

HOCKERILL ANGLO - EUROPEAN COLLEGE

BOARDING NEWS

MARCH 2018

ISSUE 3

Introduction

We are well into the Lent Term and should be enjoying the first signs of spring and yet we have had a deluge of snow which made the site look stunning. Since the last Boarding News there has been a lot to report upon and it never ceases to amaze me how much there is on offer for our boarding community to engage in.

The current excitement within boarding is leading up to the Annual Easter Dinner which will be reported on in the next issue.

Natalie Pierrejean, Director of Boarding



NOTICES

Term Dates and Timings for Lent Term 2018

Saturday 10/Sunday 11 March - Exeat Weekend

Depart Friday 9 March 1600

Return Sunday 11 March 1800 – 2000

Friday 23 March – End of Term

Departure Friday 23 March 1240

Sunday 15 April – Boarders Return

All Houses 1400 – 2000

(if earlier returns are required, please direct these requests to the Head of House)

Monday 16 April

Term Commences

Saturday 5 – Monday 7 May

– Extended Exeat Weekend

Depart Friday 4 May 1600

Return Monday 7 May 1800 – 2000

Friday 25 May – Sunday 3 June

Half Term Holiday

Depart Friday 25 May 1600

Return Sunday 3 June 1800 – 2000

(if earlier returns are required, please direct these requests to the Head of House)

Saturday 16/Sunday 17 June – Exeat Weekend

Depart Friday 15 June 1600

Return Monday 17 June 1800 - 2000

Wednesday 4 July

End of Term

Depart Wednesday 4 July 1300

Other Notable dates:

8 March Options Evening (Year 9)

12 March Progress 2 Reports Published (Year 13)

12 March Boarding Report 2 (Year 13)

Mobile Phone Use

Please note that Boarders in Yrs 7-10

are no longer allowed to use their phones or electronic gadgets in the boarding house at lunchtime in line with the rules for Day Students.

WEEKEND PROGRAMME

Forthcoming Events:

17/18 March Boarders' Annual Easter Dinner

Junior Easter Egg Hunt

21/22 April Lee Valley Mountain Biking

28/29 April Great Notley Country Park – Slide & Sky Ropes

12/13 May QE Anniversary Orbit & Shopping at Westfield

9/10 June Annual Sports Weekend

30 June/1st July Speech Day Weekend

Jump

WEEKEND PROGRAMME UPDATE

We are trialling a new sign-up process for the weekend programme events. Each term a poster will be created for all the events for the term. Students will be asked to complete a SurveyMonkey to sign up for the events they would like to go on. We hope that this will help us streamline the organisation of the events and give the students a better experience. In addition we will be working towards some of our environmental goals by printing just one poster per term.

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IT'S A THAMES LIFE

Coming back to Hockerill this September was as easy as ever! Integrating with different students from all over the world - Bulgaria, Italy, Spain and more has been a delightful experience. Being a boarder since Year 7 has been educating in many ways. As well as helping me to become independent, it has facilitated meeting, learning and talking with people – especially now in Thames House. From walking through the large oak door to stepping out to play basketball or football in the evenings, you can really feel a real sense of community and comradeship within Thames. All the staff are incredibly welcoming and comforting. It is good to know that there is always someone, when away from home, that you can really rely on. It's strange to think that I have been here for such a short time and already feel fully immersed in the house ambience and at home in Thames.

Luc Domange Year 12 boarder since Year 7

CHINESE NEW YEAR

On the 24th of February we, rather belatedly, celebrated Chinese New Year. The Catering team made a huge effort to provide a wonderful Chinese feast. Chef Mick did a live demo with the wok and then the staff and students joined in with the cooking. Mr Conolly makes a mean stir fry! Our Chinese students all received a "Year of the Dog" card and all the boarders were given Fortune Cookies.



CANTERBURY WEEKEND TRIP TO COLCHESTER LEISURE WORLD

On the first weekend back after February half term, the Year 7 and 8 full boarders went to Colchester Leisure World where we went swimming. There were slides, rapids and a whirlpool! We then went and played bowling, (Mrs Coleman won!) and then visited McDonald's as a final treat! I am one hundred percent sure that everybody that went enjoyed the trip very much. It was also extremely good timing as there were no trips on that weekend.

It was really kind of Mrs Coleman to organise the trip and take us out there (and she bought us all a McFlurry from McDonald's!). My favourite part was, well I did not have a specific favourite part, as the whole trip was a lot of fun so for me personally it was all good. It was a really good weekend and I would recommend repeating the trip in the future!



Brodrick Hall, Yr 8

BUGSY BOARDERS

We were delighted to see so many boarders involved in the fantastic production of Buggy Malone. Brett Rushman played a brilliant Buggy Malone, Abbie Younger was Blousy, Rhea Willson and Abbie Elliott shared the role of Tallulah, Lincoln Delhomme shone as Dandy Dan and Leon Somsouthi portrayed a very moving Fizzy. In total there were twelve boarders in the cast and numerous others doing a fantastic job in either the choir or the dance crew. Congratulations to the Drama, Music and Art departments for their tireless efforts – a phenomenal example of the talent that they are developing.



BUSHTUCKER TRIALS

Our fabulous catering team once again excelled themselves with the Hockerill 'Bushtucker Trials'. The students were able to sample crickets, bugs & grubs, pigs ears etc testing even the strongest of constitutions.

Mrs Faiers



DÌA DE LOS REYES MAGOS – THREE KINGS DAY

The 3 Kings' Day is a catholic celebration. It commemorates when the 3 kings (Balthazar, Caspar and Melchior) arrive to see baby Jesus.

Mrs Faiers put up the nativity scene in the Common Room in Durham House and she kindly made some tapas, they were delicious. The next day we were asked to leave our shoes outside our bedroom door, which is Spanish tradition and we woke up to some presents in our shoes. Also in the refectory they made some good Spanish food and even baked Roscón de Reyes (traditional Spanish cake to celebrate the day). It was a really good weekend, I was really grateful that we could celebrate this day.



Alvaro Bedoya Ramos Year 9

BOARDERS' INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND

Michaelmas term is always an extremely busy time for staff and students. Christmas Shows, Carols, Lunches and House Christmas Dinners and of course the International Boarders' Weekend. The weekend is a fantastic opportunity for our overseas parents to visit the school and experience the incredible work being done by the students and to meet the staff. It is a packed weekend but one which we always very much look forward to. It is always heartwarming to see students with their parents, excited to show off their school and their friends, and to witness the close bonds formed between the students and their families.

Never more so than earlier this year has this bond been evidenced so clearly. Former Deputy Head Boy and boarder Gerard Murphy (22) who went on to study Geography at the University of Exeter suffered an accident whilst working in Sweden tutoring IB students this summer. Gerard is now facing life with C5 tetraplegia and is currently in Stoke Mandeville Hospital continuing his rehabilitation. Friends and family have set up a Just Giving page to raise the funds that will help him lead as independent and fulfilling a life as possible. Both present and past staff, students and families have rallied to arrange fund raising events or simply to donate and the response has been truly overwhelming. Gerard's attitude is quite simply inspirational.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/we-love-gerard-murphy>

This year the Rugby Matches against Bancroft's School were played for the new "Murphy Charity Cup". Whilst the funds this year were raised for Gerard himself in future year's fundraising will be for other charities that directly affect either one of the schools.

Mrs Pierrejean

CLASSICAL CONCERT

The classical concert started with Lorenzo Mori's performance of Ludovico Einaudi, a piece which manifested a slower, but more modern take on classical music. The performances to follow were by Lorenz Westerholt on the cello, which led to Ida Ehret on the recorder, and then Maria Riscado with the violin. At the halftime break, the audience went to the refectory to eat a quick snack. The performance started once again with Lewis James and David Clifton with the piano, which was then succeeded by Isabella Birt on the Harp. The classical concert finally ended with another rendition of Einaudi by Lorenzo Mori. Overall, the concert was an outstanding performance which showed a variety of styles of classical music.



Adriano Casablanca, Year 12

OMELETTE CHALLENGE



On the 28th of January it was mandatory for the full boarders of Rochester House to attend an 'omelette making challenge'. Little did we know that 3 hours after this announcement we would be sitting with a pile of brownies and 2 large cases containing 24 cans each of fizzy drinks including tangos, diet colas and fantas and between us sharing a profit worth over £75 in amazon vouchers. I think it would only be appropriate to call this our ideal Saturday evening munching on chocolate and playing a few rounds of Monopoly. It all began with us grumpily trudging in the cold, bundled in sweaters to fight the freezing weather but as we entered the energy in the refectory was vibrant, lively and exciting. It was clear the amount of effort they had put in as they had representatives of each House laid out and a few metres behind you could see two hefty frying pans sizzling away. The staff were clearly enthusiastic and had several goes and eventually they called us out in pairs to go against each other. There was a "friendly" competition but it was clear that we all had a laugh - especially as the refectory declared the prize was a very generous £50 Amazon voucher, followed closely by a just as generous second prize of £25 and a third of £15.

Overall it was an evening that took us all by surprise as we collected our mountain of goodies and praised our own omelette making skills - thank you to everyone involved!

Individual Challenge

First Place – Francesca Carter

Second Place – Audrey Wong

House Challenge

Joint Winners – Durham and Rochester

Francesca Carter Rochester House

A CANTERBURY TALE

Boarding is really fun because we do a lot of fun things! On the first day of boarding I was scared because I didn't know what it would be like. During the first day I made a lot of friends and the friends I made on the first day are still my friends now.

I love boarding, especially when we have story night. I really enjoy that! In boarding we can also sign out on to Campus and interact with our friends. If you get to BHS+ (Basic House Status +) you will be allowed to go to Spar! I don't go as much because I enjoy going in the games room or I am at my clubs after school.

I like the boarding staff. They are really kind and protective and they treat you like you are their own kids. After the first week you would love it and it will be a great experience to have.

Morgan Kanio 7 Brunel Canterbury House

SUITABLE TIMES TO CONTACT YOUR CHILDREN

Whilst it is imperative that parents are able to communicate regularly with their children, and we fully support this, we respectfully ask that parents do not call either during Prep or just as the students are being settled into their bedtime routines. If there is an emergency please contact the house directly so that we can minimise any disruption to other boarders.

Year Group	Prep	In Bed	Lights Out
Year 7	1830 - 1930	2100	2115
Year 8	1830 - 1930	2115	2130
Year 9	1830 - 2000	2130	2145
Year 10	1830 - 2030	2145	2200
Year 11	1845 - 2045	N/A	2215
Year 12	1845 - 2045	N/A	2225
Year 13	1845 - 2045	2230	*

*Year 12 students must be in their own rooms by 22:30 but may work until midnight (subject to status)