

## VIRTUAL OPEN DAY FOR SIXTH FORM ENTRY 2021

**We will be holding our online Open Morning tomorrow, Saturday 14th November.** Year 11 will be in lessons as normal to prepare for their mocks. Using the information on their postcard and the website you are invited to watch the virtual open morning videos at your leisure. The students will then need to sign up to taster sessions that are happening on Saturday 28th November to give more information about what is on offer. If you have any questions, please email [bromfieldp@hockerill.com](mailto:bromfieldp@hockerill.com)

## NON-UNIFORM DAY – SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

Students in Years 10 and 12 have arranged a non-uniform day for this Saturday (14th November). Students who attend College in non-uniform are asked to make a minimum donation of £1. The charities the students will be supporting are the Animal Red Cross <https://animalredcross.rockdigitalmedia.com/> supporting those affected by the recent California wildfires. The Hockerill Young Enterprise group <https://www.young-enterprise.org.uk/> will be using the money as a start-up fund for their non-profit business for which all earnings will go to charity namely the mental health charity CALM <https://www.thecalmzone.net/>

Cash will be collected by Form Tutors on Saturday morning, however, it is preferable that parents donate via WisePay. Parents should log in to WisePay and click on the 'Donations' link to access the 'Non-Uniform Day' icon. Please can parents ensure that their donations are made by 1130hrs on Saturday 14th November.

Mr Whiteley has issued some guidance for parents and students in relation to non-uniform days at Hockerill (please see below):

- Students may wear casual clothing to College on Saturday, this should be of a nature suitable for normal College work in the Autumn or Winter time.
- The College rules with regard to hairstyle, jewellery and make-up remain the same and are unchanged.
- Each student will be able to place their contribution for taking part in this event (£1 minimum) in an envelope in the form room during registration on Saturday and tick their name on a class list, however it is preferable that parents will make the donation through WisePay.
- It is not in the spirit of the occasion (and also increases staff workload) for any student to come to College on Saturday, out of uniform, without the means to pay.

Students may of course attend in their uniform if they prefer.

## GENERAL NOTICES

### Monday 16th November

Please be reminded that on Monday 16th November, Periods 1–3 will be Saturday Week B lessons.

### Considerate parking

The College car park is for staff and agreed visitors only. Please consider this when dropping off and collecting your child as this can prevent staff and visitors from parking.

We would encourage students to walk to school wherever possible and politely request that parents park in the surrounding roads with thought and consideration for the local community. Please obey any restrictions in place and we ask you not to park in an obstructive manner.

### Covid 19

Clarification around the testing of other individuals within a household where someone has Covid symptoms or has tested positive for Covid Where an individual in a household/bubble is either a suspected (symptomatic) or confirmed (positive test result) case of Covid-19, all other members of that household must self-isolate for a minimum period of 14 days from the date of onset of symptoms in 'the case'.

This period of isolation cannot be curtailed unless the 'case' themselves receives a negative test result. Therefore, please do not arrange for testing of other household members who are not symptomatic; guidance clearly states that free NHS tests are only available to those who have symptoms. A negative test result for a 'contact' will not negate the need for them to complete the full 14-day period of self-isolation (due to the 2-week incubation period of Covid and the possibility of onset of illness up to 14 days after last contact with the 'case').

We would therefore stress that it is contrary to the guidance for anyone who is not themselves symptomatic to be tested, as a negative result does not signify Covid-free status and represents a waste of public resources, in a time of a national shortage of tests.

Where other individuals within the household/bubble go on to develop symptoms, a test should be sought for the symptomatic individual(s) only, within 5 days of onset of symptoms. <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Please see clarification below of one the Frequently Asked Questions

### My child needs a Covid test before travelling. How do we arrange this?

The College Health Centre is happy to help with administering tests for boarders ie (collecting samples) where parents have bought testing kits, but this will be the extent of the College's involvement in this process. It is parents' responsibility to ensure that they have arranged for the appropriate test for their child's travel needs and that any deadlines are met.

### Term Dates 2021-22

<https://www.hockerill.com/115/college-dates>

### Parent Governor Elections

We currently have two vacancies for the post of parent governor and the governing body is asking for nominations for those who wish to stand for election. Please follow the link for further details:

[https://www.hockerill.com/uploads/asset\\_file/3\\_1283\\_parent-governor-election-call-for-nominations-october-2020.pdf](https://www.hockerill.com/uploads/asset_file/3_1283_parent-governor-election-call-for-nominations-october-2020.pdf)

### Boarding Parents Forum: Tuesday 24th November 1900hrs

A reminder that there is an online Boarding Parents Forum meeting scheduled for an hour on Tuesday 24th November at 1900hrs. I would be grateful if questions could be submitted prior to the event via the link below. The deadline for submission of questions is Thursday 19th November 0900hrs, these questions will define the agenda items. There will be time allocated in the meeting to post questions, dependent on the volume it may not be possible to answer all these questions asked during the meeting, so I would recommend using the link below.

<https://tinyurl.com/boardingparentforum24thnov>

Information on how to join the meeting and the agenda will be published in the Hockerill Hub next week.

### Mr W Conolly

Director of Boarding

### Remembrance Service

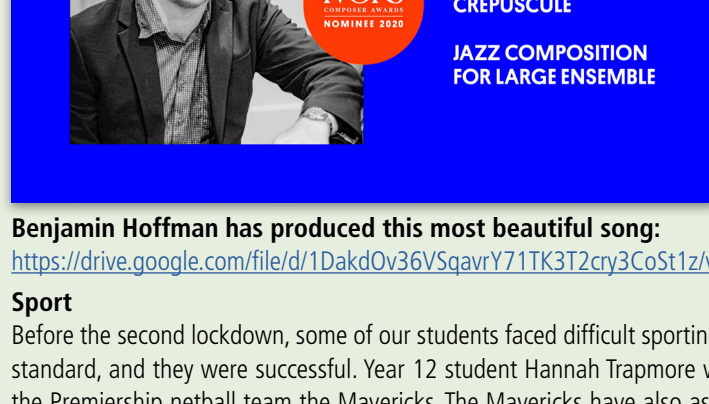
We held our Remembrance Service this year a little differently with most of the College joining virtually. Photographed are Cadets Jazz Harper and Rohana Wilson who laid the wreaths at the ceremony.



## CONGRATULATIONS ...

### Music

Huge congratulations to former student and current Hockerill music teacher Charlie Bates. We are thrilled that he has been nominated for an Ivor Novello award. The Ivor Composer Awards ceremony will take place live on BBC Radio 3 on 1st December. Good luck Charlie!



### Benjamin Hoffman has produced this most beautiful song:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DakdOv36VSqavrY71TK3T2cry3CoSt1z/view?usp=drivesdk>

### Sport

Before the second lockdown, some of our students faced difficult sporting trials for clubs at a very high standard, and they were successful. Year 12 student Hannah Trapmore was successful in her trials for the Premiership netball team the Mavericks. The Mavericks have also asked Hannah to train with the u21 squad, a huge achievement. Year 9 student Sofia Garcia was successful in her trials for a football academy, and year 10 student Orlando Smith is now part of the England cadets volleyball team.

### CCF

Congratulations to Cadets Allan Lester, Helena Scott-Stevens and Olivia Boutell on their recent promotions to Sgts. They all received their well-earned promotions on Tuesday 3rd November from the Contingent Commander Capt Ashlee-McCrae.

A reminder that students in Year 9 and 10 are invited to join Hockerill College CCF once Clubs begin again.

Allan Lester has also been successful in his Army Officer Application for an Officer Scholarship.



## MENTAL HEALTH IN OUR COMMUNITY

At Hockerill, we strive to be a mentally healthy school, one that has a whole-school approach to the topic of mental health and sees the mental health of its students, staff, parents and community as incredibly important. We understand that coronavirus can cause some anxiety and therefore we would like to signpost you towards some organisations that may be of help with your own mental health and wellbeing. It's important that the adults in our community look after themselves in addition to all our responsibilities to support young people's mental health and wellbeing.

The NSPCC have an online guide to support parents with their own mental health: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/mental-health-parenting/>

The Mental Health Foundation is a useful online tool that has suggestions on improving mental health for all: <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/your-mental-health>

Public Health England have released guidance for parents and carers on supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Shout 85258 is a service that a person of any age can text at anytime, day or night about anything, in confidence.

It is a free service across all major mobile networks. The website also has resources to help you feel calmer, and information on supporting students: <https://giveusashout.org/>

The Samaritans also offer a phone service for those having a difficult time by calling 116 123, again at anytime day or night. <https://www.samaritans.org/>

During this term students are focusing on health and wellbeing, and in particular mental health within their PSHE lessons. Please talk to them about their PSHE lessons, and the topics they are discussing in class. These topics can be found on the curriculum overview that was sent out at the start of the academic year in September. If you would like any further information or have any questions regarding mental health and wellbeing at Hockerill, please do not hesitate to contact me.

### Miss J Perry

Head of PE, Sport and PSHE

## HOCKERILL PARENTS AND FRIENDS

### Join our Virtual Balloon Race and win £100!

As we are unable to arrange social and fundraising events at the moment, HPF have arranged a "Virtual Balloon Race" to raise funds and have some fun this term.

For those unfamiliar with the concept, a virtual balloon race works in the same way as a helium balloon race but the balloons fly around their own virtual 'world' rather than in the atmosphere, making it much more environmentally friendly.

Each balloon costs £5 and the winner will receive £100! Please go to <https://www.balloonrace.com/HPF> where you can design your balloon and even add your own personal message on the tag.

On Saturday 5th December, at midday, the balloons will be 'released' to float around their virtual 'world' using a specially designed algorithm, which ensures a random pattern, with no clear leader emerging. Every hour each balloon travels between 1km and 20km. You can follow your balloon throughout the race and see where you are on the race leaderboard.

At the end of the race at midday on Saturday 12th December the balloon which has travelled the furthest wins a £100 cash prize.

You can buy as many balloons as you like, for friends as well as family. Please share this as entry is open to everyone.

Thank you for your support.



## YEAR 11

### Year 11 Parents' Consultation Evening – Thursday 3rd December

Parents of Year 11 should have received an e-mail on Monday with instructions on how to book and attend the Parents' Consultation Evening via Video Call on Thursday 3rd December. Please be aware that this will be the only opportunity to discuss the progress of your child. If you are unable to attend, please email [year11@hockerill.com](mailto:year11@hockerill.com) to raise any concerns or questions you have. Please also be aware that parents of boarders should make appointments on this date as Boarders' Open Weekend is not taking place this year. You must make appointments before the deadline of 27th November, as these cannot be arranged after this date. If you require any assistance on how to use the system, you must contact [year11@hockerill.com](mailto:year11@hockerill.com) prior to 27th November as assistance will not be available on the evening.

You should also have received your child's Progress 1 Report. If you have not received this, please email [year11@hockerill.com](mailto:year11@hockerill.com).

### Mrs A Humphris

Head of Year 11

## YEAR 12

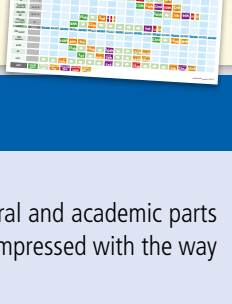
### Deadlines

Attached is a document showing the deadlines that the Year 12s will be working towards over the next two years. We would appreciate your support in encouraging your child at the various points in the year.

[https://www.hockerill.com/uploads/asset\\_file/3\\_1280\\_deadlineguide20-22.pdf](https://www.hockerill.com/uploads/asset_file/3_1280_deadlineguide20-22.pdf)

### Pete Bromfield

Director of Sixth Form



## YEAR 13

### Dear Parents of Year 13

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Director of Sixth Form. I am excited to lead the pastoral and academic parts of the Sixth Form and have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the Year 13's so far this term. I have been particularly impressed with the way the students have coped with the changes that Covid-19 has brought upon their lives.

Year 13, and especially the Michaelmas Term of Y13, is a very busy time for IB students due to IA and EE deadlines and university applications. To help students through this challenging time we have decided to give them the opportunity to catch up with some of their deadlines by allowing them some independent study time work on Saturday 28th November.

To facilitate this, students will be setting three targets with their tutor to give them a focus for the morning. They will be expected to register, via Teams, at 8:50am on the Saturday morning. They will be expected to work independently for at least three hours on this day.

Regards

### Pete Bromfield

Director of Sixth Form

### UCAS Applications

The Students applications which were submitted before half term are now beginning to hear back from universities - so congratulations to those students who have already received offers. Students who haven't heard anything yet should not be concerned as the universities all work at different rates, often different faculties within the same university will respond at different times, and universities all have until the end of March to make decisions.

For those students who have yet to apply they are strongly advised to get that done now, so if they have not "Paid and Sent" their UCAS form they should do that soon. Doing that will send the form to us, not UCAS, and enables us to start checking it and adding references and predicted grades. It does not require the form to be completely finalised and changes can still be made.

For those students who are still not sure what they want to do after Hockerill or who are considering other paths such as apprenticeships they are encouraged to make an appointment with us in the Careers Department or with one of our YC Hertfordshire advisers to discuss their options and how we can support them.

If parents have any questions about university applications or other careers options, please do get in touch at [careers@hockerill.com](mailto:careers@hockerill.com)