach to leave the country for a two week tour of Canada. Fundraising has been a great success and has not only brought together all of the students on the tour, allowing them to bond, but also has provided us with the necessary finances to ensure we can undertake various activities including White Water Rafting, High Ropes Course and other teambuilding activities. Parents and students were briefed at an information evening on Thursday 22nd June and are now eagerly awaiting the tour. Huge thanks must go to Mr and Mrs Hutley and Mrs Welsh for their help with fundraising, thanks must also go to Pestell & Co and Volvo for their generous sponsorship.



Year 9 trip to the Somme

Mrs Fraser

On 16th June Year 9 set off (extremely early!) for the annual trip to the Somme battlefields. The focus this year was Medicine and Treatment on the Western front as this is a key area of study at GCSE. We began by visiting the Lochnager crater looking at the impact war has made on the landscape. We moved on to Newfoundland memorial park where we discussed how casualties were treated on the battlefield. We then followed the evacuation route via Sunken Lane to the British cemetery at Auchonvilliers, the site of a former casualty clearing station. We ended the day at Thiepval memorial where Toyin Oyusini, Joe Franzini and Ben Sloan laid a wreath on behalf of the College.

A particular highlight of this trip was Aedan Greener's playing of the Last Post. The sound of which drifted across the valley.

My thanks go to all the staff who accompanied the students on this long but rewarding day.



If music be the food of love, play on...

Ms Barker

On Friday 16th June a group of Year 12 Higher Level IB English Language and Literature students, accompanied by Ms Barker, Mrs Spencer and Mr Roberts, visited The Globe Theatre in London to watch a performance of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night, which was full of music and dance. As part of the Globe's 'Summer of Love' season, the vibrant and edgy production was updated to the 1970s, with the clown Feste played by the renowned drag queen Le Gateau Chocolate! The students enjoyed the play immensely and found that the experience of seeing Shakespeare's words performed on the original site in a rebuilt Globe aided their understanding of the theatre of his time. A week later they recorded their assessed Individual Oral Commentaries on the play and were able to speak powerfully about the text in performance, as well as on the page. We rounded off the trip with a meal on the South Bank, discussing our opinions of the casting, staging and direction.



Non uniform Day for Amigos

Mr Jackson

Students and staff supported Amigos, our partner charity in Uganda, through a non-uniform day and cake sale on Saturday 24th June. We raised over £800 which will benefit our four sponsored children. This will include fitting a solar-power kit at the home of Ibrahim, Goethe's sponsored child, which will help him study after dark to pursue his dream of becoming an engineer.



Nihongo Cup Competition

Mrs Rajakumar

Congratulations to Kei See (Year 12) and Olivia Boutell (Year 9) who were both selected as finalists in this year's prestigious Nihongo Cup, the annual UK-wide Japanese Speech Contest. Both students presented outstanding speeches, and Olivia was awarded the first prize in the Key Stage 3 category – winning an E-reader, a medal and array of other prizes. Kei talked about her love of anime and manga, and Olivia described her ideal trip around Japan. Both students are to be congratulated for their hard work in preparing such interesting and well-prepared speeches.



Sports Day

Mrs Hillcoat-Hyde

On Friday 23rd June we held our Annual Sports Day. This is an event in the calendar which encourages all students to work together within their Equipe teams in order to gain points for their Equipe and this year was no exception. We continued to offer more students the opportunity to take part in the Field and Track events that took place in the morning by increasing the number of participants for each Equipe and this was supported by the participation of our students. During the afternoon the whole College including students and staff were present to witness a variety of races where several records were broken. This added to the records which had been broken during the morning events.

Record Breakers

Event	Year	Girl/Boy	Name	Time/Distance
Track Events				Time
1500m	9	Girl	Clare Malcolm	5.17
			Grace Malcolm	5.17
800m	7	Boy	Ibrahima Diallo	4.48
		Boy	Jack Bolado	2.30
		Girl	Clare Malcolm	2.39
	9		Grace Malcolm	2.39
		Boy	Brett Rushman	2.15
200m	7	Boy	Joe Snell	27.77
100m	8	Girl	Kaima Nwajagu	13.76
	12	Girl	Katya Byng	13.59
4 x 100m	8	Boys	Brunel	59.00
4 x 100	10	Girls	Brunel	58.90
Field Events				Distance/Height
High Jump	12	Boy	Ben Bracciano	1.65m
Discus	7	Boy	Jack Bolado	21.62m
	12	Girl	Katya Byng	20.20m
Long Jump	8	Boy	Saul Chesters	4.90m
	9	Girl	Farah Corrigan	4.55m
	12	Girl	Katya Byng	4.48m
		Boy	Sam Tatchell	5.90 (equal record)

Well done to everyone involved. This truly was a team effort by all.



Our six week immersion experience in Santiago de Compostela

Dr Millán

For the third time at Hockerill, three Year 9 students (Bronwyn Feerick, Dulcie Fisher and Maya Joseph) have taken part in the six week exchange with our partner school (IES Rosalía de Castro) in Santiago de Compostela, Spain, from 27th May – 5th July.

The girls have settled really well and have been making the most of this unique immersion experience. They have apologised for not writing much because, in their own words, "they are quite busy!" They are living with host families provided by our partner school and they have been following a normal timetable at school.

We look forward to seeing how much their Spanish has improved and to welcoming their exchange partners here at Hockerill in September.



Annual Sports Dinner

Mrs Hillcoat-Hyde

On Saturday 10th June, 225 students from Years 7 – 13 along with 20 members of staff and Governors attended Hockerill's Annual Sports Dinner organised by the PE Department. This year the event started with reception drinks held on the Principal's Lawn, followed by students in Years 7 – 9 being presented with awards on the Cedar Lawn whilst the Year 10 – 12 tasted the delicious Hog Roast on the Principal's Lawn. The groups then swapped over and there was also the opportunity to receive an ice cream from the ice cream van that joined us for the evening. The night then continued with a Disco held in Saint Albans Hall where all students enjoyed the music played by the Lightning Roadshow. The evening was very successful celebrating the achievements of our students with many students being presented with 'Exceptional Colours' and Trophies throughout all year groups. Congratulations to everyone invited and the award winners.



The International History Bee and Bowl



Our International History Bee & Bowl team of Year 10's Adam and Thomas Wilson and Edward Braeckman and Year 8's George Braeckman are reigning European Champions in the Middle School category, this year they moved up to the Junior Varsity section of the competition that took place at St Paul's Boys School in Westminster last weekend.

Despite being the youngest of the teams they progressed to the semi-final where they beat St Paul's C to take them to the final where they met City of London A, who were the only team to beat them in the earlier rounds. After a hard fought competition they lost by only 10 points, which would have entitled them to go to Rome for the European Final but sadly they were unable to defend their title.

The team were even more successful in the History Bee competition, which is the individual section, where Edward won, Adam was runner-up and Thomas came fourth.

Congratulations to all of the boys on a superb performance.

Brubeck Institute Jazz Colony

Since being introduced to Jazz by Hockerill's Director of Music, Mr Bond, Robert has been focussing his talent and energy towards becoming a professional bass player. As well as dealing with the demands of studying the International Baccalaureate he regularly attends Jazz courses and workshops and plays in jam sessions and gigs in the UK and elsewhere. He plays for both the Essex Guitar Group and the National Youth Guitar Ensemble. When his Hockerill studies are finished he hopes to continue his studies at a Music Conservatoire.



In March Robert applied for a place at the world renowned Brubeck Institute Jazz Colony in California this August and is very excited to have been selected for this fantastic opportunity to spend a week performing and learning with some of the most talented young musicians in the US. To win the place he had to send 5 recordings, a personal statement and 2 references to the National Youth Jazz Orchestra who shortlisted the candidates before Brubeck selected only 3 UK musicians to join them.

"The Summer Jazz Colony is a brilliant opportunity for me to be able to further my skills as a musician and meet other incredible, like-minded musicians in America. To make that possible I am trying to raise £2000 to cover flight and accommodation costs. Any donation would be greatly appreciated, no matter the size, so that I can participate in this Jazz Colony and progress towards my ultimate goal."

Robert should be very proud to have been selected for this and we wish all the best. If anyone would like to make a contribution the link is: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/robert-palmer-fenny-brubeck>

Speech Day 2017

'Appreciate
this special
opportunity'

Dr Braeckman,
Joint Chair of Governors



Hampers & Champers 2017

This Saturday saw another great turnout for this much anticipated annual event. By general consensus Mr Bond and his Music Department surpassed themselves once again. A superb evening was had by all!



Trips & Exchanges

Mrs Smith

Yr 7 Freiburg : There is always extra excitement when it comes to a Year 7 trip. For some it was their first school trip, for others it was their first time in Germany. Freiburg is a beautiful town in the area of the Black Forest and we had been talking about the programme in class for some time. The programme is tried and tested and the students loved the opportunities to try geo-caching, riding the cable cars and exploring the area. A good time was had by all !

Yr 7 La Grande Ferme : This is the College's largest residential trip, 65 students in total! The trip to Normandy is well established now and because there are so many of us we have the Farm to ourselves! The weather was kind and as usual the Mont St Michel walk and the Bayeux Tapestry were stunning. Lots of French was spoken to and by the students and some delicious food was eaten including food bought by the students themselves in the market using their rapidly improving French.

Year 8 trips

The month of June is always a very busy one at Hockerill. Nearly all of the Year 8 students go on a trip or exchange to France or Germany and we also welcome some of their partners to the College to join in lessons here, enjoy our IB enrichment days, and take part in trips to London and Cambridge.

This year over 100 of our students visited Strasbourg, Versailles, Munich and Potsdam. All of these destinations are relatively new to the College calendar, in fact Versailles and Munich were included for the first time. All of the visits were highly successful, which is very encouraging for the future of the programme. The first Hockerill Language exchange to France took place more than 20 years ago. Since that time the Year 8 trips have been fundamental to the promotion of language learning and cultural understanding at the College.



f5 Cricket Competition

Mr Dinwiddy

Last year a small group of cricketers, making up just three mixed teams, played a six-a-side competition during National Cricket Week.

This year the competition returned, but this time with eight Equipe-based teams. We have a new trophy to go with the new teams and a new name: f5. It's like t20, but with five overs each innings.

We've got eight fantastic captains from Year 10 and they've been playing some incredibly exciting matches during lunchtimes this term. It's proved to be a wonderfully competitive league and we are all looking forward to the last round of matches, to be held on Speech Day afternoon, complete with food, drinks, and a trophy presentation.

We finished the season with a barbeque and all four final-round matches back to back on Speech Day after the speeches. The boundary was filled with parents and supporters and some of the teams even roped in their younger siblings to fill spaces in their teams when players had to go home!

The most important match was second on the bill where Brunel Bees took on Da Vinci Daredevils in what was, in essence, a final: as both teams headed into the match unbeaten.

Brunel Bees came out on top, winning by 4 wickets, and Captain Amber Mays became the first captain to lift the new f5 Equipe Cricket Trophy.



Arkwright Engineering Scholarship

Mr Russell, Head of DT

Howard Poles has studied GCSE Design Technology: Resistant Materials for the last two years. It became apparent from very early on in the course that both his innate designing abilities and skillful manufacturing would make him an ideal candidate to apply for an Arkwright Scholarship. Howard then took part in a rigorous selection process during the past few months with the aim of securing an Arkwright Engineering Scholarship. I am delighted to inform you that he has achieved the required standard and it has been confirmed that he is now an Arkwright Associate. This is a highly prestigious achievement and shows that Howard has the potential for a future career as a leader in Engineering. The application process provided him with valuable experience and insights that will stand him in good stead in the next year or two as he plans his onward progression from school to University. Howard is currently waiting for his sponsorship to be secured. As with all things in the current political climate this is becoming increasingly difficult, so on behalf of Howard if any parents know of specific individuals within organisations that could be approached for Sponsorship, then please do let us know and we can pass their details onto the necessary people. I am sure you will agree that this example of his GCSE assessment is both creative and the work of a future engineer.



5 EQUIPE f5 CRICKET

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▶ 3	GRIZZLIES	6	4			2	1.5	215	24.0	9.0	221	29.5	7.5	15	8	L W W L W W
▶ 4	RED FORCE	6	2	1		3	1.3	282	25.8	10.9	278	28.8	9.6	10	5	D L W L L W
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Welcome to Wonderland-Wacky Worlds

Ms E Frontaine

Congratulations to Nathan Cheltland-Poole for being selected to be published in a Young Writers anthology. Nathan entered a writing competition called Welcome to Wonderland-Wacky Worlds where he needed to create a new and unique world along with a storyline in only 50 words or less. Out of more than 18,000 entries, Nathan was selected as one of the few to be published in the next edition coming out in September. Congratulations Nathan on such a prestigious accomplishment!



India Evening Fundraising Event

Mrs Lee

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the India Evening and particular thanks to Holroyd Howe for the incredible food! The evening was an amazing success; with around 70 guests and the total raised thus far is £1255.00, before costs, which is a fantastic amount. We do have a few promises of further donations which will increase the overall amount raised.

Tilly Smith and Maia Dilloway did an incredible job of organising the event. Kat O'Driscoll and Jakob Knecht were superb photographers. Samuel Tatchell, Bashi Tingey, Tom Onezime and Freya Rowson for the wonderful music; particularly Sam on the Sitar!!

We would like to thank those who donated money, but could not attend the evening, and those who gave raffle prizes!

Thank you again for supporting Interact, it is very much appreciated!



Careers Department

Mrs Lumbers

Year 10 & Year 12 Mock Interviews

The Careers Department held Year 10 and Year 12 mock interviews this term. Students gained invaluable interview guidance and written feedback from non-teaching external interviewers. All students in Year 10 and Year 12 benefitted from this event which has helped them prepare for; sixth form, college apprenticeship, traineeship or university interviews for the future. The Careers departments would like to thank all parents and friends of Hockerill who volunteered their time and support with the mock interviews this year.

Year 9 Work Shadowing Day

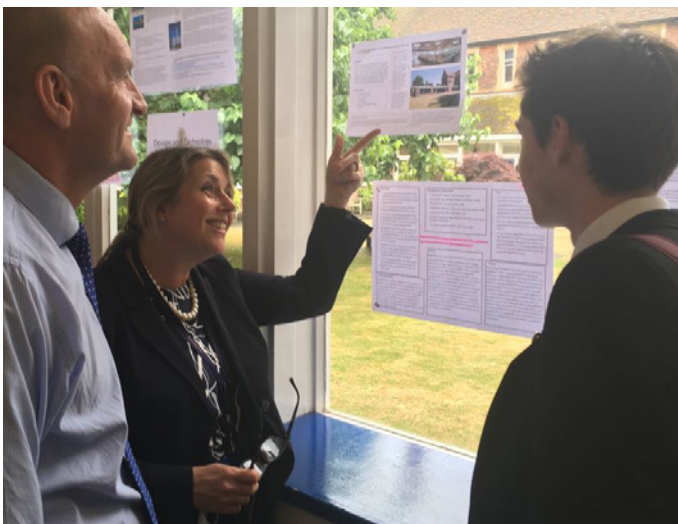
Year 9 students enjoyed a '9 to 5' work shadowing day on Monday 12th June. Students enjoyed a wide variety of career experiences, from local companies in Bishop's Stortford to businesses in Belfast! Students also interviewed an employee on the day and recorded their own experiences down in their work shadowing diaries. The whole work shadowing day proved both enjoyable and invaluable to all of those taking part.



Extended Essay Showcase

Mrs Fraser

As part of the Extended Essay process Year 12s produced an academic poster which was showcased to staff and governors on June 27th. This gave the opportunity for students to engage in some (often) passionate discussions about their work and for staff and governors to see what the students have been doing.



Winchester Leavers

Annabelle Woghiren



In 2013, we all began the year with a huge amount of hope, anxiety yet a budding curiosity of what was yet to come. The year 7 picnic was a new experience for us all, meeting one another, exchanging emails and learning names. It was like entering a whole new world and leaving an old one behind. The first Sunday of the year was the first of many unforgettable nights in Winchester, I can imagine we can be still loud to this day, but yet we all have learnt to save our eagerness for our essays! As a nervous year 7, having a buddie helped immensely with the whole process on getting settled in and the beauty of it was that after the initial excitement had worn off - they were still there to help you. Many socials such as the Easter Ball helped me personally to interact with everyone, and get to know the standard and morals of this school and, I can safely say, it amazed me. When I went through one of my many downfalls with friendship groups, what really helped me trudge through was the support from my peers and the boarding staff, it was crucial for me at the time, and with their help, I learnt from my past mistakes and evolved my personality. I love what being in Winchester has shaped me into, I now have certain morals that I stand for and it wouldn't exist without the experience and advice. Stepping into the leadership role in year 9 really helped me realise how to handle certain situations and know what competition is, how girls can be and what woman I see myself to be. Year 10 has been a year of laughs, stress, reflection and overall love. It's amazing to see how everyone has developed and eventually formed a loving community in Winchester. I will never forget every year setting up the tree and singing karaoke every Christmas, doing prep in the common room and all ending up talking for 2 hours instead! Every movie night with us getting annoyed at people talking through it yet we talked ourselves and the many cinema trips, and restaurants we would go to. Looking back, I will miss Winchester because it has become my home, my comfort space, it's always been there to hold our hands every step of the way and leaving feels as if the blankets have been ripped away. But looking forward, I know what Rochester will bring, new experiences, and the person I have become is ready for the next step.

Good luck to all of the young girls in this beautiful place enjoy every moment, but don't get caught talking after lights out, if you don't want your phone confiscated, laugh all the way and remember us!

Cambridge Folk Festival T-shirt Design Competition

Mr Dinwiddy

I am delighted to say that the Cambridge Folk Festival have once again short-listed one of our Year 10 Graphics students for their T-shirt competition, open to adults and professionals as well as children. Izzy Smith's design made it through to the final and she should be congratulated on being selected against some very stiff opposition.



Visit from Unesco Associated Schools Project Network

Ms Davids, Director of Innovation, recently hosted visitors from the Korean Institute of Curriculum and Evaluation who are in the UK as part of their research into Global Citizenship Education. They were introduced to the College by Shaista Khan who is the Project Manager for Unesco's Associated Schools Partnership and below is a link to her report of the visit:



<http://www.stevesinnottfoundation.org.uk/knowledgebase/aspnet-member-school-uk-participates-in-international-gced-research/>

Year 12 Summer Social

Mrs Lee

The Y12 Summer Social was an opportunity for our current and prospective Year 12 students to meet informally prior to their start in September. The evening was hosted by the Year 12 Senior Prefect Leadership Team and was a huge success.



Hockerill Students assist at constituency Election Count

Esther Grünbaum

On the night between 8th and 9th June 2017, a group of eighteen Year 12 Hockerill students were given the rare opportunity to take part in the vote count for the local constituency of Hertford and Stortford in the General Election. We worked from 10pm to 2.30am, taking delivery of polling boxes and joining count teams, an intense but rewarding experience. Many of us are looking to study politics at university and are therefore eager to gain a first-hand experience of the technical side.

The process of counting votes was broken down into bundles of twenty-five, to maximise efficiency, and everything had to be verified at least once to ensure the accurate number of votes. As the results of the election came in throughout the night, I felt involved with wider life outside school in a very profound manner.

At the end of the count, the local MP Mark Prisk was returned to parliament. It was rewarding to see the immediate effect of our work through the return to Westminster of an MP and to listen to his acceptance speech.

There was an amazing sense of community in the counting hall. Everyone was kind and helpful to each other and there was a general sense of warmth and enjoyment. Coffee and snacks were provided, including homemade cakes. We all felt welcomed by the officials who were pleased to see young people taking an active part in the democratic process.

We were all very grateful for the opportunity. I believe that an occasion such as this inspires young people to become more politically aware and to realise how significant their vote is.



European Golf Championship

Max Hopkins journeyed up to Scotland during half term to play in the US Kids Golf European Championships and once again underlined his status as a most exciting young golfer when, in his opening round of his age group category, he laid down a marker with a six under par score of 66. He then followed this up with two rounds of 69. His total of 12 under par for the 3 rounds was 4 shots clear of the second placed boy and these two were the only players in the field to finish under par. Max should be congratulated on his wonderful achievement and for attaining the title 'European Champion'.



Sixth Form Induction

Mr Clark, Head of Sixth Form

On Thursday 22nd June, we took 118 students (some current and some new, including new boarders for the first time) to High Lodge, Thetford Forest, for the Sixth Form Induction Day.

Students and staff had a fantastic and exhausting day swinging through the trees a great heights, balancing across challenging high wires and leaping across expanses to grasp hold of safety netting.

Combat teams took part in Battlefield Live; authentic combat experience using gaming guns. This was a hugely popular activity and a rematch may need to be arranged following the huge success and competitiveness of staff and students alike!

Several students had the opportunity to go mountain biking through the forest, whilst others took a slightly less active option to Segway through the trees.

We all enjoyed a delicious BBQ, thank you to the excellent chefs! It was a brilliant day where students and staff had the opportunity to get to know one another and form new friendships in a relaxed but adventurous way; it was great to see so many overcome the challenging activities with such spirit and camaraderie.



Year 13 Leavers' Dinner at Parklands

Mrs Lee

The Year 13 Leavers's Ball was held at Parklands, Quendon Hall, on Wednesday 28th June. The evening included a three course sit down meal, speeches and form videos, a speech from Mr Clark, Director of Sixth Form, followed by a disco. The evening was well attended by Year 13 students and staff.



Year 11 Prom

Mrs Whiteley, Head of Year 11

Planning for the Year 11 Prom started many months ago. Each of the Year 11 form groups provided a Prom representative and it was their job to decide on a theme and plan for the evening. I must say that they chose a fantastic theme in 'The Great Gatsby and the Roaring 20's'. The date was set for Tuesday 20th June as this was the final date of the GCSE exams and everyone would be able to celebrate and relax on the evening. As the Prom date approached there was an increase in hushed discussions between the students. Conversations between exams would flit between complex Maths equations, Historical facts and the colour of the most recently acquired Prom outfit. On the day I had a fantastic team of parent helpers who decorated the hall and helped to prepare the food. Their help was immeasurable. We were blessed with a glorious evening and everyone had a fantastic time. Mocktails and canapes on the Principal's lawn with 1920's music were followed by a finger buffet and disco provided by two of our Alumni – Luke and Sam Gazzard. The students looked amazing and we enjoyed their various methods of arriving including Natasha on a Ducatti, and CY and Ella in the 'Just Married' car, complete with tin cans, expertly chauffeured by Mr Jackson. The balloon arch survived the heat and the helium balloons lasted just long enough to be enjoyed. Thanks to all the staff and parent helpers and particularly to Mr Whiteley for hanging the 200 meters of fairy lights as well as creating all of my complex designs for the 'Sweeteasy' dessert table and the flashing 2017 sign.



Bishop's Stortford Educational Trust (BSET) Community Maths Group

Mrs Spackman

On Thursday, 29th June 2017 we had forty Year 9, Year 10 and Year 12 students from St Mary's Catholic School, Birchwood High School, The Leventhorpe School and Bishop's Stortford College join ten students from Hockerill Anglo-European College to take part in a real-life mathematical problem-solving event.

The key activity that the students were working on was 'What is the most efficient flight path for an unmanned aerial vehicle imaging a crop field?'

The groups working on the activity were mixed age and mixed schools. At the end of the event there was a buzz of excitement as the students had the opportunity to explain to the teachers from each school and Mr Markham what they had been able to calculate. We are hoping that there will be a similar event next term in another of the BSET schools as this is a fantastic chance for mathematicians from local schools to be able to work collaboratively with each other.



Hockerill College Riding Club

Mrs Pierrejean

Since September, the Hockerill Riding Club has been attending the fantastic facility at Hallingbury Hall Equestrian Centre in Little Hadham for instruction on Stable Management and Equitation. There has been a beginners group for those who have had a very limited, if any, riding experience and an intermediate group for those who are already reasonably accomplished riders.



Throughout the year, they have all been working on the Progressive Riding Tests organised by the British Horse Society (BHS) and I am thrilled to say that the beginners group have passed their Level One in both Equitation and Stable Management. Each Level has a number of elements that need to be signed off by the Instructor when the rider is ready to be assessed. The intermediate group have also recently been successful with their Level Two tests.

For those who could attend during the mid-June IB Enrichment days, there was a fun gymkhana event organised together with some students from the Herts and Essex High School. There were races including 'Ride and Run', 'Potato and Spoon', and 'Ride and Water Cup' (where they had to return back to their team mates with as much water in a beaker as possible.) Our beginner riders were led by the staff at Hallingbury Hall whilst our more experienced riders were unaided. Liam Allport (Beginner) won a special certificate for the 'Most Determined Race Face' whilst riding and he is pictured below with Michelle del Caretto (Intermediate), Nik Popova (Beginner) and Bella Garavaglia (Intermediate) with their rosettes. In the Michaelmas term, all of the riders are hoping to continue on with their BHS Levels and there is additionally the hope of organising a Show-Jumping competition with Herts and Essex High School for the Intermediate group.

Codham Park Equestrian Inter-Schools Arena Eventing Championship Qualifier

Mrs Pierrejean

In the Easter Holidays, two of our younger Equestrians, both in Year 8, entered a competition organised by the National Schools Equestrian Association. Estelle Pierrejean (Pickles) and Hannah Trapmore (Ollie) competed in the Arena Eventing contest staged at Codham Park Equestrian Centre near Braintree. The girls entered both the 85cm and the 95cm classes where they had to complete a long course on



an all-weather surface consisting first of a set of show-jumps followed by a series of fences which simulates cross-country style fences. As well as it being important to clear the fences in the set time allowed, the competitors were also judged on their style in how effectively they rode their pony/horse. On this occasion, the girls were not in a team as their older team mates were busy revising for their GCSE's so they competed for Hockerill as individuals in the smart new Hockerill equestrian kit. There was a huge entry with 39 riders from 17 different schools in the region in their class. Estelle finished in a creditable 17th place with Hannah closely behind in 24th spot. It was a great experience for both riders in a highly contested field with those who qualified going on to ride at the Nationals at Addington Manor later on this October – something for the girls to aspire to for next year.

Global Education Conferences

Ms Davids

On the 29th and the 30th of June the College hosted two mini conferences to advance the global education. The first mini-conference focussed on Literature and the development its role in developing the Learner Profile attributes. It also examined specific areas such as student engagement, the transformational power of poetry and issues which arise from texts in translation. The second conference posed the question "What should School Leaders be Discussing in the 21st Century". This forum will covered a number of different topics including: the impact of information technology, values-based education, mentoring, teacher development and the importance of promoting mother-tongue languages outside the classroom. We were delighted with both days and to receive feedback like this from Neil Jones Lead Teacher at Impington Village College 'Thank you very much indeed for your hospitality today; for sharing your knowledge and experience so freely and enthusiastically; and for enabling us to make – I hope – links between our schools. I look forward to sharing ideas and insights with your team. I came away from the day challenged, inspired and convinced above all of the transformative education the IB can offer.'