

> THE HOCKERILL HUB <

> WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HOCKERILL ANGLO-EUROPEAN COLLEGE > 2 OCTOBER 2020 >



Dear Parents

Sadly it must seem from The Hub that Covid is the only thing of note in College so far this year. It is true that Covid has required a lot of our attention but please be reassured that in all other respects College continues as close to normal as possible. We want The Hub to be a place where you get a sense of the full life of the College and so in time, we will bring you reports on events that are happening such as sports reports and student achievements. One thing that has been happening over the last couple of weeks has been the online year group information evenings. These have been well attended and from the feedback received thus far greatly appreciated by parents. Please do let us know if you have any feedback on any aspect of school and, in particular, our efforts to keep you informed.

Covid-19

Since the start of the year we have had a number of staff and students who have had to self-isolate due to having Covid-like symptoms or being 'close contacts' with someone who has Covid symptoms. In both these scenarios our actions are determined by government guidance that we have shared with you in previous Hubs. We understand that self-isolation is not always convenient but need to remind you that we have no choice in taking the action that we do as we are required to follow the guidance. That guidance applies to all of us and so we urge you to follow the rules in force i.e. students must not attend school if they or one of their household has Covid-19 or Covid-19 symptoms. If they do, they should stay home, obtain a test, and contact us. By following the rules, we all stay safe and disruption to learning will be minimised. This also extends to travel. If your child is a day student and travels to and from school on public transport, we remind that it is a legal requirement to wear a face covering while on the bus. Equally if your child is a boarder and will be returning home overseas for the half-term break, we remind you that we are unable to offer a quarantine facility should that be required when they return to the UK. Any student in quarantine will be expected to continue their studies through the usual online platforms.

David Woods
Principal

> GENERAL NOTICES

Covid-19 – Important Reminder

A reminder to parents that students must not come into school if they have one or more of the following symptoms;

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

We understand that parents may consider their child's illness is a simple seasonal cold virus, however these are the 3 main symptoms of Covid-19, which cannot be ruled out without a test. Therefore, anyone experiencing any of these symptoms must self-isolate and have a COVID-19 test. Go to the following link to arrange a test:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/>

The College will not deviate from this government guidance and will enforce immediate isolation should a student in College display any of these symptoms. A list of Frequently Asked Questions are available on our website -

https://www.hockerill.com/uploads/asset_file/3_1232_covid-procedures-and-faqs.pdf

Please also be reminded to use the absence@hockerill.com email address to report an absence.

Clubs Programme

Please follow the link to view the updated Michaelmas Clubs Programme:

https://www.hockerill.com/uploads/asset_file/3_1251_clubs-programme-michaelmas-2020.pdf

Equipe Photography Competition

In March 2020 most parts of the world went into lockdown. People disagreed on masks, measures, the pandemic itself and of course politics. However, everyone agreed on one thing, never before our generation-older and younger-felt the need to connect and reach out. People clapped for the NHS, children drew rainbows as a sign of gratitude, communities exercised in the streets and helped each other, while in other countries people sang and danced together from a distance. And, of course, many tried new hobbies. It seemed that creativity brought hope. And hope brings resilience. Please congratulate the 14 members of our Hockerill community who shared some of their special lockdown moments in the photographs below. I hope you enjoy them as much as I did!

<https://sway.office.com/jWLiKy8GE1zVtAdb?ref=Link>

Mrs Piperaki

Students studying Art

It has been wonderful to see students so well equipped at the start of term. A well-stocked pencil case has allowed students to work diligently without delay. Unfortunately, during recent days, some students have not had the equipment that they started the term with. In order to prevent unnecessary movement around classrooms and delays in teaching time, please could I ask that a check is made and any missing items are replaced/supplied. Suitable materials are; glue stick, pencils, pens, pencil sharpener, eraser, colouring pencils and ruler.

> HOCKERILL MUSIC SCHOOL

Instrumental and Vocal Lesson Notice Deadlines

We hope that your children enjoy and look forward to their music lessons. If for any reason they are not enjoying their lessons, please let us know so that we can address the situation.

Please be aware that if you would like to stop lessons at any point, you must let us know in writing. The table below gives the notice deadlines for the rest of this year:

Want to Stop Lessons at:	Deadline to let us know by:
End of Michaelmas Term 2020 (December)	Friday 09 October 2020
Lent - end of first half of term 2021 (February)	Friday 04 December 2020
End of Lent Term 2021 (March)	Friday 5 February 2021
Summer - end of first half of term 2021 (May)	Friday 12 March 2021
End of Academic Year 2021 (July)	Friday 21 May 2021

It is important for us to have these deadlines, giving our peripatetic staff sufficient notice to find a replacement student. It also minimises disruption for timetabling and the Finance Department.

Please contact us at musicadmin@hockerill.com if you have any queries.

> CCF NEWS

CCF TRAINING

Hockerill CCF are now delighted to open training for year 9 cadets, parading the same time as year 10-11.

Any students wishing to join the cadets in any of the year groups mentioned below should parade on one of the days below or speak to Mrs Ashlee-McCrae or Mr Riley.

Cadets are to parade at the CCF hut dressed in their uniform and must stay in year groups. Training will be on alternate weeks in groups.

1. 6th October Years 12-13 only
2. 13th October Years 9-10-11 only

Cadets will be met by a member of staff at the CCF hut. All Cadets must adhere to College policy, the wearing of mask and social distances.

Any queries please contact the College SSI Mr Riley

> YEAR 7

Thank you to the large number of parents who joined us on Wednesday 23rd September at 1900hrs for our online introductory New Parents Meeting. A recording of this meeting can be found at <https://vimeo.com/461858739>. If you could not attend or would like to be reminded of some of the important contact addresses, details of how you can support your child to do their best at Hockerill and a range of other useful information, particularly for new parents I would encourage you to have a look at the presentation.

Mr Whiteley

Head of Lower College & Year 7

> YEAR 9

Year 9 Cake Break - Monday 5th October at 1120hrs

Cake Break invitations have been issued to 53 students who achieved an average effort score of 3.5+ in their end of Year 8 Annual Report. This is an excellent achievement and they are all proud of their success. Our 6 new Year 9 students: Lia Durrant, Marta Gherardi Gayo and Alex Thursfield in Brunel as well as Louise Jagne, Cade Coburn-Lum, Alex Robinson and Tobias Strachota in Pascal have also been invited to the Cake Break to celebrate their excellent start at Hockerill.

Year 9 Parents' Information Evening – Thursday 8th October 2020 at 1900hrs

There will be a Year 9 Parents' Information Evening on Thursday 8th October at 1900hrs via Microsoft Teams. Parents are warmly invited to join this special meeting, a Live Event, using the following link <https://tinyurl.com/HAEC-Yr9ParentsInfoEvening>. This new meeting for Year 9 parents will inform you of events planned for this year, offer you salient advice to help support your son or daughter and most importantly enable you to have contact with us.

There will be information presented by our new Principal Mr Woods, from Mr Mackenzie (Vice Principal Pastoral), Ms Pearson (Vice Principal Curriculum), Miss Butler our MYP Coordinator and from myself as Head of Year.

You will have the opportunity to pose a question via a Microsoft Form before the meeting. Colleagues will answer these questions, if appropriate, during their presentation. There will not be any opportunity to ask questions during the live event. If you would like to ask a question please complete the following form <https://tinyurl.com/HAEC-Yr9Questions> by 0900hrs on Monday 5th October. This form will re-open for a 24 hour period after the meeting closes on Thursday to enable any further questions.

I do hope you are able to attend this special event and we look forward to speaking to you on Thursday 8th October.

Mrs F Whiteley

Head of Year 9



> YEAR 10

Year 10 - English Literature

A final reminder regarding purchasing the Literature texts studied during the GCSE course

Students often prefer to have their own copies of the texts studied so that they can write notes in as they study them in class. We are able to offer the three texts studied at a discounted rate of £17. If you wish to purchase them for your child please make your payment via wisepay by Wednesday 7th October at the latest.

> YEAR 11

Year 11 Parents' Information Evening – Tuesday 6th October 2020 at 1900hrs

We are holding our Year 11 Parents' Information Evening on Tuesday 6th October from 1900hrs – 2000hrs. You will be able to join the live event using the following link <https://tinyurl.com/HAEC-Yr11ParentsInfoEvening>

The following information will be covered by a number of different members of staff:

- **Mr Woods:** Principal's address
- **Mr Mackenzie:** Responding to COVID restrictions and the need to ensure social distancing outside of school
- **Ms Pearson:** What is the IBDP?
- **Mr Bromfield:** What options are available in the IBDP?
- **Mr Jones:** The upcoming Mock examinations: how will the data be used?
- **Mrs Humphris:** Support available leading up to the Mock examinations: What can parents do to help? Exam dispensations. Other key dates for the calendar.

If you have any questions that you would like addressed, please complete the following form <https://tinyurl.com/HAEC-Yr11QandA> by 1700hrs on Monday 5th October.

Amy Humphris

Head of Year 11

> YEAR 12

Parents' Information Evening

There will be a Year 12 Parents' Information Evening online via Teams on Wednesday 7th October 2020 at 1900hrs. Parents can submit questions before the event via the following link <https://tinyurl.com/HAEC-Yr12Welcome20>

Parents have already received an invitation link to this event. The presentation will be available on our website after the event for those parents who are unable to attend.