

Message from the Joint Acting Principals

Sarah Pearson and Alasdair Mackenzie



This newsletter provides a snapshot of the activities that have taken place this term. It is a testament to our commitment to our mission statement

where our students are given so many opportunities to develop into well-rounded, successful and happy young people.

The staff at Hockerill also fully embrace the philosophy of life-long learning and we are delighted to announce that Mrs Mackenzie has recently completed the UN Climate Change Teacher course. Hockerill is the first school in Bishop's Stortford to have a UN Climate Change teacher and our College will be marked on a global map of all qualified teaching schools. Through this qualification, Mrs Mackenzie will gain access to the online Climate Change teaching resources and will be able to cascade these to the College. This along with our work to gain accreditation as an EcoSchool puts us at the forefront of addressing environmental issues.

At the end of term, we say farewell to a number of staff who are taking next steps in their careers. We wish Ms

Bongiovi, Mr Kelly, Mr Snell and Miss Bell every success in their new roles. They have all played an important part in contributing to the success of the College. Mrs Pierrejean is also leaving having committed 13 years to the College. Mrs Pierrejean's contribution to boarding has been significant; both as a Head of House and as Director of Boarding. Mrs Pierrejean's breadth of teaching skills have enabled her to teach RE, PE, PSHE and Geography. Her contribution to Hockerill's clubs programme, most notably providing swimming and horse-riding opportunities were much appreciated by a number of our students. Mrs Pierrejean will be greatly missed by the whole College community.

In January we will welcome Ms Clements who joins us as a teacher of English. Mrs Hayes who will offer PE, Geography, PSHE and RE, Mr Orlando who will teach Italian, French and Spanish; and we welcome back Frau Lang who will be teaching German and History. Ms Ward will extend her teaching to Psychology in addition to her Music commitments. Mrs Winship will extend her role in Careers to cover University Admissions. We wish Mrs Geissler and Mrs Sellers all the very best as they take maternity leave.

We wish you and your family a wonderful break over the festive season.

News from the Governing Body

Mrs R Lawson

We've done it!

Let's celebrate....It's ten years ago, following a strategic review of the College site, that we started raising funds for new buildings. After various twists and turns, 2019 has seen the build and delivery of both our new Sports Hall and an eight classroom, state of the art Science Centre.

The result is a testament to the collaborative efforts of the whole community. Donations over this ten year period from the Development Fund of £300,000 have been instrumental as has the support of Hockerill Parents and Friends, who have been, and continue to be, particularly active.

We thank all our contributors most warmly. It's a wonderful achievement, and a moment for us all to feel proud of what we have brought to pass.

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NOTICES

Monday 6th January

Inset Day

Tuesday 7th January

Term Commences

Wednesday 8th January

Versailles Exchange Information Evening
1900 Chapel

Monday 13th January

Liege Exchange Information Evening
1900 Chapel

Friday 17th January

Year 11 Boarding Formal

Wednesday 22nd January

Year 12 Parent Teacher Consultation

Friday 24th January

Rugby Tour Fundraising Quiz Night
1900 Refectory

Saturday 25th January

Exeat Weekend

Tuesday 4th February

Year 8 Parent Teacher Consultation

Friday 14th February

End of Half Term
(Students depart at 1540)

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Christmas Carol Competition

Mr A Whiteley, Head of Lower College

This year we held our Biennial (word of the week commencing 25/11) Equipe Carol singing competition on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th December at lunchtime in St Albans' Hall. This years carol is "O Come all Ye Faithful". The purpose of the event is to encourage students and staff across the College to get good at singing a traditional Christian carol so that when we join together as a community in All Saints' church for our final assembly, we can "raise the roof". In final assembly Mr Bond plays the church organ, the College Big Band showcase their Brass section and we have Timpani as well. We are grateful to Mr Bond for giving up two lunchtimes in one of his busiest times of the College year to play the piano for us. Mr Gibson and his team set up the hall "in the round" with the piano in the middle and all the students facing towards it in their Equipe blocks. The senior competition was first and was well attended by students and staff alike. It was good to see the boys outnumbering the girls and singing enthusiastically if not always in tune! It being the run up to Christmas many of the really good singers were actually elsewhere in the Music Suite having a choir practice for the College Christmas show. Form tutors had clearly spent time rehearsing their groups and the result was tight. Da Vinci narrowly won pushing Goethe, with their "nice little descant" into second place. The lower College competition reached fever pitch before the children got into the hall and they were very excited. Brunel opened, which is always difficult, and the expertise of Dr Poles and Mr Dinwiddy could be heard as the driving force of the choir. There were some lovely junior voices ringing out as well. Goethe were next and they were well rehearsed and smiling with good intonation. The draw for positions had thrown up Da Vinci next and they made a great start then faded a bit in the middle and rallied back for a strong finish. Tune and timing were both



good. The last performance was by the members of Pascal who added some actions, nervously at first and developing in confidence. This enthusiasm and commitment clinched a victory for them. I am very grateful to all the staff who helped to rehearse the students, to those colleagues who attended the competition and supervised the children and joined in and to the staff who rearranged their lunchtime to accommodate this event. Through the "luck of the draw" or bad luck as some might say going first in both competitions didn't serve Brunel well, one competition was won by Da Vinci and the other by Pascal but because of their consistent second place in both events Goethe were the overall winners and were awarded 350 Equipe points.



Hockerill's First Pantomime

Mr E Darley

Over the term Drama, Music, Technology and Dance collaborated to stage the pantomime "Dick Whittington and His Cat". Pupils and students from years 7-13 worked together - as actors, musicians, stage crew, make-up artists and lighting technicians - to make it a success. On the 26th November it was performed to visiting primary school pupils and teachers who booed King and Queen rat with gusto. On the 28th, in the evening, and on the afternoon of the 30th adults and children did the same and cheered as Tommy the cat defeated the villains



Christmas Jumpers and Lunch

Mr Whiteley Head of Lower College



The last Wednesday of term is always Christmas Jumpers and Christmas Lunch. We have, for a long time asked for £1 to wear a Jumper and decided that it was time to ask for £2. We more than doubled last year's collection to a massive £1032. As usual we invited the students to nominate a charity to receive a quarter of the money raised and this year we are delighted to support the Great Ormond Street Hospital, Cancer Research, Save the Children Fund and the Sickle Cell Society.

There were over 500 students who participated in the event, the money was collected by the excellent team of Equipe prefects as the students entered the Refectory. The scope of the Jumpers was extensive, from home knits to high fashion, from comic to religious and some with built in electronics! It was good to see some old favourites, putting in their second or even third appearance and some being worn again by younger siblings of older students.

Each year we ask all our Prefect team, some 80 Year 13 students, to supervise the annual whole College Christmas lunch which takes over 2 hours of the day. The prefect team did a superb job in guiding the students, making sure they were in the right place at the right time, looking after the refectory, clearing up and setting out the tables for the never-ending stream of hungry students. They performed their duties with enthusiasm, good humour, Christmas spirit and an attention to timekeeping that we really only see on the Swiss and Japanese railways.

As with all service activities in College, the success of the event relied upon the whole team working together to achieve success. Their reward at the end was a special Christmas lunch just for their team, which they thoroughly enjoyed. We are grateful to our catering managers, chefs and staff of Holroyd Howe, the College catering team, for their extra hard work in preparing and delivering such a lovely menu. Additionally, I have to thank a number of our finest musicians who entertained the students with Christmas carols and familiar hits, this was an unexpected surprise to me and it was a lovely welcome addition.

I do hope you all have a very Happy Christmas and best wishes.



Sixth Form Winter Ball

Mr S Clark

Our Sixth Form students enjoyed the 'Winter Ball' which was organised by the Sixth Form Leadership Prefect Team and what an event it was! Following a delicious formal three-course meal in a bedecked Refectory, resplendent with white, black and gold decorations, the attendees played Casino games in the Refectory and danced the night away in the Sixth Form Common Room. With 214 of the 230 students in attendance, along with a number of the teaching staff, this reinforced the importance of these regular social activities. The evening was a huge success and a lovely end to what has been a very busy term. Congratulations to all involved in the organisation of this event, particularly the Sixth Form Leadership Prefect Team



GCSE Certificate Presentation Evening

Mrs F Whiteley, Head of Year 8 (Head of Year 11 2018- 2019)

Friday 29th of November was our annual GCSE certificate presentation evening and it was lovely to see the Year 11 Class of 2019 return to receive the congratulations that they so warmly deserved. The presentation evening was extremely well attended by students and parents which gave us all a great opportunity to praise the students for their achievements and the parents for their continued support. The evening started off with refreshments and canapes in the Refectory. This enabled all the students and parents to catch up with each other; it was lovely to hear the exchange of news and progress between the students. Although it is only a few months since they entered their Sixth Form studies it was clearly noticeable how much their confidence had increased. Welcoming back our former students and hearing how well they are doing in their new schools and colleges is always a special part of the evening. Our guest speaker for the evening was Laura Kennington. Laura is a British adventure athlete and author with a passion for the endurance capability of the human body. Laura is a proud ambassador for Ibex Earth; who are dedicated to instigating long-term, sustainable change

for the planet and she is also proudly partnered with This Girl Can; a national campaign developed by Sport England to encourage women everywhere to get active and feel proud. It was clear from her presentation that Laura is a strong believer in the positive impact that adventure and sport can have on us all. Her words and presentation slides were truly inspirational; I am sure she motivated parents as well as our Year 12 students to consider new challenges! As always, the music entertainment was a real highpoint of the evening. The trio of Guy Dempsey, David Harkness and Lewis James performed various Jazz numbers at the start of the evening. They were then joined by James Baird, Archie Fraser and Ben Osgood singing 'Let it be' and then 'Brasil'. Thanks to the whole cohort of students who leave me now with fond memories of their enthusiasm and dedication. It was an absolute pleasure to be their Head of Year and I look forward to continuing to hear about their successes and triumphs as they move on in their journey through education. I wish them all every success in the future and thank their team of Tutors for their support throughout their GCSE years.



News from the Governing Body

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Our fundraising campaign was further aided by a fantastic boost in funds, of £1.5m, from the successful CIF* bid, and a £50,000 grant from the Wolfson Foundation.

The result is not only an upgrade in facilities for PE and Science. The space released from relocating these two faculties unlocks further potential for other subjects. We are now raising funds to convert the gym into a fabulous, bigger

and better Sixth Form Centre, the Octagon will become a home for the Drama faculty, and Durham House boarding facilities are to be improved by the addition of a common room.

The former Science classrooms are to be used as a teaching hub for other departments.

We look forward to the official opening of these new facilities and we are delighted by the interest the Science Centre is generating for IB applications.

On behalf of the Governing Body I would like to wish you a festive, restive Yuletide before the busy year ahead, which will involve restoring the site to its usual clean and orderly appearance.

*CIF = Condition Improvement Fund
Condition Improvement Funding (CIF) is a scheme operated by the government for Academies and sixth-form colleges, which allows them to apply annually for funding.

Spanish Exchange

Dr C Millan Varela

As usual, the Spanish exchange took place during the first half of the October half-term, from Friday 18th October to Saturday 26th October. This trip offered students the opportunity to develop their communication skills in Spanish and to become fully immersed in the Spanish way of life. We enjoyed exploring the old part of Santiago and learning about its unique history and culture. Highlights of our stay were the trip to the beautiful city of A Coruña (where we visited Hercules Tower, the only Roman lighthouse still working in the world) and the tour around the stunning Rias Baixas region, which gave students a wider view of the beauty of this region and what it has to offer. We finished our stay with the legendary 'chocolate con churros' and we are looking forward to welcoming the Spanish group in February 2020.



GCSE Art Trip

Mrs K Lumbers

The objective of the Year 11 GCSE Art trip is to gather inspiration to support the students' GCSE Art coursework as well as increase their appreciation of exhibiting artists and this term was to The Royal Academy to see the Lucien Freud



exhibition, which provoked much debate back at College as they discussed it with fellow students. We also had time to look around the National Gallery and saw works by Van Gogh, Degas and Seurat to name a few, making it a full and very productive day.

Japanese Exchange

Leila Trusty, Year 11

On 18th October 2019, 11 GCSE and 6 Ab Initio Japanese students travelled to Japan alongside Mrs Rajakumar and Ms Davids as part of a cultural exchange program. After a 13-hour flight with a brief stop off at Frankfurt, we arrived safely at Tokyo-Haneda airport.

The first part of the experience was to be spent as a group, exploring the traditions and lifestyle away from the metropolitan buzz of Tokyo. We stayed in traditional accommodation on the first evening, then moved to a monastery in Nagano. We slept on traditional Japanese futons and ate traditional breakfasts usually comprising rice, miso soup, fish and various fruits. Our time in Nagano and in the local area was spent visiting several exciting places: a ninja museum and escape house, a soba-making workshop and as part of a special event organised by a group of families in the Matsumoto region, an ancient village, a wasabi farm and a traditional castle. In the evenings, we took the time to either explore the town centre, participate in meditational activities and the anxiously anticipated communal bathing experience, which most of us eventually agreed was fine once we got used to it. We also had the privilege of visiting two primary schools, Komaki and Wakatsuki elementary schools, where we were readily welcomed and integrated into their classes, not to mention showered with compliments, questions and origami. At the end of our time at the monastery, we rose early to be blessed by the head monk at the famous Zenkouji temple and to pass through the "Tunnel of Life," which was a bewildering yet culturally enriching experience to say the least.

We then travelled into Tokyo, which was practically worlds away from the relative serenity and tranquility of Nagano. We arrived at Keio Chutobu, the secondary school our exchanges attend, and

were reunited with our host partners. From this point onwards, our experiences were both unique and individual, as even during school hours we were seldom in the company of more than three other Hockerill students for long. We attended lessons with our partners, ate obento (Japanese packed lunch) with their friends and then accompanied them to their various club activities or met up with other groups to explore Tokyo. On the weekend, there was a combination of group trips and time spent alone with our host families, with many students going to one of the two Disneyland parks in Tokyo, as well as others visiting neighbouring regions and even renting a kimono for the afternoon. This truly gave us the opportunity to learn about and immerse ourselves in Japanese culture. Finally, the day before we left for the airport, we said goodbye to our exchanges and began the Tokyo Challenge, an urban orienteering activity created to encourage communication with Japanese pedestrians as well as seeing the sights of Tokyo, all with photographic and written evidence of course. Again, each student's experience will have been unique to them, as not every group travelled to the same places. However, it can be safely said that the combination of the need to earn points, teamwork, navigating the Japanese train system and a 17:00 curfew, all whilst relying heavily on our own Japanese speaking abilities, proved for an interesting day out. The trip ended with a celebratory meal and a karaoke booth, a fitting way

of saying goodbye to the strange yet wonderful country we had just experienced.

Now that we have returned from the journey, we often find ourselves reminiscing about places we saw or people we met during our brief time in Japan. It was a truly unforgettable experience, one that we were extremely fortunate to have, and it will no doubt have enhanced our own Japanese skills, if not at the very least taught us of the differences between Japan and England. Thank you to everyone who helped to organise this amazing trip.



Year 7 Enigma Day

Mr D Kelly

The week after half term James Grime, a mathematician whose areas of work include group theory, number theory and combinatorics, gave a presentation to Year 7 about Coding and how it has influenced History. He discussed the Spartans, Julius Caesar and Mary Queen of Scots. He concluded his talk with a demonstration of a real WW2 Enigma Machine. The students were shown how it worked and how the code was broken. All students were engaged and fascinated by this event. The presentation was followed by 2 sections of code breaking. Many of the students spoke to me afterwards to tell me how much they enjoyed it.



Amnesty – Write for Rights 2019

Mrs M Fraser

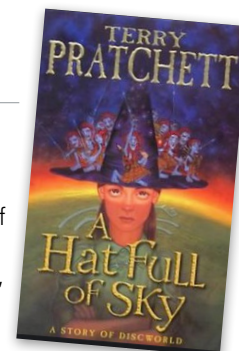
The HAEC Amnesty Group again supported Amnesty's annual Write for Rights campaign inviting students to come and sign Christmas cards to selected individuals whose rights have been infringed. This is always well supported, and it was good to see so many students take part again this year.



Storytime Club

Finn Wright, 7P

Storytime is an amazing and fun club to do. The expressions and voices that Mr Dinwiddy does for each character are outstanding. The book, *Hat Full of Sky*, is written by one of the best ever authors, Terry Pratchett. It is the second book about Tiffany Aching, an eleven-year-old trainee witch who is being taken over by an evil spirit called a hiver. There is also a host of characters called the Wee Free Men or Nac MacFeeegles. They look like ugly fairies and sound like demented Scotsmen. We do it next to Reception in the Menet Room, on Thursdays after College. It's an amazing room with pictures of Rev Menet and old photos of Hockerill from years ago and the leather armchairs are very comfy.



Library News

Mrs S Bruce

This has been an exciting term in the Library, as we welcomed the new Year 7s and 12s and introduced them to what the Library has to offer, during their Library lessons and Sixth Form Induction sessions. The Year 7s were all given the opportunity to select a Bookbuzz book; Bookbuzz being a scheme organised by the <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/> - a charity dedicated to getting children reading. The books were purchased by the College Library, and all Year 7s have now received their free book and have the Bookbuzz Challenge to keep them busy over the Christmas holiday. They also assessed and reviewed the Royal Society Young People's Book Prize shortlist in their Science Library lessons, with the Hockerill students selecting 'Planetarium' by Raman Prinja as their overall winner – the book which eventually went on to win the official prize – so well done, Year 7!

In Books & Biscuits club, last year's eTwinning club members were awarded a Quality Label certificate for their project: The Wonder of Picture Books, which I had the privilege of collecting on their behalf, at the British Council's 2019 National eTwinning Conference in Nottingham - www.etwinning.net/en/pub/index.htm Meanwhile, our latest eTwinning project is in full swing, with a group of students from Years 7 and 8 working 'virtually' with schools from Italy, Poland and Spain. This new project, Super'Euro'heroes to the Rescue, involves the students working collaboratively to design and develop comic book characters, who will tackle global issues linked to some of the



United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Charity events this term have included a Macmillan Coffee Morning at the Parents' Reading Group which, together with a book sale, raised the wonderful sum of £234.

Careers Fair

Mrs A Winship

We were delighted to welcome students, parents and especially our 55 exhibitors, from a wide variety of industries and a range of universities and education providers, to our biennial careers fair, this year titled Map It Out which took place on 15th October, and were enormously grateful to everyone who gave up their evening to have a stand and talk to students about their careers and the industry or organisation they work for. Feedback from the exhibitors and students alike was very positive with the exhibitors being impressed by the students, especially the younger ones, and the students valuing the chance to get first-hand information about the wealth of opportunities available to them after Hockerill.

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Safeguarding Presentations

Sister L Tinnirello

On 10th October, World Mental Health Day, we invited Satveer Nijjar into College for the 2nd time to speak to students from Years 8 to 12, deliver staff training and give an evening session for parents on Mental Health and her own lived experience of self-harm. Her talks were enjoyable and accessible, despite the difficult subject matter and feedback from all groups was overwhelmingly positive. <http://satveernijjar.com/>

On 4th November, we welcomed Fearless, <https://www.fearless.org/en#> (the youth arm of Crimestoppers) in to address Years 7 to 11 and raise awareness on the issue of County Lines, a tactic used by drugs gangs where they look to move their drug dealing outside of their normal operating area in order to establish themselves as the main dealers in a new area, such as a market town outside of a big city. In order to achieve this, they recruit and exploit local vulnerable young people, initially by 'befriending' them but later through the use of violence.

On 21st November Tom Ryder a journalist, musician and founder of local charity, 'Retune' came in to deliver a workshop to a group of Year 12s promoting positive mental health through creativity, based on his own lived experience of mental ill health during his teen years. In the workshop he and his colleague performed songs and with help from the students wrote a new group song. For more about the charity follow the link and below is some feedback from the students <http://www.retune.org.uk/about-us/>

These are comments from our students following the presentations:

'I thought the talk was very useful and thought provoking as it gave me a chance to learn different ways of getting round issues through music and other creative arts. I also thought that the size of the group helped a lot as it was a lot more engaging and easier to get involved.'

'I really enjoyed the talk and I think that the integration of the music made it really engaging. It gave me a new outlook on mental health and how to combine creative arts to promote better wellbeing. I think it will really benefit others to see this talk and promote the combination of creativity and good mental health.'

'I thought the talk was a refreshing way to discuss mental health and a good break to the day, the retune man was passionate yet also funny getting his important message across.'

We have further events arranged for next term on the subjects of Online Gaming & Gambling and Diversity which will be publicised in advance. Parents find these events both informative and helpful and we strongly encourage those who can to attend.

Bar Mock Trial

Mrs A Winship

Ms Spencer has been running a CAS Group on Wednesday afternoons exploring the legal profession so this term we decided to take it one step further and enter the Young Citizens Bar Mock Trial Competition, which gives students interested in a career in law, or just those who enjoy debating or drama or who would like a chance to improve their presentation skills the chance to argue cases in a real court and in front of a real judge. The team of 14 Sixth Formers and 3 Year 11s prepared both the prosecution and defence for 2 cases, learnt the roles of the witnesses and also acted as usher or court clerk. On Saturday 16th November the team travelled to Cambridge Crown Court to compete against a number of other schools over three rounds of competition acting as members of the jury when they weren't in court themselves; up against teams who have taken part in previous years we did not make it through to the final, but the entire team did very well and acquitted themselves admirably. I very much look forward to this year's team acting as mentors to students next year and having learnt so much from the process expect great things. Thank you to Ms Spencer for her coaching on the finer points of the law, Ms McCulloch for accompanying us on the day and most of all to the team for all their hard work and enthusiasm in preparing for the competition.

Bishop's Stortford Rotary Design Technology Tournament

Mr A Russell

On 12th November three teams went to Birchwood High School to compete against students from five other local schools in the annual DT Rotary Tournament.

The Year 8 team of Jacob Becchi, Beth Honeyford, Sam Johnston and Leanne Suo-Saunders produced the best designed solution out of all the age groups, which unfortunately failed in testing because of the quality of the components. They also produced a lovely design portfolio.

The Year 10 team of Jago Dilloway, Liam Mays, Megan Timms and Abbie Younger worked enthusiastically on the individual tasks they had assigned themselves but when it came to bringing them all together communication issues meant the parts weren't entirely compatible with each other.

The Year 12 teamwork of Josie Hofer, Benjamin Hofmann, Allan Lester and Kate Williams was excellent and their solution to a very difficult task relied on all of them doing their bit. Theirs was the only entry in their category that successfully completed the task, making them obvious winners of their group.



Notes from the Music Department

Miss R Ward

The second half of the Michaelmas Term is always a busy time for the music department in the lead up to Christmas, and this year was no different. On Tuesday 26th November we began our festivities with the first performance of the Hockerill Pantomime to local primary schools, followed by more performances to delighted audiences on Thursday evening and Saturday afternoon. We were pleased to be able to collaborate with the drama department on this production. This was followed by three nights of the Christmas Show, featuring a varied repertoire of Classical, Jazz and A Cappella arrangements of Christmas classics. On Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd December, Mr Bond challenged all Equipes in a competition to see who could produce the most convincing rendition of "O Come All Ye Faithful", however the best performance by far was when the whole school came together to sing the same carol during the College's final assembly held at All Saints Church on Friday 13th December. This followed our Carol Service in All Saints Church on Thursday 12th December, featuring for the first time the accompaniment of the newly refurbished organ. Alongside this Hockerill has hosted visiting examiners for Trinity Rock and Pop and ABRSM allowing numerous students to take their practical music examinations, and the Soloist Concert held on the 25th November gave students the chance to practise their performance repertoire. We look forward to celebrating in their success once they receive their results. Finally, we're delighted to congratulate Yr 13 student Felicity Henry on receiving her DipABRSM Clarinet results and wish her every success in her future performances.



Boarders' Open Weekend

Mr W Conolly

On the weekend of 7th and 8th of December we opened the doors of our Boarding Houses to welcome parents of Full Boarders. The weekend allows for parents to meet with the teachers of their son or daughter on Saturday morning followed by lunch in the College Refectory, a drinks reception in Houses, followed by a buffet in the Refectory. Thanks must go to Holroyd Howe for the superb food they provided over the weekend, the wild mushroom risotto a particular highlight. Saturday's events ended with the infamous Christmas Concert. As ever, the quality of the music was exceptional and a testament to the talent of the students involved and the hard work undertaken by the College Music Department, which is ably led by Mr Bond. The unique twist they gave to some Christmas classics was well received by the crowd. The weekend finished with a positive Boarding Parents Forum, followed by the Christmas Market which was organised by the Hockerill Parents and Friends. Thank you to all who attended and supported the event, particular thanks to Boarding Staff who worked the weekend, the Music Department and Mrs Faiers for the hours she spent organising such a successful event.



Rainforest Trust UK

Nicola Ashlee-McCrae Head of Year / Head of RE /OC CCF

Congratulations to Nataliya, Iris, Jemima and Keya who organised a bake sale and a non-uniform sale to raise money for the Rainforest Trust UK. Their efforts were recognised by Chris Redston, Executive Director of the trust, who awarded them a Conservation Heroes Certificate to acknowledge that the money raised would protect 2,120 acres of Peru's Amazon Rainforest. The donation of £645.80 will enable the trust to protect indigenous lands for 220 communities in Peru which in turn will provide protection for a variety of endangered species. The girls' actions truly embraced the IB learner profile and we are proud of their efforts to raise awareness of such important issues within the Hockerill community. Well done girls.

Equipe Trophies

Mr G Dinwiddy

During the Christmas Market this year I launched a campaign to raise funds to replace many of the Equipe trophies. The Vine Cup, the supreme cup for the entire Equipe competition, was replaced in 2015 and is currently on display in Reception. I would like each trophy to be unique and have space for each winner to be engraved on it to reflect the history of the trophy. Ably run by the Equipe Prefects, especially Adam and Thomas Wilson, we were able to raise enough to buy two new trophies, with the possibility of more pledged. Those able to buy a trophy outright will get to name the trophy. Anyone who is interested in donating or buying a whole trophy is asked to contact the College by email.



To put my money where my mouth is, I have bought a new Sports Day Rosebowl. However, we have a gap in our records between 2006-2013 and do not know which Equipe won Sports Day between those dates. If you know, I would be very grateful to hear from you.

Young Enterprise

Ms McCulloch

Hockerill entered two Young Enterprise Teams to a competition at the Ware Dickensian Fayre on Friday 6th December. 'ReYouse' sold dog bandanas. It was very easy to spot their target audience! They won the Best Customer Service Award. H2Grow sold Herb growing kits. They won Best Overall Company Award. Both teams took part in the Hockerill Trade Fair and made healthy profits. They will both be entered into the East Herts Regional Final in March. A promising start to their Young Enterprise journey.



Hockerill Parents and Friends

Richard Johnson, Chair HPF

We have had a very busy few months leading up to the Christmas market on Sunday and I would like to thank the teachers, staff, parents and my fellow committee members for all their hard work and donations of raffle and tombola prizes. A special thank you should also go to Jamie from Smart Mechanics, our main sponsor of the event.

Earlier in the year we set ourselves a target to raise £10,650 to fund five new smart screens for the science block and we are currently at £9,373.33 - a fantastic achievement!

We are always looking for new, fun ways to support the school, so please email us your ideas at hpf@hockerill.com. There are many other ways you can help us too, such as signing up to the 250 club. Or perhaps your company offers match funding opportunities - let us know if so.

We will be sending out our calendar of events early in the new year, but for now Paddy Lennox's infamous Comedy Night is confirmed for Saturday 7th March. Please save the date in your diary!

Finally, we'd like to thank our fellow parents for supporting all our events this year with such generosity and good cheer. Merry Christmas!



Interact Club

Ms S Dickson

Hockerill's Interact Club has been busy this term trying to come up with innovative ideas to raise money to support local charities. The students ran a successful Year 7 and 8 Disco on Friday 8th November. They managed to raise £521.04 and we look forward to donating it to the charity we chose at the end of the academic year. The Year 12 students have also been selling candy canes to raise money and bring a smile to students and staff faces when they receive a candy cane with a cheerful note. Getting into the holiday spirit the Interact students decided to give back to the local community by donating to the local food bank and they would like to thank everyone for their support again with this, the generosity of staff, students and parents is always heartwarming. Our proudest moment this year was our shoe box appeal. Hockerill Interact Club with the generous support of Hockerill students donated 50 shoe boxes to the homeless people in our local community. The shoe boxes contained essentials such as hats, scarfs, gloves, toothbrush, toothpaste as well as chocolate, sweets, puzzle books and gift cards as a Christmas surprise. Hopefully this will make the holidays a little bit easier for those less fortunate. A successful term so far!



Move over Masterchef, bring on the Bake Off

Mr C Gilman



Rounding off a busy term the College's year 10 Personal Effectiveness students decided to hold a staff Bake Off and Bake Sale with all proceeds going to their nominated cause, the Animal Rescue Charity in Foxdells Lane.

As part of their course students had to work together to plan, organise, promote and run the Bake Off and subsequent Bake Sale. Entries were received from staff across the College

covering a range of themes including traditional sponges and cup-cakes as well as Christmas and Winter themed creations.

The cakes proved highly popular with students and staff and the group will be sending a cheque payment for around £175 to the charity in the new year.



Combined Cadet Force News

Captain N Ashlee-McCrae, Contingent Commander

It's been a very busy term for Hockerill College CCF. In October we had our 9th Biennial Inspection and were delighted to welcome a previous Head Boy from 1992 back to College. The Combined Cadet Force (CCF) at Hockerill began in 2001 and has grown from strength to strength with over 60 cadets regularly parading on a Tuesday evening. Lieutenant Colonel Mark Genko, Commander of 13 Air Assault Support Regiment, acted as the Inspecting Officer and praised the contingent on their drill, turnout, commitment and enthusiasm. The Lt Col had fond memories of his time at Hockerill College from over 26 years ago and it was a pleasure to welcome him back. His closing remarks were "The cadets turnout reflected their evident pride in the CCF. The training stands put on for their parents were full of content, variety and enthusiasm"

October half term saw four Cadets from Hockerill College CCF attend the highly prestigious Senior Cadet Instructors Course held at Beckingham Training Camp in Lincolnshire. All cadets are expected to plan and produce a series of lessons varying from Rifle, Navigation, Drill, and Fieldcraft. The initial phases are instruction from military instructors on Cadet Forces Instructional Techniques before handing over to cadets to deliver a minimum of four lessons during the week. This is a high intensity week culminating on lessons being delivered by all cadets during an exercise phase under pressure on the training area. The four Cadets from Hockerill College CCF; Cpl Alan Lester, Cpl Olivia Boutell, Cpl Lucy Womack and Cpl Helena Scott-Stevens all passed the course with Highly Competent passes and received their SCIC badge on their return to college. Cpl Olivia Boutell was also awarded 'Top Student' in hersyndicate, this is an incredible achievement by all four cadets.



Also during the same week, Hockerill were awarded a place for one cadet on the Army Cadet Stem Camp. This is a week long camp in Salisbury focusing on informing young people how Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths are used withing the Military. 250 cadets from Great Britain were given a place and L/Cpl Toby McCrae was selected from Hockerill College CCF to experience this first hand. During the week various regiments visited the camp to teach the cadets about STEM and its place within the Military, for example the Army Air Corp, the Royal Artillery, the Royal Signals and the Royal Engineers to name a few. Cadets were also treated to a display from the Army Combat Power team. At the end of the camp L/Cpl McCrae received his STEM and Industrial Cadet award. Well done to all the cadets who spent their half-term at these prestigious events.

Once again the contingent participated in the Remembrance Day parade in Bishops Stortford and all cadets who attended should be congratulated for their turnout and commitment to the CCF at Hockerill. Cpl Helena Scott-Stevens and L/Cpl Hannah Trapmore laid a wreath on behalf of the contingent.

30th November saw 7 cadets from the RAF section attend the Shuttleworth collection museum to take part in the regional heat of the Air Squadron Trophy, a national competition held annually for CCF RAF sections. The cadets impressed everyone by their enthusiasm and willingness to take part in the competition. They were suitably led by L/Cpl Luca Gonzalez-Upadhyay and all performed very well. The activities they competed in included drill, first aid, air rifle shooting and a number of tasks which tested their knowledge of airmanship. They also had the opportunity to visit the Shuttleworth Collection and overall had a thoroughly rewarding and enjoyable day.

