

> THE HOCKERILL HUB <

> WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HOCKERILL ANGLO-EUROPEAN COLLEGE > 4 DECEMBER 2020 >

> NEWS

Boarders returning to the UK in January - Test to Release for International Travel Arrivals

Please see further details regarding the testing process to reduce quarantining time when travelling to England ([here](#)).

As you will see from the link, the scheme will not begin until Tuesday 15th December. The Government currently have not detailed which private tests would be accepted as part of the scheme. I will look into this further once the scheme has launched and contact parents with further details after this time. Please be aware that you will need to opt in to the Test to Release scheme via the passenger locator form (from the 15th December onwards). Please complete the passenger locator form once I have clarified the arrangements with parents.

Parent Governor Election – December 2020 – Two Vacancies

Further to our call for nominations, we have received 17 nominations for the two parent governor vacancies. All parents and carers of students registered at the school are eligible to cast up to two votes. Details of how to do this, together with candidate biographical details are available on our website [here](#). If you would prefer to take part in the election by post, please email clerktogovernors@hockerill.com or telephone our office on 01279 658451.

Claire Waring

Business Manager: HR & Marketing

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 11th December we invite students to wear their Christmas Jumper to College for the very small charitable donation of £2.

As usual Students and Staff were given the opportunity to nominate a charity in which they have a particular personal interest or attachment to receive this money. We always divide the collection equally by four. This year we are pleased to support Royal British Legion, The RNLI, DementiaUK and The Essex and Herts Air Ambulance.

www.britishlegion.org.uk

www.ehaat.org

www.rnli.org

www.dementiauk.org

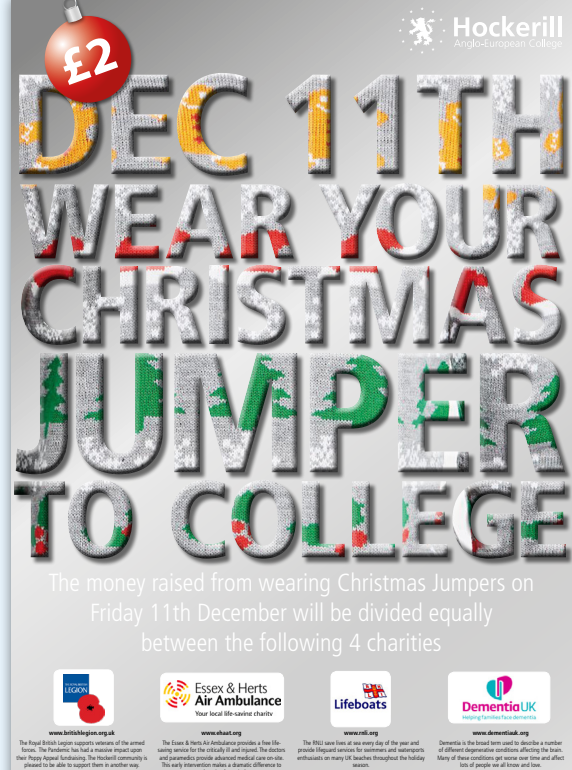
Students may wear their jumper, in addition to, or instead of their blazer. All other uniform rules remain unchanged. As we are keeping clear of cash donations this year in line with our COVID-19 Secure Policy, please would you make a charitable donation of at least £2 on behalf of your son or daughter via WisePay. It is always very disappointing if a student chooses to participate in this annual fund-raising event without first asking their parent to make the donation on their behalf.

In addition, on Friday 11th we will serve our Annual College Christmas lunch, with slightly modified arrangements to lunchtime, and we are thankful for the support of the Hockerill Parents and Friends (HPF) for providing Christmas crackers this year.

Finally, may I wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas.

Mr Whiteley

Head of Lower College



Communication during Christmas holiday

The administration email will be monitored until 24th December 2020. If you need to report a positive case of Covid-19 for a student within a week of the end of term, please email admin@hockerill.com

Catering

Please see link below where you will find a video of the current catering offering for students.

<https://vimeo.com/486856042>

Laptop Chargers

It is important that students bring a fully charged device to College. If the device has a shorter battery life, they might need to consider using a charging power bank.

Please be reminded, if students are using their laptop chargers in College these should be PAT tested to ensure they are safe to use. The maintenance staff will be holding clinics every week when students can bring their charger to be tested. Students can go to the maintenance office on the following days between 0800 and 0845hrs:

Wednesday – Lower College (Years 7, 8 and 9)

Thursday – Upper College and Sixth Form (Years 10 – 13)

(Residential boarding students will have their devices PAT tested in the boarding house.)

Feedback

As a learning institution we are always keen to hear your feedback so that we can develop and move things forward. If you have feedback for us, please do not hesitate to send it in. In the first instance the best person to contact will be your child's Form teacher or subject teacher and then Head of Year, Head of Department or Head of House for boarders.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Admission Arrangements

The 6 week consultation period closes this coming weekend on our Admission Arrangements for September 2022 entry which can be [viewed here](#). There is just a small change to the way in which the numbers are expressed for the 10% of applicants admitted under our Aptitude Criterion. Comments on the proposed changes must be received before midnight on 6 December 2020.

> VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2020

Thursday 10th December, 7.00pm-8.30pm GMT

An online Christmas celebration concert, showcasing the extra-curricular virtual music ensembles that have been taking place this term. Music includes Christmas pop, jazz and classical repertoire that would have normally featured in our live end-of-term Christmas Show and Carol Service.

Virtual ensembles featured this year include:

- College Big Band
- Lower and Upper College Choir
- Chapel Choir
- String Quartet
- Jazz Ensembles
- Concert Band
- College Orchestra
- Woodwind ensemble
- String Ensemble
- String Quartet

We look forward to seeing you at this Live Event!

Click [Concert](#) to attend.



> CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Hockerill music teacher Charlie Bates on winning an Ivor Novello Award.

The Ivors Composer Awards celebrates the best new works by UK composers writing for classical, jazz and sound art. Recognised as a pinnacle of achievement since they were first presented in 1956, an Ivor Novello Award represents peer recognition with categories judged by those within the UK music creator community. The winners were revealed Tuesday 1st December as part of a two-hour ceremony broadcast exclusively on BBC Radio 3. Charlie won best "Jazz composition for large ensemble". Click below for further details

<https://www.nyjo.org.uk/about/news/charlie-bates-ivors-award-jazz-large-ensemble/>



> COMMUNITY VOICE

The Police have asked us to forward on the following link about community voice to promote with students and parents.

They are looking to get young people's views on how people feel about crime and disorder in their local area. There are two questions to complete and it is anonymous.

<https://capture.rantandrave.com/s3/Youth-East-Herts>

If you have any specific questions about this, please contact Stuart Orton at Stuart.Orton@Herts.pnn.police.uk

> LIBRARY NEWS

British Council eTwinning National Award

Mrs Bruce and a group of Year 7 and 8 students from last year's Books & Biscuits Club are celebrating after their eTwinning project: 'Super'euro'heroes to the Rescue' was awarded a highly regarded British Council eTwinning National Award at last week's online awards ceremony. To secure the award, the students worked in partnership with schools in Italy, Poland and Spain, to create an 'outstanding project using digital collaborative tools'. The project had already received National and European Quality Labels, as mentioned in a previous Hub, and involved studying the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, then working on a variety of tasks which culminated in producing a collaborative eBook. This told the story of super'euro'heroes called The Four Elementals, who each tackled one of the Global Goals.

<http://www.tinyurl.com/yaj4s2yw>

Mrs Sarah Bruce, the Acting College Librarian said: "We are thrilled to have been awarded a UK National Award. eTwinning is run as an extra-curricular activity, and the students in the club enjoyed working with their European partners on the project. To receive this award is a real honour for all the students and staff who took part. Whilst sharing their ideas and working creatively with their European partners, this eTwinning project has enabled our students to apply many attributes of the IB learner profile to the tasks they undertook. At the same time, they have come to the realisation that no matter what their nationality, the pupils involved in the project all share common hopes and aspirations for a more sustainable future."

The judging panel's comments were: "This creative project clearly has the potential to have a high impact on the target audience. The well laid out Twinspace demonstrates focused curriculum engagement and clear outcomes. There is ample evidence of inspired and well-motivated students in all of the project partner schools. Great efforts were made to adapt this collaborative project to address the challenges of lockdown and commendable efforts were made to ensure the final products were completed. The final outcome was engaging and clearly involved all participants in the production. This interesting and current issues focused project is highly commended."



> DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Year 10

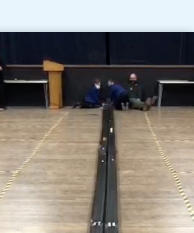
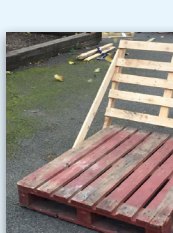
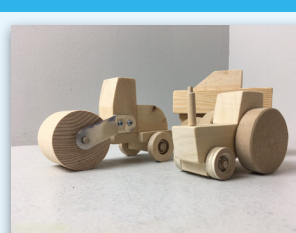
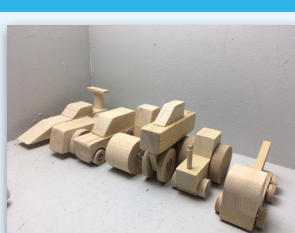
During the past few weeks Year 10 DT students have been working hard on their first project in the workshop. The brief was to design a simple wooden toy fusing the styles of the Archetoy by Floris Hovers, which uses standard steel industrial sections with his Ikonik toys, which capture the essence of a classic or iconic design beautifully made in, lovely knot free Red Cedar or Siberian Larch. The designs and therefore the model toys seek to have an endearing individuality, a naïve character but a sense of power. The students have produced some excellent work, to a high standard building upon their design skills learnt this term and some of their making skills carried forward from KS3.

Mr Whiteley

Head of Lower College

Year 12 students have been recycling old pallets into furniture during CAS.

Year 7 have been testing the dragsters that they made this week.



> HOCKERILL PARENTS AND FRIENDS

LAST CHANCE TO ENTER

HPF Virtual Balloon Race

The 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.

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.

At the last count over 130 balloons were ready and waiting to take off, so we should be in for a good race!

Each balloon costs £5 and the winner will receive £100!

Please go to <https://www.balloonrace.com/HPF> to buy your Balloons now.

Thank you, as always, for your support.



> WINCHESTER HOUSE

After the donation of a fantastic prize, we have decided to hold a silent auction this week. We have a snooker cue signed by 6 times Snooker World Cup champion Ronnie O'Sullivan kindly donated by a parent. If you would like to place a bid for this please email corrigan@hockerill.com. The proceeds from the silent auction will also be donated to End Youth Homelessness.

Thank you to all parents who supported our fundraising raffle for End Youth Homelessness, we are pleased to announce that we raised just over £800. The prizes have been delivered to the winners, and once again we would like to thank those individuals and organisations who kindly donated these.

Winners:

- Wine and Cheese hamper - Miss Alfred
- Body Shop advent calendar - Ms Paine
- Magnum of Champagne - Mrs Srebot
- Afternoon tea baskets - Mrs Caldicott, Mr and Mrs Parkin, Mrs Foster
- Beauty voucher - Mrs Srebot
- English Cream Tea Company gift tin - Mr and Mrs Parkin



> YOUNG ENTERPRISE 2020

We are taking orders for the Young Enterprise Recipe Calendar.

The Recipes have been collated as part of the Recipe Competition and celebrate the diversity of the Hockerill community. The cost of the calendar is £7.50 per unit.

Calendars can be ordered via WisePay. We aim to be able to distribute all the calendars by the end of term but if not, they will be available in early January. Proceeds from the sale of the calendars will go to Mental Health Charities.

Thank you in advance for supporting this student-led social enterprise company.

