

## Message from the Joint Acting Principals

Sarah Pearson and Alasdair Mackenzie



**We would like to welcome you to the final newsletter of the term and 2018-2019 academic year.**

The end of a school year is a time of mixed emotions. During the last few weeks, we have waved goodbye to a number of our students

from Year 11 and also to the whole Year 13 cohort. Despite the sadness of these departures, there have been a number of wonderful events to celebrate the contribution our leavers have made at Hockerill.

The Year 11 Prom, in June, saw an opportunity for Mrs Whiteley and her team of tutors to decorate the Refectory and St Albans Hall in the theme of 'Old Hollywood'. This event was attended by a record number of staff who wanted to share in the end of year celebrations with our Year 11s.

Parklands in Quendon was the venue for the Year 13 Leavers Prom once again. Mrs Spencer was able to send off her year group in style with a wonderful three course meal, video presentations from each form group and a disco. We look forward to sharing examination success with our Year 13 students at the end of this week as the Diploma results are published. Our students are leaving for a wide range of destinations with seven students holding Oxbridge offers, two of which are already secured.

Our annual celebration of the College year, Speech Day, was held on Saturday 29 June. Each IB graduand received a Hockerill medal in front of the students, staff, parents and guests. Speech Day is a celebration of our students' achievements in both our curricular and co-curricular programmes. During the evening, Hampers and Champers provided everyone with an opportunity to enjoy the variety of musical talent on offer at Hockerill as guests were entertained by our students, who sang and performed, late into the evening. We would like to thank Mr Bond, his team and musicians for their wonderful performances.

Our goodbyes are not confined to students. We would also like to farewell a number of our teaching staff as they embark on the next steps of their professional journeys. We wish Mr Fuell, Mrs Hillcoat-Hyde, Mrs Johnston, Miss Klaes, Mr Mackin, and Ms Sze every success in their new posts. In addition, we wish Mrs Lee well as she departs to take up the post of tutor at Hills Road in Cambridge. Thank you for all your hard work and commitment to Hockerill. It is appreciated and you will be missed.

This newsletter provides just a glimpse into life at Hockerill during this extremely busy term. We hope you enjoy reading the articles and sharing in the successes and achievements of our students. We would particularly

like to draw your attention to the Hockerill History Quiz Team who were crowned European Champions, defeating Eton College in the Bee and Bowl competition held in Paris earlier this term.

The Sports Presentation Dinner in June saw Edward Lester and Claudia Pettengell awarded Hockerill's Sports Personality of the Year – this is recognition of the contribution both these students have made to sport during their time as Hockerill students.

Our Year 9 students increased their environmental awareness this year by focusing their Community project work on issues related to the environment. This essential part of the Middle Years Programme involves students working in teams to take action on an issue that matters to them. The projects culminated in presentations during the June Activity Days. You can read more about this in this newsletter.

As we write, our Athletics teams are competing in the Bishop's Stortford District Schools Championships – we look forward to celebrating their successes during Thursday's Final Assembly. Over the next few weeks, Hockerill students depart for Cornwall, CCF Central Camp, Croatia, India, Uganda and South Africa.

We wish all the travelling students wonderful experiences on these thrilling trips and thank our staff for organising such exciting adventures and giving so freely of their time during the Summer Holidays.

May we take this opportunity to wish all our students, parents and staff a wonderful, relaxing and enjoyable summer break. The Michaelmas Term will see the opening of the new Sports Hall and the completion of the Science Campus – without wanting to wish away the holiday we can't wait for the opportunity to teach in these buildings!

## NOTICES

### Wednesday 4th September

Arrival of all Year 7 boarders and all Year 12 boarders

### Thursday 5th September

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

### Friday 6th September

Term commences for all other students

### Monday 9th September

Individual Student Photographs

### Saturday 14th September

New Parents' Morning

### Wednesday 18th September

HPF meeting (2000hrs) - Sixth Form Centre

### Thursday 26th September

Year 12 Parents' Information Evening (1900hrs) - St Albans Hall

### Saturday 28th September

Open Morning

### Tuesday 15th October

Careers Fair (1830hrs) – St Albans Hall

### Thursday 17th October

Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening (1600hrs)

### Friday 18th October

Half Term commences (students depart at 1540)

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## News from the Governing Body

Mrs R Lawson and Dr J Braeckman

For the Governing Body the year has been busier than many others, with, to name but one exceptional item, the build of the Sports Hall and Science Block occupying space on our agenda. As Governors it is our duty to assure the College is in a good place on all fronts. Improving facilities for our students, in a financially prudent and strategic manner, is a project that the Governing Body has worked on for a decade. We are sure that the new opportunity to be, for example, a district host for sports fixtures - thanks to the new regulation size space and, with regards Science, the ability to provide increased purpose built classroom space for all students studying science, will be tangible upgrades,

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### *News from the Governing Body continued*

which will serve the College well. The demand for science classrooms is, of course, greater than other A level curriculum secondary schools, as 100% of our students require classroom space, versus an average of around 20% nationally. At a combined cost of circa £5m we are proud of the College's financial stewardship, of generous donations and

of the successful application for a £50,000 Wolfson grant to make the builds possible.

We now need to repurpose the vacated areas and seek your support by way of donations for this follow-on project. It is our intention to convert the gym into a new Sixth Form Centre and the former Science classrooms into repurposed teaching space and enhanced accommodation for Durham House.

Very high on our agenda this year has been Brexit – whether we like it or not. Work continues behind the scenes to make plans for the eventual outcome – whatever and whenever this might come to pass. As parents will realise from their own experiences, it is almost impossible to plan for the unknown, so there is a lot of Governing Body deliberation and options appraisal planning required. We believe that never has our international, global ethos been more relevant. It is something we intend to retain and cherish.

Additionally this term we said farewell to our Principal, Mr Richard Markham. Richard is taking up the position of the Chief Executive Officer at IBSCA – the International Baccalaureate Schools and Colleges Association - in a role which he will no doubt relish. We congratulate Richard and celebrate the positive

feedback we have received from parents and students. Since September 2013, Hockerill Anglo-European College has been led by Mr Markham, at a busy, exciting, successful and also challenging point in its history. This period has been a time of tremendous national change for education on many fronts, through which the College has charted a positive course, with a Principal, whose passion for education and love of teaching, whose professional public presence and networking with local schools, has resulted in a highly positive view of our College in the local community and amongst parents and students alike. During this time, the College has maintained its reputation for outstanding teaching and has had consistently excellent examination results.

There will be a short inter-regnum, during which period, Mr Alasdair MacKenzie, Vice Principal, Pastoral, (who successfully completed his National Professional Qualification for Headship in May 2018) and Ms Sarah Pearson, Vice Principal, Curriculum, (who recently joined us after her role as Principal of a leading international school for ages 3-18 in London) will share the interim leadership role jointly. Hockerill is a very, very special place and we will work on a recruitment plan to engage our next Principal in a timely, thoughtful and professional manner.

We wish you a relaxing summer and thank students, staff and parents for enabling Governors to preside over such an outstanding College. Our work is voluntary. Our reward is the honour and pride in witnessing the friendships, experiences and outcomes for every member of the Hockerill community.

## Speech Day

We thought Speech Day 2018 was as hot as it was possible to be but 2019 was even warmer, despite the heat the consensus was that it was a wonderful morning. We have come to expect the musical performances will be fantastic and they did not disappoint. The Senior Prefects each spoke from the heart with Jen Winship focusing on the environment and Kristian Peters concentrating on resilience. As the temperature in the marquee continued to rise Dr Braeckman, Joint Chair of Governors, chose to dispense with the closing speech, throwing her notes in the air with a flourish, and wished everyone a wonderful summer.

Prizewinners, Year 13 and their families were then all treated to a fantastic reception on the Cedar Lawn giving everyone the opportunity to celebrate another successful year.





# Year 11 Prom

Mrs F Whiteley, Head of Year 11

Planning for the Year 11 Prom took place many months ahead of time. This key event in the Year 11 calendar was given the high level of care and attention it deserved. The date was set for the day of the last major exam on the 17th of June. Meetings with eager groups of students and planning of the theme, colour scheme, invites and table plans was well underway long before the first exam was even thought about. I particularly appreciated Hannah Budd and Olivia Waring making the necessary changes once I had produced what I thought was the perfect table plans – thanks girls that was well executed.

The theme of 'Old Hollywood' was given universal approval and I was particularly delighted that the students asked for a formal dinner. Three courses of splendid food, catered and served by the in-house team from Holroyd Howe, was well-received by all, including the thirty staff who attended. This record number of staff reflects how positive the staff feel about the wonderful Year 11 students. Each table was themed as an Old Hollywood movie and the clapperboards, individualised movie decorations, movie posters and background musical numbers brought Hollywood to Hockerill for the evening. After dinner a video disco and laser show, whilst not exactly reflecting the 'Old Hollywood' theme, was a lovely end to the evening. Above all the weather stayed fine and we were all able to relax and enjoy the start of a lovely long summer.

I would like to give my thanks to Mr Whiteley for helping me make all of the table props during the exeat weekend and for putting up with the general chaos that has surrounded our lounge and dining table for the past few weeks! The Year 11 Tutor team, Mrs Cattermole, Mrs Ashlee-McCrae, Mrs Humphris, Mr Smith and the Print Room team all added their support to help make the evening a great success. Year 12 and 10 students led by our Senior Prefects, Theo Clark and Rhea Willson, proved to be excellent photographers, hosts and very efficiently helped to dismantle and re-organise the dining room at the end of dinner.



# Sixth Form News

Mr S Clark

## Year 13 Prom

The Year 13 Leavers' Ball was held at Parklands, Quendon Hall, on Wednesday 26th June, which was a glorious evening, with the both the setting and the students looking fabulous. Year 13 celebrated the end of their time at Hockerill with a three course meal, speeches and form videos, a speech from Ms Spencer, Head of Year 13, and Mr Clark, Director of Sixth Form, followed by a disco. Staff enjoyed catching up with what students have been up to since finishing their exams and having the chance to wish them well in whatever they chose to do in the future.



## Year 12 Induction

On Friday 21st June, the Sixth Form team took a group of 110 students (some current and some new, including new boarders) to High Lodge, Thetford Forest, for the Induction Day.

It was a fantastic and exhausting day swinging through the trees at



great heights, balancing across challenging high wires and leaping across expanses to grasp hold of safety netting. Combat teams took part in Battlefield Live, an authentic combat experience using gaming guns. 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 before all enjoying a delicious BBQ. 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 and we look forward to building on that in September.

## Election Count

A number of Year 12 students played an important role in the success of the East Herts District and Parish Election Count at Watson Park, organised by East Herts Council.

The students carried in ballot boxes as they



arrived at the count and then joined count assistants to sort and count votes.

Student Anna Gallo said: "I've never taken part in anything like this before. It was exciting to be part of the count and see democracy in action. I'm looking forward to using my vote as soon as I can."

## Mrs Lee

Mrs Lee, our fabulous Sixth Form Administrator, leaves us after five years; she will be sorely missed by the Sixth Form Team and also the Sixth Form students. She has done an incredible job in terms of the organisation of all the Sixth Form events and has been instrumental in the success of the Sixth Form over the last five years. We wish her the very best of luck in her new position and with her university studies.





# Year 7 Review of the Year

Mr A Whiteley, Head of the Lower College

Hockerill always begins each academic year with between a quarter and a third of all the students being "new". This is a fantastic opportunity for everyone who has been here for some years to make new friends and learn about new people but it also presents a challenge to receive and assimilate all the eager contributions of new students, staff and even parents. We value our community spirit and the contribution everyone makes to the culture we enjoy at Hockerill. Year 7 began with new parents' morning where all of the parents of Year 7 came in to meet the form tutors and to network with each other. Many came with instructions from their sons and daughters to get to know the parents of their new friends.

Often there is so much going on it is easy to forget that at the core each individual's academic success is the hard work and rigour of lessons in lots of subjects however the extra things that we do are often the memorable group highlights. In our first curriculum Enrichment Day all of Year 7 were guided through the protocols and organisation of the United Nations, by a team of Year 12 students. Each child had a country to be a representative delegate and had to research the issues of that country. The day culminated with a model General Assembly where all of the students dressed to identify their country with hats, scarves, robes and flags. A lively debate ensued around issues of education, equality, the environment and inclusion. Some resolutions were passed, others were soundly rejected.

In the second half of the Michaelmas term a small group of students performed their version of "Stick Man" in a number of local primary schools and in doing so completed a service project. The end of this term is always filled with Christmas events which, after having become accustomed to what goes on in their primary school, are all new to Year 7. The Christmas Jumpers, Lunch, College Carol practice, Carol Service and end of term assembly in All Saints' Church brought a very good first term to a festive close.

The Lent term saw the second Enrichment Day where the students considered the effects of Space Travel on the body and the mind. There was rocket design and programming as well as interesting talks from visiting experts. A group of staff were asked to read and promote one of six books nominated for the Essex Book Award. The students prepared a very successful display of all the books with artwork, creative writing and models in the Chapel and all student could vote for their favourite. The winning book was "The Extinction Trials" by S M Wilson. I promoted "Mud" by Emily Thomas, rather unsuccessfully! The students' English lessons were enriched by the visiting Young Shakespeare Company with their modern interpretation of Romeo and Juliet. In February, as usual, we eagerly anticipated a "Snow Day" (which never arrived!) and

each Equipe competed against each other at Rugby and Hockey. The extensive clubs programme was well supported by Boarders and Day students alike and the Girls Netball team are the proud winners of the District Netball Championship and at the other end of the spectrum of activities it was fun to see the Story Club all bundled into the Menet room, squeaking in the leather chairs, listening to "Wee Free Men" by Terry Pratchett.

There have been excellent trips to France and Germany for the Year 7 students this year. These have been very well planned, well led and were thoroughly enjoyed by students and staff alike. The French trip to Normandy gave some of the students the opportunity to meeting some real veterans, and listened to their stories of 75 years ago, showing them kindness and respect. Similarly the German class enjoyed Munich, going to school and to the mountains. I know just how much effort goes into planning and running a successful residential trip in another county and I join with the students in saying thanks to the teachers who have given up so much of their own time to enrich the education of our students. This term many students have enjoyed participating in the f5 lunchtime Equipe cricket competition with one student so excited he got padded up at break ready for his match at lunchtime! The final Enrichment Days of the year looked at Antarctica, of which one student commented, "It is very big", focusing on Exploration, Transport, Habitation and Meteorology. Now that the year is ended we have sadly said farewell to Paz, Vijay, Alvaro and Carlos, wishing them well as they return home. Paz told me she can now think and even dream in English! As the year has passed the Year 7 children have maintained a positive momentum as they have built a group identity within the College, added to the diversity of the culture under the careful guidance and support of their excellent form tutors all of whom have worked incredibly hard to support and guide them. Year 7 are ready to be Year 8, I know they will set the correct example to the next group of new students and help them to settle in and make a positive contribution. All of the children will continue to develop as individuals and as a fantastic cohort of Hockerill students.



## Why MUN is more important than ever

Adam Wilson, Yr 12, Co-President of Model United Nations

Brexit. Donald Trump. Venezuela. North Korea. Iran. In the world we live in today, there is a seemingly endless array of flashpoints and controversies for the world to contend with. The road to dealing with these problems lies in internationalism and diplomatic discussion – values embedded in the consciousness of the United Nations.

Here at Hockerill, we are lucky to have a vibrant and flourishing international community, in which boarders and day students alike speak dozens of languages and come from hundreds of cultural backgrounds. In the Sixth Form, the truly global nature of the College manifests itself in the Model United Nations. It is here that Hockerill's best debaters try to get to grips with some of the most serious issues that the world is dealing with today, from climate change to Khamenei to Kim Jong-Un.

With previous discussion covering the legalisation of marijuana, the debate about abortion, the nuclear deal with Iran and the missile crisis in North Korea, MUN prepares students for the world they enter when they leave the school in Year 13. In today's political climate, the role of the Model United Nations in helping students develop into global citizens is even more vital than ever.

The world we live in is full of turmoil and trouble. The need for literacy in

the art of international diplomacy, and the need for an understanding of foreign and global affairs, has never been more important. Participating in Model United Nations, whether at the College or at an MUN Conference, is an interesting and enjoyable way to get involved in something that will continue to affect students throughout their lives. After all, the United Nations is the organisation that can authorise military interventions, promulgate worldwide declarations and respond quickly to crises wherever and whenever they show up. In short, it is one of the most important organisations on the planet. A chance to get first-hand experience with its working is an opportunity that should not be passed up.

Indeed, the UN will affect the lives of current students more than those of any other generation. Although it was founded in 1945, economic and ideological divides during the Cold War meant that disputes referred to the world's foremost intergovernmental organisation often became deadlocked. The world that emerged after the fall of communism, multi-dimensional and multinational as it is, is one of far greater intricacies and details than ever before. Whether it is the Sustainable Development Goals for tackling illiteracy, the international war on poverty or the huge and growing effort to tackle climate change, the United Nations is something that plays a role in student's lives from the moment they are born.

Attending and taking an active part in the United Nations is one of the best possible ways for students to engage in the world around them. As President, it is my pleasure to invite every prospective Year 12 and every existing Sixth Former to attend next year's opening session in September.



## Rotary Young Musician

Mr O Bond

The Rotary Club of Bishop's Stortford runs an annual Young Musician Competition and this year four Hockerill students were class-winners during the day, and represented their classes at the evening finals. These were Noah Czajkowski (Winner of Junior Brass), Sakura Fish (Winner of Intermediate Strings), Olivia Rnjak (Winner of Intermediate Vocal) and Kyle Mantere (Winner of Senior Piano).

In the evening finals, Noah was placed as runner up in the Junior Category and Sakura placed joint runner up in the Intermediate Section. Olivia won the Young Vocalist of the Year. Well done to them all!



## CCF Central Camp

Captain N Ashlee-McCrae

On Sunday 30th June - 4th July, a number of CCF Cadets attended CCF Central Camp in York. This year we have been allocated a place at Wathgill camp at Catterick. Cadets from Year 8-12 attended and took part in both Military and Adventure training activities. CCF Central Camp is the one time in the year to put all the skills learnt throughout the year into practice as well as a great opportunity to meet other cadets from around the country. Hockerill College CCF cadets have enjoyed taking part in a muddy obstacle course and high ropes course as well as a 24hr exercise where seniors and juniors are able to advance their skill set. When completing the military skills aspect of the camp they have participated in advanced tactics, a paintball range and section attacks. Overall, attending a Central Camp is a great experience for any cadet and one that fills them with fantastic memories and experiences to take into the future. My thanks go to the dedicated CCF staff who have given up their time to accompany this trip.

## F5 Equipe Cricket

Mr G Dinwiddy

After another successful f5 cricket season, we gathered to play the last round of four matches on Speech Day afternoon. Brunel Blues went into the day unbeaten and with a spectacular batting performance from captain Luke Hale they were crowned champions for the second year in a row. Luke was top scorer over the competition, with a combined total of 107 runs over the six, five-over matches, and Charlie Fair, also of the Blues, was the most prolific bowler, taking 5-35. There were wins for Pascal Blaise, Goethe Grizzlies, and Brunel Bees and all students enjoyed the hot weather, barbeque, and a visit from an ice cream van that we have been listening to over many previous lunchtime matches. The day was capped off with the presentation of the trophy with 'champagne' sprayed in celebration.



5 EQUIPE F5 CRICKET 2019

Team	Played	W	D	T	L	Net Run Rate	Runs Scored	Over Batting	Wickets	Points
1. BRUNEL BLUES	6	6	0	0	0	5.7	246	21.2	11.6	17
2. BRUNEL BEES	6	5	0	1	0	1.4	253	28.3	8.9	13
3. PASCAL BLAISE	6	4	0	2	0	0.4	254	27.8	9.1	11
4. GOETHE GRIZZLIES	6	2	4	0	2	-0.2	246	27.0	9.1	5
5. GRIZZLIES	6	2	0	4	2	-1.3	186	27.3	8.8	5
6. GLADIATORS	6	2	0	4	0	-1.9	223	28.2	7.6	5
7. PACERS	6	2	0	4	0	-1.9	228	28.8	7.9	5
8. DAREDEVILS	6	1	0	5	0	-2.0	205	28.0	7.2	4

## Go Green Hockerill

Mrs E Wilson

Go Green club has had an exciting term with the launch of its bid to make Hockerill an official Eco School.

More and more students are becoming aware of the urgency of the climate change threat and there is a demand for more action. At Go Green, we are proud of what we have achieved in recent years, including eliminating the use of plastic bottles in the refectory and campaigning for action on local air pollution. We believe that becoming an Eco School will help us to focus our efforts and take further practical steps.

We held our first Eco-Schools committee meeting in late May with an enthusiastic and vocal group of students from Year 7-12, along with staff members, Governor

Stephen Beach and Ashley Bowden of Holroyd Howe. Committee members voted on three focus areas for the new academic year – reducing litter, cutting food waste and reviewing energy consumption.

The committee will meet to review progress once every half term and we would welcome further support from any parents who have expertise in this field. The latest Eco-Schools and Go Green news will be displayed on our recently acquired noticeboard in the cloister.

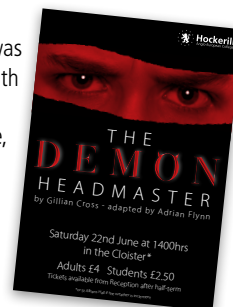
Eco-Schools is a global programme with headquarters in Denmark. It grew out of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in the 1990s and now involves 19.5 million children in 67 countries.

Hockerill is aiming to achieve Green Flag Eco-Schools status by the end of the 2019-20 academic year.

## Demon Headmaster

Mr E Darley

After days of heavy rain, the sun came out especially for the Year 7, 8 & 9 production of "The Demon Headmaster" in the cloister. All of the cast's hard work was rewarded with an excellent performance, which was enjoyed by a capacity audience.





# Careers Department News

Mrs A Winship

Summer Term is always a busy one for the Careers Department with Mock Interviews for the Year 10s and 12s, Work Shadowing for Year 9 and Morrisby Profiling for Year 10. This year it has been even busier as we have been going through the reaccreditation process for the Quality In Careers Standard, which is **the** national quality award for careers education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG) in schools, colleges and work-based learning. The Department for Education recommends that all secondary schools work towards, achieve and maintain the standard and we are delighted to have been successful in this process once again.

Next term we look forward to our biennial Careers Fair, Map It Out, on Tuesday 15th October. If there are any parents who would be willing to have a stand that evening to talk to students about their career or the industry or organisation they work in please get in touch via [careers@hockerill.com](mailto:careers@hockerill.com)



QUALITY IN CAREERS  
STANDARD

CAREERS FAIR

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Tuesday 15th Oct  
1830hrs -2030hrs

If you could host a stand at this event and talk to students about your career or industry, please contact  
**Mrs Winship, Careers Manager**  
[careers@hockerill.com](mailto:careers@hockerill.com)



## Boarding News

Mrs C Faiers

So we have reached the end of one of the busiest, and shortest, terms. The term commenced with exams and culminated with the wonderful Speech Day event that offered all the usual pomp and ceremony that all the incredible achievements at Hockerill deserve. It was a pleasure to see new Year 7 boarders through to Year 13 boarders receiving prizes for their academic and co-curricular achievements. Students have also enjoyed the ever-popular Warner Brothers Harry Potter Studio Tour, Footgolf, Aqua Splash and the Sports Dinner. On Sunday 23rd June we held our first open air cinema event showing Avengers – Infinity War. The event was a huge success with full, weekly and flexi boarders invited to attend, and one which we very much hope to repeat in the future.

It has been a wonderful year in Boarding and as the term closes we wave goodbye to our Year 13 students, some of whom have been at Hockerill for seven years. They will be greatly missed but we wish them every success for what we are sure will be extremely bright futures and we are certain that they will come back to visit when the opportunity arises.

We are delighted that so many Year 11 students will be staying with us to continue their studies in the Sixth Form. They have already enjoyed the "On Board and Beyond" induction days, a Year 12 social and Go Ape alongside the students who will be joining us for the first time. We hope that the Year 11s who have chosen to move on to pastures new have a positive experience whatever they have decided to do.

We also say a fond farewell to Ms Hillcoat-Hyde, the Head of Rochester House as she has been appointed as an Assistant Principal to an Independent School in Hertfordshire and Ms Dennard from Roding House who has taken on an exciting role of Matron at an Independent School in Norfolk. Also leaving us this term are Mrs Hudson, Mr Boyle and Mrs Skinner. We wish them all well.



## Rugby Tour Fundraising Park Run

Mr W Conolly

On Saturday 22nd June a group of 41 Year 7-9 students started their fundraising for the July 2020 Rugby Tour of Colorado by completing a 5km Park Run at Castle Park. The hot and humid weather made completing the run more difficult, Fynn Rushman should be commended for winning amongst the Hockerill cohort. Notable mentions must go to Callum Abouharb and Brendan O'Reilly for braving the tough conditions and showing real grit and determination. Not only was this an excellent opportunity to raise much-needed funds for the upcoming tour, it also brought the group together, with a shared goal before next summer's tour. The 41 Hockerill students and 3 staff ensured that a new attendance record of 483 was set for the Castle Park Park Run. Well done to all involved.



# German trips and exchanges

Mrs A Sellers

Once again, the summer term has been a busy time for the German department with three trips and exchanges taking place.

Year 7 had their first taste of German culture on their study trip to Munich just before half-term. They got to put their language skills to the test, explore the city as well as the mountains and countryside around, visit the football stadium and try typical food. The highlight was a day visiting a German school, getting to know some students while enjoying the excellent facilities and even being brave enough to present information about Hockerill in German.

Year 8 this year participated in exchanges to Potsdam and our new partner school in Lübeck, both of which were very successful. As always, it was impressive to see the students' language skills in action and to witness how confidently and independently they were finding their way around a foreign country. The experience of living with another family and being fully immersed



in their life has been unforgettable for everyone, and some of the new friendships formed will surely last for a long time.

## French Department Trips and Exchanges

Year 8 immersion trip to Maison Claire Fontaine

Miss N Spirli

From the 10th to the 15th of June 2019, our lovely Year 8 went on an adventure to the beautiful rural region of Burgundy, accompanied by Mr Kelly, Mrs Rajakumar and Miss Spirli. They worked hard on their French in the mornings, created their own mosaic, baked a typical French patisserie and impressed us with their team spirit during the kayak and tree adventure activities. A fantastic life experience and great opportunity to forge new friendships.



Normandy Trip

Mrs A Fisher

From the 29th May to 3rd June 55 Year 7 students went to Normandy accompanied by Dr Millan, Mrs Jones, Miss Spirli, Mrs Marin, Mrs Fisher and Mr Dinwiddy for complete immersion in the French language and culture. The highlights of the trip were: buying food on a typical French market, discovering St Malo, visiting the Bayeux Tapisserie then the impressive Cathedral. The students were delighted to visit the Mont Saint Michel and cross the bay especially as the weather was perfect for the occasion. They also participated in activities organised in la Grand'Ferme: making bread, games in the swimming pool, treasure hunts, learning circus tricks. At the end of each day, they had to complete various activities in their journal and write a summary of their day which was an opportunity to practice their written skills. After that, they earned free time and could enjoy the great facilities. I am very proud of the students who were willing to participate in all the activities, speak French and even try eating snails.

Year 8 Versailles Exchange

Mr C Audouin.

Twenty two Year 8 students went to St Germain en Laye from 8th June to 16th June, they stayed in French families and discovered "la vie en famille en France". They attended lessons for two days and did some excursions; a visit to the "Chateau de Breteuil" and the "Palais de Versailles" were amongst the highlights. During their down time they did a "Treasure Hunt in the town of St Germain, Go Ape and played mini golf.





# Library News

Mrs S Bruce

Following their success at the Essex Book Awards last term, students from Books & Biscuits Club selected a special microphone, (which we can't wait to receive), as part of their prize. The students won the award for Best Film Trailer of a Book <http://tinyurl.com/HAEC-EBA-2019-book-trailer> judged by IntoFilm.org, who along with donating the money towards the new equipment, also plan to deliver a workshop on editing films next term to assist the group with future projects.

The summer term has seen the shadowing of the Carnegie and Kate Greenaway book awards, culminating in our Books & Biscuits CKG Awards Afternoon Tea, when our choices together with the official results were revealed. A small, but dedicated group of students read the shortlisted titles, and were not too disappointed with the official results!

## HAEC Parents' Reading Group

We have also come to the end of another successful year with the HAEC Parents' Reading Group, which meets approximately once a month. This year's selection of books offered plenty of variety and sparked much lively debate, and we would like to thank the members for their commitment to the sessions. We will reconvene in the Michaelmas Term with a Macmillan Coffee Morning.

## Year 10 visit to Harlow Outdoors

Mrs A Geissler

On Wednesday 12th June the whole of Year 10 attended a morning of adventurous activities at Harlow Outdoors. The purpose of the day was to undertake new challenges and experiences such as High Ropes and Rock Climbing and to stretch and push themselves out of their comfort zone. The students worked incredibly hard and supported one another fully. The Raft Building activity proved to be a particular highlight among the students as the rafts were not so buoyant and left students wading in the water retrieving parts of their rafts! The day concluded with an ice cream which rounded off an enjoyable day. Thank you to the staff who helped run a smooth and successful day.



## Anton Trusty

Mrs A Humphris

Anton competed this term in the Karate Sport England International Open Championships at the Harlow LeisureZone, on Sunday 28th April, taking part in three events: the individual kata event, the individual boys 11-13 kumite (fighting) event and the boys 11-13 team kumite event.

He managed to win gold medals in both the individual and team kumite events! Medalling at this international competition means that he now qualifies to represent England at the IKU World championships in Brazil. This is a fantastic achievement and we look forward to hearing about even more success in the future.



## Canterbury Summer Fete

Mrs S Foster

Canterbury Summer Fete took place on Friday 21st June to raise funds for Cancer Research and Alzheimer's Society.

We had a bake, sweet and drink sale, higher or lower card game, tombola, penalty shoot-out, guess how many sweets in the jar, teachers in stocks and a parent and staff raffle. The afternoon was absolutely amazing and the weather was glorious, everyone had a wonderful time.

All together we raised £1277!







## Year 8 Geography trip

Esther Wilson and Alice Borman, Year 8

On the 10th May we got the opportunity to visit Walton-on-the-Naze to complete our Geography Fieldwork, investigating the changes that Walton-on-the-Naze is undergoing and the management in place. After form time we took a bus ride to the centre of the town. Our year group was split in half to carry out our first activity; environmental quality surveys of different areas in the town. We then conducted another survey, this time a questionnaire for local residents and visitors to the town. Next was lunch time (which we all enjoyed). Then we walked up the coast to observe the coastal defences at Walton and conducted other investigations about longshore drift. We all really enjoyed the day. Once back in College we wrote up our results in our booklets in class to finish our projects. Thank you to all the teachers who helped out and organised the day.

Mrs F Garland

As teachers we were all extremely impressed with the Year 8's enthusiasm and engagement with the project, both on the trip and throughout the follow up work in class. There were a number of projects that demonstrated both an outstanding effort and achievement, which is really pleasing. A number of students will receive a prize in the final assembly for their high quality work and high effort.



## Year 10 Geography trip

Kate Hayward, Mia Byng and Harriet Dunne, Year 10

On the 8th June, the Year 10 Geographers travelled to Surrey for an investigation of the flood risk in the River Tillingbourne. We stayed in the lovely Juniper Hall, the staff were very welcoming and we learned a lot from Daniel and Roxy's geographical knowledge. We ventured to three different sites on the river and found the width, depth and velocity of the channel, in order to answer our enquiry question. We believe that this trip has been very beneficial towards our GCSE course. The Year 10 Geography classes would like to thank the staff at Juniper Hall and the teachers at Hockerill who organised the trip.

Mrs F Garland

The Year 10's have worked extremely hard and made significant progress on their knowledge and understanding of the fieldwork enquiry process, as well as river environments and flood risk. They worked hard out in the field and in lessons until 8pm every evening. The staff were extremely complementary about our students' manners, knowledge and enthusiasm, saying they were the best school group they had taught all year! Well done Year 10!

## Spanish Exchange

After a successful visit to Santiago over October half term, we were looking forward to seeing our exchange partners again at the beginning of this term. The Spanish students enjoyed trips to Cambridge and London as well as time at Hockerill. On their final afternoon in College, we treated them to an English afternoon tea. The extended exeat gave the chance for more sightseeing or going further afield with host families and on the Bank Holiday Monday, the group had a great afternoon bowling, before going on to Pizza Express for supper, a fantastic end to a very successful exchange.



## Innovation

Miss N Spirli

On the 5th of June 2019, 3 colleagues from Lycée Saint François-Xavier in Vannes, France, visited us to develop links with the College around the promotion of international-mindedness and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Our French native Year 12 were able to share their experience of the IB at Hockerill, reflecting on the differences between the French Baccalaureate and the DP. Olivia, Saskia and Tristan kindly volunteered to prepare a presentation to give some insight into TOK, EE and CAS for prospective students at Lycée Saint François-Xavier. A first step in our new partnership with this wonderful French Sixth Form.





## GCSE Exams and Ice cream Tuesday

Mrs F Whiteley, Head of Year 11

The Year 11 students coped incredibly well with their tough GCSE exam schedule which spanned a period of 5½ weeks. This schedule was interrupted briefly by half term when the students could aim for a little more rest and recuperation.



Smiling faces and gregarious groups of students discussing the latest exam greeted me every morning during the exam period. Heads in revision books and eyes scanning the pages in the minutes leading up to the exams became the snapshot image of the students before they were called into line. Their attitude and the positive approach that they displayed could not have been better. Mrs Dewhurst, our Exam Officer, was so pleased with their attention to detail and all round good efforts that the idea of ice cream Tuesday was generated. On the 11th June the ice cream van duly arrived at College and was in-situ and ready to dispense ice creams when the students had finished a long Maths exam. They were most grateful for this treat and it gave them just the break they needed before the majority of them had to sit their afternoon History exam.

## Hockerill Quizzers see off Eton College again to win European Championship

The Hockerill History Quiz team of Edward Braeckman, George Braeckman, Adam Wilson and Thomas Wilson have been crowned European Champions in the International History Bee and Bowl Competition Varsity Division (seniors) at the recent championships, which took place in Paris. The competition is a University Challenge style event with teams answering questions on the buzzer. The boys, who were already British champions, competed against teams from Switzerland, France, Italy, Qatar and Great Britain before reaching the final against Eton College. Having already beaten Eton in the qualifying rounds of the competition in the UK the boys knew that their opponents would be keen to reverse that result but were nonetheless confident and emerged again as the stronger team. Adam Wilson also became European Geography Bee Champion; this is an individual competition. Marina Fraser, Hockerill's Head of Humanities and the team coach said, "We are immensely proud of the boys. They have a fierce intellect and an amazing knowledge

## Equipe Competition of Monologues & Duologues

Mrs A Piperaki

The Equipe Competition of Monologues & Duologues took place for the first time on Thursday 16th May with an aim to celebrate the variety of talent across the College. The event ran for three days during break and lunch time in the Drama Studio. Students from all Equipes were invited to represent their forms with a scene delivered individually or in pairs. The eight Equipe Prefects helped adjudicate the process and were very impressed with the quality of all presentations. The fifteen participants from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 represented their forms with pride and enthusiasm and also received 5 Equipe points each. In the end of the process, the judging panel had to select the four best performances which was not easy at all! Finally, we decided to give first place with 100 points to Beth Honeyford 7P for the way she captivated the audience from beginning to end with her own monologue, second place with 75 points to Jola Olawoyin 8P for his confident and well-projected performance of The Wild Animal Song Contest by Adrian Mitchell, third place with 50 points to Millie Richards 9D for her powerful delivery of her own well-crafted script and in fourth place Ildara Saez Allende 7B with 25 points for her passionate approach throughout the presentation of her own monologue. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the adjudicators and participating performers for their amazing attitude, commitment and enthusiasm and I do hope they enjoyed the whole process as much as I did! Well done to all!



of history. They practise diligently each week. This is a great achievement" This is not the first success for this team who are current Bishop's Stortford Rotary Quiz Champions and who, in 2016 as juniors, won the European Championship.

## HPF Update

Richard Johnson

As another successful term ends, we'd like to let you know how your support of HPF has helped the school.

Earlier this term, we bought new blinds for St Albans Hall and secured a grant to provide £2,000 towards sports equipment for the soon-to-be-completed sports hall. A very generously supported raffle, organised by HPF, at the recent Hampers & Champers event will also add to the financial success of the event.

In June we presented at the New Students'

Morning and now have twenty new members of the 250 club. Many of the new parents also signed up to the Year 7 Facebook page. Our new blue polo shirts with the HPF logo (kindly subsidised by Fosters) clearly helped us to be more visible!

Our next social gathering will be on 14th September. Mark the date and watch out for further details; these will be sent to you via SIMS.

Our first meeting of the new academic year will be on 18th September in the Sixth Form Common Room at 8 pm. This is a very relaxed gathering

of existing members and any new parents, who wish to get involved. We always appreciate ideas, suggestions or offers of help, on either a one-off basis, or a more long-term one. The meeting never lasts more than an hour!

Finally a big thank you to the HPF committee of Annalisa, Debs, Erika, Jools, Katie and Natalie for all their efforts and enthusiasm, to the parents who volunteer to help and support us at our events and to all the staff at Hockerill for their assistance. Have a great summer!



## Hockerill Charity Haircut

On Thursday 20th June St Albans Hall was packed with students, staff and parents there to support their classmates in a charity haircut. The event was arranged by a dedicated group of Year 11 students, led by Keya Morzaria-Patel and Artie Littler, and overseen by Ms Davids, who commented, "The turnout and organisation are incredible! The team have worked so hard for a brilliant result. It's great that such huge numbers of supporters are here too. Thank you so much to the family and friends who have made it in today. I'm thrilled that the hall is packed!"

A total of twenty students and staff donated seven to twelve inches of their hair to the Little Princess Trust for wigs for cancer patients. Mr Coleman and Yr 11's Allan Lester shaved their heads. The ambitious £5000 sponsorship target for the charity event is for the Nancy Salmon Trust, and is well on the way to being met and hopefully exceeded.

The organising group explained "Most of us have loved ones who are, or have been, cancer patients and we felt it was important to raise awareness and resources. Hair grows back but we cannot get the moments with the ones we have lost." They added that they would like to have a movement of hair donors country wide. "It's a small price to pay for a huge reward."

Steadily with cheers and excitement, the stream of brave hair donors of all ages stepped on to the stage for their cut and then moved to the makeshift salon where their hair would be styled. Half a dozen volunteer stylists, including from Bishop's Stortford's Zoo Hair salon, calmly worked their combs and scissors and the organisers are very grateful for their support. Morrisons provided much needed refreshments for the volunteers and the bake sale.

Donations can still be made until September and you can read about the charities being supported.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/hockerillhaircut>



## Grade8athon

On the 2nd of July, the music department's Mrs Morrow-Plant took on the most amazing challenge of sitting eight ABRSM music exams from grades 1-8 in a single day, with each exam being on a different instrument. This was to raise money for Petals, a charity that offers specialised counselling for parents who have experienced trauma or loss during pregnancy and birth. Mrs Morrow-Plant had to learn and memorise 184 scales and arpeggios, learn and perform 24 pieces of music, perform 8 more pieces that she had never seen before and have 8 aural tests. Petals is a small charity and will benefit greatly from Mrs Morrow-Plant's fantastic effort. To donate, please visit her JustGiving page by searching for #grade8athon.



## Year 9 Community Project

Mrs A Humphris

The Community Project was launched at the beginning of this academic year and all Year 9 students have worked extremely hard in completing individual projects to aid the local community and College community. The project culminated in the final IB enrichment days with oral presentations and visual displays of all their work. Students had the opportunity to observe and mark other students' presentations and then visited St Albans Hall to view the displays. In the afternoon they arrived at the polling station to vote for their favourite projects.

In third place were Brunel Group 2 – Emily, Jessica, Cecilia, Niamh and Molly for their project on the new College pond. This project was particularly exciting as they are able to pass on their plans to the new Year 9s to see their idea through.

In second place with their save the bees and batteries project were Niyoosha, Emily, Miah and Serena (Da Vinci Group 6). These students must be commended on their confidence to present to staff in the staff room.

In first place were Goethe Group 3 – Shanaya, Eniola, Maya, Lydia, Francesca, Olivia, Florence and Amélie. Their teamwork was outstanding and their



ability to formulate a comprehensive plan from the outset is what made them so successful. The overall comment from the teacher assessment was 'the presentation and research, delivery and effort put in to this project was outstanding'. We hope they continue their promotion of recycling plastics.



# 13th Hampers and Champers raises £10,000 for Development Fund

Mrs C Waring

On a beautiful balmy evening the annual Hampers and Champers extravaganza took place on the last Saturday of term and was an outstanding success.

Over 450 parents, students and friends of Hockerill attended the event which yet again sold out within hours of launch. Mr Bond, his team and the amazing talents of our student musicians put on a rip roaring show spanning 70s jazz funk, crowd pleasing soul and latest hits, which had the dance floor

packed out all night.

The event is staff run and we thank everyone for all their time and commitment to making the night such a success, and also the HPF team for kindly supporting by running the raffle.

With a couple of invoices still to come we're not sure of the final total, but we estimate a profit of £10,000 will have been made on the evening – and every penny goes towards developing facilities for our students.

