

COVID-19

You will find with this edition of the Hub, letters from the Department for Education (DfE) and Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) that we have been asked to distribute to families. The letters explain what the symptoms of coronavirus are, when a person requires a coronavirus test, plus the support services that are available locally and nationally. The intention of the letters is to help prevent children being taken out of school unnecessarily and answer some of the questions you may have around testing and Covid more generally

In addition, the government has launched the NHS 'Test and Trace' app. This can be downloaded by all those aged 16 and over and we have been asked to inform you about it. The app also has some implications for how we manage mobile phone use by students in College which we need to make you aware of. Details about the app can be found here and you are encouraged to read them carefully so that you understand what the app is and why it is important in the national effort to stop the spread of the virus.

The app has 6 key features that will help to reduce personal and public risk:

- Trace – alerts the individual if they were in close contact with a confirmed case
- Alert – provides the individual with the risk level associated with coronavirus (COVID-19) in their local area, based on the postcode district they enter
- Check in – allows the individual to check in to locations via the app and official NHS QR codes
- Symptoms – allows the individual to check symptoms against government guidance and to get advice
- Test – allows the individual to order a free test and to receive results and advice via the app
- Isolate – provides an isolation 'companion', which counts down how many days they have left to isolate and provides links to useful advice
- Bluetooth needs to be enabled on the phone as the app uses Bluetooth low energy to anonymously assess the distance, over time, between people who have downloaded it.
- If an individual with the app tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), the app will ask them to allow those that they have been in contact with to be alerted. If so, the app will then alert relevant individuals if they have been in close contact with a positive case. 'Close contact' is based on an algorithm, but generally means you've been within 2 metres of someone for 15 minutes or more or contact within one metre for one minute or longer. Individuals are not informed who the positive case they have been in contact with is.

The availability of the app has some implications for the College and some of our phone-related procedures. The College's mobile phone policy is given [here](#) (see page 6). If during the school day a student receives notification via the app that they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive, they should go directly to the College Health Centre. Parents will then be contacted to come and collect their child who should then immediately begin self-isolation. There are some instances during the school day when students do not have their phone with them e.g. during a PE lesson. When this happens students will be reminded to put the app on 'Pause'. Finally, you should be aware that although the app is intended only for those over 16, there is nothing to stop younger students from downloading it. This is not recommended by the DfE but should a student do so and they receive notification of contact with someone who has tested positive, they should respond exactly as if they are over 16 and go directly to the College Health Centre.

Thank you for your help and support with this new innovation in the Covid-19 situation.

Letter from the Department for Education

https://www.hockerill.com/uploads/asset_file/3_1244_phe-letter-to-parents.pdf

Letter from Hertfordshire County Council

https://www.hockerill.com/uploads/asset_file/3_1245_letter-from-local-public-health-service.pdf

HOCKERILL PARENTS AND FRIENDS

HPF 250 Club

Congratulations to our latest winners:

Kendrick Aldrich - July 2020

David Windridge - August 2020

The HPF 250 Club is a monthly prize draw that raises funds for the College while giving you a chance to win money each month. Entry is £5 a month. There is a £100 prize every month and an additional Christmas prize of £250 in December. Please use the entry form to set up a monthly Standing Order, or enclose a cheque made out to HPF 250 Club if you prefer to pay for a whole year at once. All profits go to the College. Click here for further information

https://www.hockerill.com/uploads/asset_file/3_1006_hpf250flyera5.pdf

GENERAL NOTICES

We ask that parents do not come into school unless you have made an appointment beforehand. Please telephone Reception on 01279 658451 or email admin@hockerill.com with your request.

For the safety of our staff and students we cannot receive forgotten items and bags into the Reception area, so we politely request that parents refrain from bringing items to Reception. Please ensure that students have all their necessary items before they depart for school.

If there is an emergency message (for example, same day medical appointments) please telephone Reception and we will ensure that this message is received by your child. However, please be aware that this will take longer than usual.

Please find information in the following link regarding duplicate bus services that are currently running in Hertfordshire

https://www.hockerill.com/uploads/asset_file/3_1238_duplicate-bus-services-september-2020.pdf

Thank you

Our thanks go to a parent, who did not wish to be named, for re-potting our tired looking planters near Thames House. She offered to pay and plant these up ready for Autumn. They look lovely and we are extremely grateful for her generosity.



Online Learning

If your child is self-isolating, then they will be able to access the lesson materials through their Teams sites for their subjects.

Students should know how to access the materials as they will have been shown this in their class lessons. To make this extra clear, from Monday, all teachers will write specific instructions in the Posts section of the Teams subject page.

Although all students should be able to locate the materials for their lessons, if they are having trouble, they can either put a message in the Teams Post section or email their teacher.

Unless your child is unwell, teachers will expect work to be completed. Students who are struggling with the work set can also contact their teacher. Please be aware that teachers are unlikely to be able to respond whilst they are teaching but will do so as soon as possible.

If there are issues with work not being set, then please contact the College via the usual email address for the year group.

YEAR 10

Please be reminded of the useful GCSE English Parent Handbook which is available here -

https://www.hockerill.com/uploads/asset_file/3_1224_gcse-parent-handbook-2020.pdf

YEAR 11

Year 11 Information Evening

Please note that a Year 11 Information Evening will be taking place online on Tuesday 6th October from 1900hrs. In next week's Hockerill Hub you will receive a link to a form asking for any questions you would like to answers to at this event.

Mock Exams

2020-2021 Y11 MOCK TIMETABLE					
14 th November – 24 th November 2020 – Venue SAH/Chapel					
TUTOR TIME	MORNING SESSION 1 9:15-11:20 2hrs 5mins	BREAK 11:20-11:35	MORNING SESSION 2 11:40-12:40 1hrs	LUNCH 12:40-13:30	AFTERNOON SESSION 13:35-15:40 2hrs 5mins
Sat 14 th Nov	Tutor Time until 9:05am	ART 2hrs	ART 1hr	Finish 12:20	
Mon 16 th Nov	Tutor Time until 9:05am	English Language Paper 1 1hr 45min	MFL French Reading 1hr (H), 45min (F) (11F1/Fr, 11F2/Fr, 11L11/Fr, 11L12/Fr) German Reading 1hr (H), 45min (F) (11L13/Da, 11L12/Da)		Mathematics Paper 1 1hr30min
Tues 17 th Nov	Tutor Time until 9:05am	Mathematics Paper 2 1hr 30min	MFL French Writing 1hr (H), 45min (F) (11F1/Fr, 11F2/Fr, 11L11/Fr, 11L12/Fr) German Writing 1hr (H), 45min (F) (11L13/Da, 11L12/Da)		Physics Paper 1 Separate Science 1hr45min Combined Science 1hr15min
Wed 18 th Nov	Tutor Time until 9:05am	English Literature - Macbeth 50min Jekyll & Hyde OR A Christmas Carol 50min	MFL Bilingual Groups French Writing (11L2/Fr) 1hr German Reading (11L2/Da) 1hr Italian Reading (11L2/It) 1hr Japanese Reading (11L2/Ja) 1hr5min Mandarin Writing (11L2/Mn) 1hr Spanish Reading (11L2/Sp, 11L22/Sp) 1hr		Chemistry Paper 1 Separate Science 1hr45min Combined Science 1hr15min

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Thurs 19 th Nov	Tutor Time finishes at 9:05am	History Paper 1 1hr15min History Paper 2 50min Geography Paper 1 1hr30min		REVISION	Biology Paper 1 Separate Science 1hr45min Combined Science 1hr15min
Fri 20 th Nov	Tutor Time finishes at 9:05am	ART 2hrs Business 1hr30min Computer Science 1hr + 1hr Drama 1hr45min DT 2hrs Music 1hr45min P.E. 1hr 45min R.E. 1hr + 2hr	ART 1hr		Geography Paper 2 1hr30min History Paper 3 1hr20m
Mon 23 rd Nov	Tutor Time finishes at 9:05am	ART 2hrs	ART 1hr		
Tues 24 th Nov	Tutor Time finishes at 9:05am				

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English

English club will be running for Year 11 students in OS2 on Tuesdays from 1600-1700hrs. We will be preparing for a different aspect of the mock exams each week.

YEAR 13

What's happening in Year 13 right now.

If you are the parent of a Year 13 student, you might have noticed that they have a lot on at the moment. There are a number of fast approaching deadlines and it might worth checking in with your son or daughter and to deliver a bit of TLC or a bit of a push if required. In particular:

7 October	Year 13 mock examinations
14 October	IB plans for registration for summer examinations
15 October	Deadline for applications for medicine or veterinary courses and to Oxford and Cambridge. These students should be well under way with their personal statements and UCAS forms and also must make sure that they have checked whether they need to register for any tests and have filled out any required paperwork.
15 January	Final deadline for UCAS applications, though we strongly recommend early applications and plan to submit all applications before Christmas

If you have any queries or concerns please contact

Ms Spencer (Head of Year, spencer1@hockerill.com)

Mr Bromfield (IBDP Co-ordinator, bromfieldp@hockerill.com) or

Mrs Winship (University Counsellor, winshipa@hockerill.com)

BOARDING

Please be reminded that the Boarding Parent Forum originally scheduled for Friday 16th October will now be held on Tuesday 29th September, starting at 1900hrs, the meeting will last for an hour. This event will be online and will be broadcast via Microsoft Teams. There will be an opportunity for parents to meet Mr Woods, the new Principal and there will also be a representative from Holroyd Howe present to discuss catering. There will be time set aside for questions from parents.