

> THE HOCKERILL HUB <

> WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HOCKERILL ANGLO-EUROPEAN COLLEGE > 16 OCTOBER 2020 >

> TRAVEL ADVICE AND QUARANTINE RULES

As half-term approaches it is important that parents remain informed of the latest Government travel advice and guidance.

The list of countries with exemption is continuously changing, you can check the latest travel exemption list at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors#travel-corridors-countries-and-territories-exemption-list>

Any students who travel to a location outside of the approved travel corridor will need to self-isolate for 14 days on their arrival back into the UK:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-how-to-self-isolate-when-you-travel-to-the-uk/coronavirus-covid-19-how-to-self-isolate-when-you-travel-to-the-uk>

Covid reporting during half term

Please notify the College if your child tests positive for Covid at any point during the half term holiday via an email to healthcentre@hockerill.com.

In addition, if, on our return to College any student is in self isolation, are symptomatic and awaiting test results or because they are a close contact of someone who has tested positive, please report this to the College via absence@hockerill.com. Please state the reason for the absence (ie whether your child is a 'case' or a 'contact' of a case), along with the start and end dates of their isolation period (10 days from date of onset for a 'case', 14 days for a 'contact').

Out of Hours contact for Covid-19 reporting

If you need to report that your child has received a positive Covid-19 test, when the College is closed during term-time, you can do this by calling the main switchboard on 01279 658451, option 4.

> DIVERSITY

Black History Month is the ideal time to celebrate and foreground the outstanding contributions made by BAME groups and individuals to all spheres of life. This month the College has recommitted itself to the celebration of Diversity and Integration. Significant strides have been made across the Curriculum with all Faculties producing resources focusing on excellence from professionals with a BAME background – many thanks to Miss Dambatta for catalysing this. The Library has continued to update its resources and tutors have been provided with a rich set of materials to share during form time – thank you to Miss Butler.

Leila Trusty and Gabriella Francis, representatives of the Afro-Caribbean Society have stated that: "Lots is being done and lots is being hoped for but more work needs to be carried out to ensure that contributions are not pushed into the background and that BAME issues are recognised as everyone's issues."

Newcomer to Senior Girls boarding, Eleanor Lyon feels that: "Roding House is a space where everyone's identity is valued."

Winchester House Captain, Zara Ojiako has written a lovely article (below) which captures the outstanding work being carried out in junior girls boarding.

Much more has been done which is beyond the scope of this article and with which we can be pleased - but there is no room for complacency. Once again, we invite all members of the community to continue the dialogue – please contact me directly on: davids@hockerill.com

Happy half-term holiday!

Shamiela Davids

Director of Innovation

Black History Month

Over the past few weeks, a group of Winchester girls have come together to celebrate and recognise Black History Month.

We have had quite a few presentations on some of the different aspects of our culture and what it means to be black.

The first presentation was on black history month, what it is, and why it is celebrated.

The second presentation was on the current affairs that have been happening over quarantine and are still happening which is the protests on Black Lives Matter. We educated our peers on this horrible thing that happens to black people every day and what we can do to help.

The third presentation was on culture, sharing with other ethnicities different aspects of our cultures.

The last one was on Black Heroes, showing our peers what some black leaders have done in the past and how without them we wouldn't have certain things that we love in the world today.

Zara Ojiako

Winchester House Captain (Year 10)

> BOARDING

Boarding Parent Forums 2020-2021

Boarding Parent Forums are arranged throughout the year to provide the opportunity for parents of boarding students to meet and receive information from key staff and ask questions. For this academic year these will be delivered online.

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| 1. Tuesday 29th September 2020 | 19:00 |
| 2. Tuesday 24th November 2020 | 19:00 |
| 3. Wednesday 27th January 2021 | 19:00 |
| 4. Wednesday 20th March 2021 | 19:00 |
| 5. Wednesday 5th May 2021 | 19:00 |

Information on how to sign up will be provided via the Hockerill Hub in advance of the meeting.



An agenda will be shared prior to the meeting. There will be an opportunity to submit questions prior to the meeting.

I very much hope you are able to join one or more of these meetings.

Mr W Conolly

Director of Boarding

> RAISE RESILIENCE COURSE FOR PARENTS



RAISE RESILIENCE
Helping Children Thrive Into The New Normal

A six-session course with worksheets

The coronavirus has forced children and families to deal with uncertainty head on. As you continue adapting to the new normal, you, and your children may be anxious for a whole host of reasons - leaving you and them feeling stressed, overwhelmed, or exhausted.

There is an immediate need to preserve children's wellbeing and build resilience at this point in history, where it is genuinely needed. To support this need, Bounce Forward has developed a series of sessions to help parents, help their children cope and thrive.

The sessions provide reflective and practical approaches in resilience to support positive changes in cognition and behaviour. Parents will learn how to build skills to help their children be more resilient during this uncertain time.

Really good sessions with some great practical strategies that can really help for both adults and children.

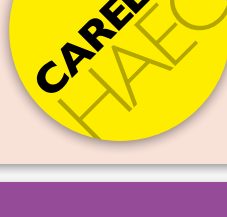
Two date options available
Wednesday morning starts 4th Nov
Thursday evening starts 5th Nov

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> CAREERS

University Interview Preparation

Yesterday was the deadline for applications to study medicine or veterinary science and for any applications to Oxford or Cambridge. We had 40 students submit applications. After half term we will begin helping the students to prepare for interviews, and we would be very grateful if any parents (or other family members or friends) who are doctors or vets or went to Oxbridge could volunteer to help. If you would like to be involved please get in touch - winshipa@hockerill.com



> HOCKERILL PARENTS AND FRIENDS

As the children settle into the system and we, as parents, adapt to our changed routines, we would like to take a moment to welcome the families of all new starters into the Hockerill fold.

Hockerill is a unique school in many ways, not only in the educational setting and provision, but also in the involvement of you, the parents and carers of the student body.

HPF - or Hockerill Parents and Friends - was set up for this purpose in 2011 by a group of committed and energetic parents, who wanted to actively engage in their children's school years. Today, we consist of a network of trustees and committee members from various year groups. We meet regularly to share ideas and plan events.

The aim of HPF is two-fold. Firstly, to facilitate contact between parents through social events and get-togethers; secondly, to raise funds to support our children in their education, both inside and outside the classroom.

Under normal circumstances we would be running a series of events and social evenings, both within year groups and as a whole school community.

Due to current Covid restrictions, these won't be able to take place. The committee met last week to discuss alternatives and we will update you on these throughout the course of the year.

For now, we have a few ways in which you can support the school:

The 250 Club - Hockerill's very own lottery.

Amazon Smile - update your Amazon settings and nominate HPF. you'll be raising money for Hockerill every time you shop.

Match Funding - if this is something your company offers, please let us know.

HPF merchandise - water bottles, coffee cups, T-shirts, hoodies and other gifts.

We will be focusing on each of these in coming weeks after half term.

If you'd like to get more information - this applies equally to parents of boarders as well as day students - please do get in touch, either by email HPF@hockerill.com or on one of our year group Facebook groups. Links to these can be found here:

www.hockerill.com/92/hockerill-parents-and-friends

We would welcome any ideas and suggestions and would be delighted to answer any specific questions you might have on a parent-to-parent basis.



> LIBRARY NEWS IN BRIEF

This half term has seen the Year 7 students making their choice from this year's Book Buzz titles, purchased for them by the College Library and now eagerly awaited. This initiative run by the www.booktrust.org promotes Reading for Pleasure.

Books & Biscuits Club's eTwinning project, 'Superhero/heroines to the Rescue' was recently awarded a Quality Label by the British Council. The three partner schools, from Italy, Poland and Spain received similar accreditation from their own awarding bodies making it a very successful project. The Hockerill students were each awarded a certificate to celebrate their personal involvement in the project's success.

The Hockerill Parents' Reading Group has finally resumed with a virtual meeting last September. This new way of getting together presents its own challenges, but also offers new opportunities, and we look forward to some interesting discussions this year.



> WISEPAY UPDATE



> CLUBS PROGRAMME

For the latest Clubs Programme please click on the link below

https://www.hockerill.com/uploads/asset_file/3_1266_michaelmas-clubs-programme.pdf

> YEAR 7

As we arrive at half term the "Honeymoon period" for our new Year 7 students comes to an end. It has been a very successful half term for them. The amount of information the new students have to assimilate just to make their way successfully through the College each day is enormous. There is so much that can go wrong, from a forgotten locker code, to an empty water bottle, a tie that can't be done up after PE, a flat laptop battery, a "washed" timetable and uniform card! All of these problems can be very upsetting for a new student and many problems are solved by the student themselves without them ever having to resort to asking their form tutor or me of help.

Year 7 have been fortunate to have been looked after and guided by an excellent team of tutors, without whom my job would have been nearly impossible. Year 7 are a good cohort and are quickly developing their own identity as a great one. They are striving to add something to the College community each day, it doesn't matter how small and are becoming to understand that this is all they have to do to help to develop a kind, tolerant, inclusive and caring society that is a pleasure to own a part of and a great place to learn. They are very tired and are looking forward to a good rest at half term. I hope you all keep safe and well and we all look forward to an excellent second half of term on our return.

Mr Whiteley

Head of Year 7 and the Lower College

> YEAR 8

Thank you to parents who watched the Year 8 Parents' Information Evening online this week. For those that were not able to attend, please find the recording here

<https://vimeo.com/468157288>

> YEAR 10

Thank you for attending the Year 10 information evening on Wednesday evening. For those that weren't able to attend, please see the link to the recording of the event here

<https://vimeo.com/468921476>

Mrs Ashlee-McCrae

Head of Year 10

> YEAR 11

GCSE Exams

It has been confirmed that the summer GCSE examinations have been delayed by 3 weeks. They will start on 7th June and end around 2nd July. Results day will be Friday 27th August 2021.

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Please be aware that the Year 11 Parent-Teacher Consultation date has been changed to Thursday 3rd December. Further details will be sent closer to the event.