

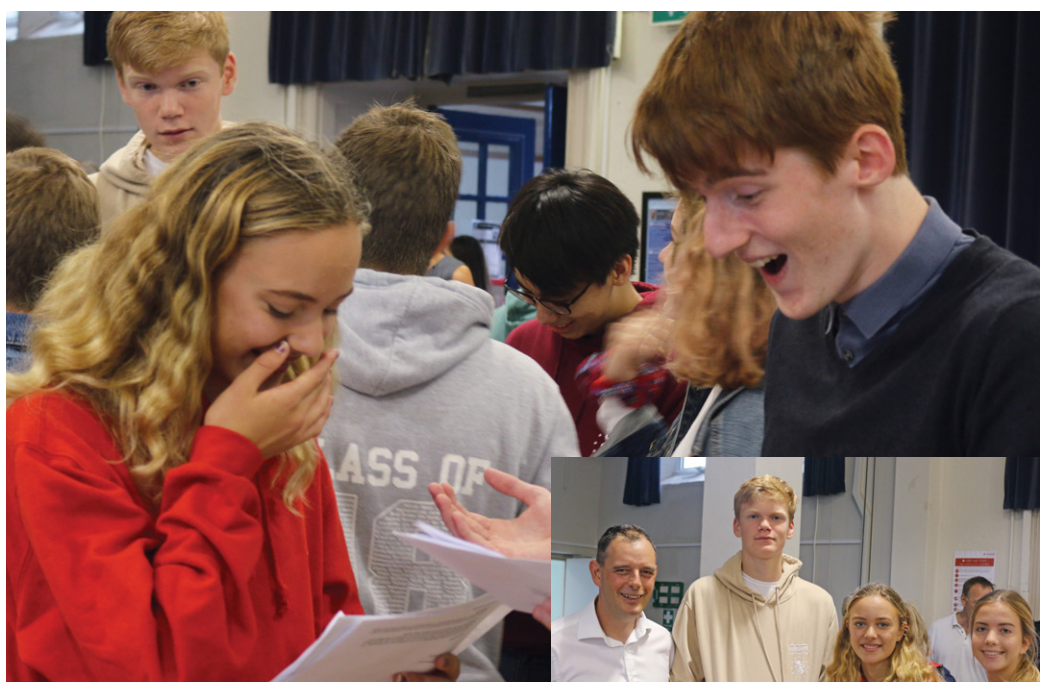
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Hockerill celebrates another year of outstanding examination results

Sarah Pearson



There are many things to celebrate each year at Hockerill College but the outstanding GCSE and IB Diploma results achieved by our Year 11 and Year 13 students is certainly a high point.

Sixth Form students celebrated their Diploma results in early July and, once more, these were excellent and well in excess of global averages. The statistics produced by the International Baccalaureate indicate that Hockerill students had an average score of 35 points; five points above the global average of 30 points. Steve Clark, Director of Sixth Form, reflected that, "These results are tremendous and a fitting reward for the students who have worked so hard over the past two years." The College's pass rate was 98% and 26% of the cohort received the prestigious bilingual diploma.

Seventeen students achieved a score of 40 points or more placing them in an elite international group as only around 12% of all Diploma students achieve this. Stanley Hinton achieved the maximum score of 45 points whilst, hot on his heels, Karl Martin achieved 44 points. This is equivalent to 5A* passes at A Level. An impressive 52% of the grades awarded were at the highest level of 6 and 7 (equivalent to A and A* passes at A Level).

Students are going on to study at a wide range of universities including Oxford, Cambridge, UCL, Durham, Edinburgh, Exeter and Bristol. Reflecting the wide and varied talents of our Sixth Formers they will be studying subjects ranging from Medicine, Mathematics and PPE to Liberal Arts, International Development and Furniture and Product Design.

GCSE results followed in August and we were absolutely delighted with the excellent achievements of all our students. In addition to achieving excellent GCSE results across the board, the progress that students have made over their five years at Hockerill is well above the national average.

The College's top performers were Sophie Hanney, Dominic Tatchell and Aneshka Moudry who scored the highest possible grades in all examinations taken, with an outstanding score of Grade 9s across all of their subjects. Only 732 students nationally equalled this feat.



From left to right; Richard Markham with Dominic Tatchell, Aneshka Moudry and Sophie Hanney

Top Ranked
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Guide 2018

NOTICES

Saturday 22nd September
Exeat weekend

Thursday 27th September
Whole College Photograph
1900 Yr 12 Parents' Information
Evening
1830 Iceland Trip Information
Evening (Chapel)

Saturday 29th September
Open Morning
(lessons end at 1210hrs)

Monday 1st October
Saturday A lessons
(periods 1, 2 & 3)
1830 Italian Trip Information
Evening | Year 10 (Chapel)

Thursday 4th October
1830 Spanish Exchange
Information Evening
Year 10 (Chapel)

Saturday 6th October
Exeat weekend

Thursday 11th October
Enrichment Day

Wednesday 17th October
1630-1900 Year 7 Parent Teacher
Consultation Evening

Friday 19th October
Half term holiday commences
at 1540hrs

Monday 5th November
Term recommences

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Stanley Hinton

Principal's message

Richard Markham



Happy New Year! I would very much like to extend my greeting to the students and staff to the parents of the 2018/19 academic year.

2018 is a landmark year for the College. It marks the 20th Anniversary of the first Sixth Form at Hockerill and it is fitting that this year witnesses the start of the largest capital project the College has ever undertaken.

I am delighted to announce that ground has been broken on the new Science Block and the clock now starts ticking down to the completion of the project in time for the start of the 2019/20 academic year. The Sports Hall site has been prepared and the construction work will begin later this month. I look forward to updating you as the building progresses.

I spoke to every student last week and offered them some simple advice for this coming year. Without doubt Hockerill is a highly successful and aspirational school. Success does not come easily and certainly cannot be taken for granted. Understanding why we are successful was the theme of my assembly and I wanted to take this opportunity to share my views with you. At the heart of our success lie two qualities: kindness and effort. Our students have the potential to be whatever they choose and I have challenged them to make sure that at the very least they are kind. Similarly, I am acutely aware of the effort that goes into making sure that Hockerill continues to flourish. This effort is put in by everybody associated with the College and my second challenge for the year was to make sure the students could look themselves in the mirror and be confident that they were trying to be the very best possible version of themselves.

The College year has started very well, and I hope that you will witness first-hand the benefits of the changes we have introduced over the summer. The new SIMS Parent App will provide you with information on the day-to-day activities of your sons and daughters, and represents an effort by the College to streamline our information management systems. Similarly, I hope that the increased emphasis on service which you will see evidence of through the MYP, CASE and the DP will allow our students to develop those all-round attitudes and skills which are not explicitly tested by the curriculum.

I look forward to seeing you all soon at College events, and hope you enjoy this beginning of term edition of the College newsletter.



The Sports Hall Campaign offers students, parents and alumni the opportunity to have their name inscribed on a brick or paving slab which will be incorporated in the new building. Please click on the image to access the donation form.



The foundations of the new Science Block begin to take shape (14.9.2018).

Amazing summer of golf for Year 11's Max

Pete Hopkins

Max's summer of golf started the day after we broke up when he played for Hertfordshire in the SE Group U18 Team event in which 11 counties send their 6 best players to compete for a place in the National Finals. This took place at Blackmoor Golf Club in Hampshire and although they struggled to 5th as a team, Max shot 67, 65 for a 6 under par total that secured the Individual win. He then went to the Czech Republic to play for England U18 in the European Team event. This is for the top 16 countries in Europe and England qualified in 3rd spot to secure a spot in the knock out stages. They eventually finished a creditable 5th place with Max securing a number of important wins along the way.

He went straight from there to Kedleston Park in Derbyshire for the MacGregor Trophy, the English U16 Open, and despite only having a few hours sleep that led to a disappointing first day, still managed a top 15 finish, having temporarily lifted himself in to the top 3 in the middle of his final round. The following week saw him playing for England in the European Young Masters in Oslo on a course that had suffered from the poor early season weather and had not fully recovered, and yet another successful team performance. These performances, alongside his early form earned him a place in the Boys Home Internationals at Royal Dornoch Golf Club. Having secured wins against both Wales and Scotland, England played Ireland in the deciding match and Max was able to secure the winning point for England in his Singles match.

We travelled straight to Northern Ireland for the British Boys Amateur Championship, the most prestigious individual junior event on the calendar, at Royal Portrush, host course of next year's Open Championship, and Portstewart. He qualified for the KO stages in a very comfortable 14th position having shot 1 over par for the 2 rounds, and made it through to the Quarter-Finals, beating boys from Spain, Portugal and Norway en route. This very impressive fortnight of play earned him a call from the R&A to represent GB & I against Continental Europe in the Jacques Leglise Trophy in Finland – the most important annual team event for U18's and an incredible achievement to make the team aged only 15. He played a very important role in GB & I winning for the first time since 2014 by winning his Singles match by the biggest winning margin in the match, 6&4 against his Finnish opponent. Having spent 30 minutes at Heathrow he went straight to Italy where he finished joint second in the Italian U16 Boys Championship helping England to win the Nations Cup from South Africa in second place, by 10 shots.

He also managed to win the Bishop's Stortford Junior Open on a 'day off' and broke his own Junior Course Record this weekend shooting a seven-under-par 64.

All in all a great summer!



India trip 2018

Twenty four of us Year 12 students left school at 5.00 a.m. on the last day of the summer term, Wednesday 4th July, and headed for breakfast at Heathrow Airport before flying with Jet Airways to Mumbai. The members of staff accompanying us were Dr Takle, Miss Yates and Dr Purday. During the first two days in Mumbai we did all the tourist things – visiting the Gateway to India and viewing the famous Taj Hotel; visiting and being photographed in the Mumbai Railway Station where the final scene of Slumdog Millionaire was filmed; visiting the Gandhi Museum; and touring the Rajiv Gandhi National Park. Day two was spent touring Dharavi, the so-called slums of Mumbai; and visiting a community of Hijras – the famous and sacred third gender people of India. The Hijras were extraordinarily hospitable and friendly and the occasion became enormous fun when they insisted on teaching us all how to dance Bollywood style! Our Mumbai days were memorable for breakfasts in the hotel rooftop restaurant, lunches and dinners in fabulous Indian restaurants, and evenings spent shopping for saris and inexpensive Indian jewellery while everyone also had pure henna applied to their hands and arms in glorious patterns.

On Saturday 7th July we all flew from Mumbai to Madurai in the deep south of India and from there we travelled by coach to the Kings School at the very tip of India. Kings is a partner school of Hockerill and takes in orphans from the south of Tamil Nadu as well as serving the local community. It was not what we expected; it is a huge and beautiful school set in grounds with trees and plants everywhere. The children, from four to eighteen, are absolutely gorgeous and

amazingly friendly. The school has an outdoor swimming pool of which we made plentiful use after school most days! During the weekends we went on outings to Tirunelveli where we visited the thousand year old Hindu temple and were blessed by the elephant god Ganesh, to the teak Padmanabhapuram Palace which used to belong to the kings of Travancore, and to the seaside resort of Kanyakumari where we had a picnic.

From Monday to Friday during both weeks we stayed at the school we taught the children in the mornings, either in the Kindergarten or in the Middle School. This was a super experience but we discovered that it can require a lot of patience! Every afternoon we ran rehearsals preparing all a hundred and ten Year 7 students to put on the musical version of The Pied Piper of Hamelin. Some of us taught the music particularly the singing; some of us taught the acting; some taught the dance; while others of us designed the costumes,

the backdrop and the make-up. Everyone had an important role. At least twice a week we went into the local town of Vallioor in the evening where we were free to wander and shop before meeting up in a local beautifully air-conditioned restaurant! We celebrated birthdays with such dinners and huge birthday cakes! On the Thursday of our second week at the school we put on the dress rehearsal which went well. The next day the performance was put on to an audience of a thousand students, teachers and parents and it was an outstanding success – the Kings students excelled and we were very proud of them. That same evening we had a party by the swimming pool for which we dressed up in our saris with plaits of jasmine in our hair! The next day we flew back to Heathrow arriving on the morning of Sunday 22nd July. Our eighteen day trip had gone in a flash and it was truly a life-changing experience.



Kira Farm, Uganda 2018

Lee Jackson



A group of thirty Year 13 students spent part of their summer holiday in Uganda working with our partner charity Amigos at their flagship Kira Farm Training and Development Centre in Kampala. Students worked with the Kira Farm trainees on a range of construction projects in the local community - building a new kitchen and water storage jar for one family and a new toilet block for a local primary school. In addition, the students supported the trainees in a variety of activities including farming, tailoring and carpentry. Also, the group travelled north to Masindi to visit ex-trainees and to attend a village feast organised for the sponsored children in the area and their guardians. The group took time out of their volunteering schedule to undertake both a river and land safari as well as a visit to Murchison Falls. Through their efforts over the two weeks the students made a very positive contribution to the work of Amigos and a lasting difference to the lives of the trainees they met.



ABRSM Exam Success

Oliver Bond

The Music Department is delighted with the success of over thirty students who were entered and passed their ABRSM examinations last term. Following much hard work and effort in their practice throughout the academic year, the students should be hugely proud of their achievements.

We congratulate the following individuals for achieving either grade 8, or a pass with distinction:

Noah Czajkowski – Trumpet Grade 6 (distinction)

Isabella Henry – Singing Grade 5 (distinction)

Olivia Rnjak – Singing Grade 5 (distinction)

Alfred Corrigan – Piano Grade 8

Lewis James – Piano Grade 8

Emily Roberts – Violin Grade 8 and Flute Grade 8

Samuel Tatchell – Organ Grade 8

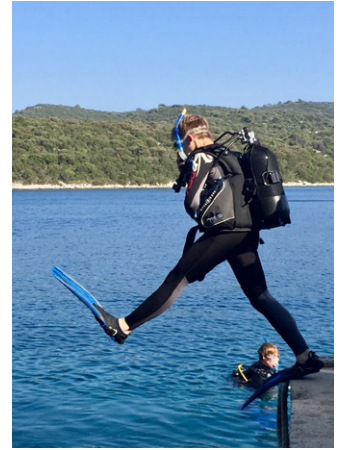
Max Yates – Singing Grade 8 and Trumpet Grade 8

Of particular note, we commend **Katherine Lewington** for her outstanding achievement of a distinction in her post-grade 8 diploma piano examination - well done!

Croatia

Gill Hodder

In July twenty Year 12 Students embarked on a two week work experience opportunity in the stunning countryside of Croatia. They had the chance to work with representatives from Operation Wallacea, a global conservation company employed by various governmental bodies to undertake scientific data gathering to assess the environmental impact of global warming on indigenous species. Students worked alongside university professors, postgraduates and undergraduates to harness their fieldwork skills directly relevant to their Science IBDP subjects. The highlight of the second week was the opportunity for all students to gain a PADI Open Water dive qualification whilst simultaneously learning about marine ecology.



From right to left, Katherine Lewington, Alfred Corrigan and Lewis James