

## NEWS



The Hub was intended to be a way for us to communicate to you the rich variety of experiences and opportunities open to students at Hockerill. Unfortunately, the year has not lent itself to that and The Hub has become our way of keeping you abreast of how we are educating your children through the pandemic and what government pronouncements mean for you and your children's education. This week is no exception with the government's announcement that schools will reopen at the earliest on March 8th. March 8th is 3 weeks after February 15th which is the date by which it is hoped that all 15 million people in the UK in the most vulnerable categories will have been vaccinated. The 3-week period then gives individuals time to develop immunity after their vaccination. There will be further reviews by the government in the latter part of February to make a final decision about March 8th and so until then it is 'as you were'. We will continue with our remote learning and students need to continue working with us. As and when the return date is confirmed we will communicate more information about arrangements for boarders e.g. quarantine, and Lateral Flow testing (all students will need to have two negative results before coming into school). As always, if you feel your child is struggling and needs some extra help, support or encouragement, please do not hesitate to contact us.

### GCSE and IB DP Assessment Arrangements

You will be aware that we are still waiting for definitive announcements about the assessment arrangements for our Year 11 and Year 13 students. In order to ensure we are as ready as we can be, the Heads of Faculty and Curriculum Leadership met on Monday to discuss ways of ensuring that we have sufficient evidence to justify the awarding of teacher grades. Over the rest of this term, we will ensure that students are set tasks that reflect the grades that we know they are capable of achieving. These may take many forms and will not always be what are thought of as traditional tests. It is really important that students remain on task and produce work to the best of their ability.

We hope that this will alleviate some of the pressure on the students when we finally have a clear picture of the assessment processes.

The Ofqual consultation period regarding assessment arrangements to replace the summer examinations ends today (Friday 29th January). Following this, the Department for Education and Ofqual will publish guidance on how assessment will take place. As soon as we have clarity on this, we will share what we know with you in writing and follow that up with online Q&A sessions for Year 11 and Year 13 parents and students. We will publish the dates of these in due course.

In the interim, a Boarding Parents' Forum was held this week. In this session, Rhys Jones and Pete Bromfield presented on what we know at this stage regarding processes for GCSE and DP assessment. The forum was recorded and a link to this is below. You can listen to their presentations by forwarding to the following parts of the recording:

GCSE update spans from 19.30-27.28

IBDP update from 27.33-31.54.

<https://vimeo.com/505623967>

As ever, please do make contact if you have any specific questions at this stage.

### Sixth Form application deadline

Please be reminded that the deadline for applications for a day place in the Sixth Form is Friday 12th February. The application form is available on our website and via the following link: [https://www.hockerill.com/uploads/asset\\_file/3\\_1326\\_ibdayadmit21edt.pdf](https://www.hockerill.com/uploads/asset_file/3_1326_ibdayadmit21edt.pdf)

Please contact [admissions@hockerill.com](mailto:admissions@hockerill.com) if you have any questions regarding the process.

## BOARDING NEWS

### International Travel

Parents may have read in the media about the Government's plan to enforce international arrivals from some countries and the need to stay in a hotel designated for quarantine upon their arrival. The BSA have written to us this week to inform us that the Home Office has confirmed that if boarders are able to self-isolate in their boarding quarters, then they would not require a quarantine hotel. Please see further details of current travel restrictions and information regarding testing before entering England via the link here, it is of course possible that these measures may have changed by the time schools fully reopen.

### Boarding Parents Forum

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the Boarding Parent Forum on Wednesday evening, if you were unable to attend and would like to view the meeting, please do so via the link below.

<https://vimeo.com/505623967>

## WELLBEING

Follow this [link here](#) to find five ways to stay positive through lockdown.

## STAFF AND STUDENTS STRAVA CHALLENGE

During lockdown, the PE department are running a Strava challenge alongside their remote lessons for all staff and students to get outside away from their screens, stay active and enjoy some exercise! The challenge is to run or cycle as far as you can to be awarded Equipe points. Which house will have the biggest distance? Which year group will run the furthest? Will lower College run further than the sixth form? Will anyone beat the staff?

All students and staff are welcome to download the Strava app (free) to join the 103 members that are currently involved in the challenge.

### Instructions for joining the challenge:

- Go to your app store
- download Strava
- Create a profile
- go to privacy settings, privacy controls, and only allow your followers to see your profile/activities etc.
- Triple check you have the correct privacy settings, it is important to safeguard the time of day that you are running, and the map of where you are running.
- go to explore, clubs, search for Hockerill Anglo-European College
- request to join it (Miss Perry or Mr Coleman will accept you and check your privacy settings)
- Like all social media you should not accept any followers who you do not know.

### How to take part in the challenge:

- When you are going for a run/cycle, hit record and off you go. When you finish your run, make sure you hit finish. Strava will show you your map, how far you ran and how long it took you. Your distance and time will be automatically added to the Hockerill challenge.
- Head over to the challenge to check out the leader board and see where you are.
- Cheer on your friends virtually by giving them Kudos on their runs and cycles.

Students can take part in the challenge during their PE lessons, before or after College, or at the weekend, it all counts.



### IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday  
2nd February  
Year 8 Parent  
Consultations

w/c Monday  
15th February  
Half Term

### REMINDERS

The deadline for the  
Year 9 HPV Vaccination  
consent form is Monday  
1st February (see Year 9  
section below for details).

### CONTACT US:

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## YEAR 9

### HPV Vaccination

The HPV Vaccination Clinic will take place at a date yet to be determined on the students return to College. Please could parents complete the following consent form [HPV Vaccination Consent Form](#) and return by email to [healthcentre@hockerill.com](mailto:healthcentre@hockerill.com) by Monday 1st February.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Access to magazines and resources online during Lockdown

A reminder that Hertfordshire Libraries offer a wide range of services, including access to ebooks, audiobooks, online magazines and newspapers. All who live, work or study in Hertfordshire, can join the library online here - [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/library-membership/library-membership.aspx](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/library-membership/library-membership.aspx) You can use your membership number and PIN straight away to access most of the services. Whilst the temporary membership number usually has to be exchanged within 28 days for a permanent membership card, this has currently been extended to take account of the current restrictions. International boarders can also join but need to use the College as their address.

First News, the UK's only newspaper for children is also free during school closures. You can get your weekly digital copy by using this link: <https://subscribe.firstnews.co.uk/free-downloadable-issue/> At a time of so much fake news on social media, this is a great resource.

### Mrs Bruce

Acting College Librarian