

NEWS

Parent Governor Election result

Congratulations to Mr Christopher Dunne and Dr Debra Williams-Gualandi, the successful nominees in the recent parent governor election whose term of office started this week. Thank you to all parents who voted in this election.

IB Exam Update

Please find information below regarding the IB Exams for 2021.

https://www.hockerill.com/uploads/asset_file/3_1360_letter-to-year-13-ibo-update-05.02.2021.pdf

Remote Learning

If your child at Hockerill is struggling to access lessons while in lockdown due to lack of a suitable device because of financial difficulties, please contact Christian Appleford via admin@hockerill.com as the College may be able to loan a device for the short term.

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 9th February is Safer Internet Day. All our students will be provided with a link to some resources and will be able to participate in an activity during their morning form period.

I thought it would be helpful for our parents to have this link to the Safer Internet Day website: <https://www.saferinternetday.org/home>

You will find some useful links and resources which should enable you to feel more confident talking with your child(ren) about online safety.

The link below opens a document about the risks associated with false or misleading online information (Fake News).

<https://tinyurl.com/y59mfot>

I would encourage you to look at the document and find time to discuss the content with your child(ren).

Alasdair Mackenzie

Vice Principal

JustTalk young people's COVID-19 webinar – 17 February 2021

Following the success of the young people's COVID-19 webinar last year, Public Health Hertfordshire have arranged another follow up session. Hertfordshire's 11-19 year olds are encouraged to take part in this free event on Wednesday 17 February, 11:30am-12:30pm.

This is an ideal opportunity for young people to listen to reliable information from the panel members below, who will be talking about some of the anxieties many people are experiencing and answering questions and concerns raised by young people living in Hertfordshire:

- **Councillor Tim Hutchings** - Cabinet Member for Public Health & Prevention
- **Councillor Terry Douris** - Cabinet Member for Education, Libraries and Localism
- **Dr Alison Frater** - Public Health Consultant
- **Liz Shapland** - Deputy Education Services Director (Secondary) Herts for Learning
- **Tania Rawle** - Head of School Standards and Accountability, Education, Children's Services

Young people can submit questions ahead of the time, by sending into JustTalk@hertfordshire.gov.uk. There will also be a chat function, so questions can be submitted live during the webinar. There is no need to book or pre-register, simply visit www.justtalkherts.org/coronaviruswebinar on the day.

Remember, there is a range of free resources for professionals who work with young people available on the Just Talk website. There is also a host of free wellbeing and mental health information and support for primary and secondary aged children, young people and their parents/carers including the Five Ways to Wellbeing e-learning sessions.

IMPORTANT DATES

w/c Monday

15th February

Half Term

Thursday

25th February

Enrichment Day

Wednesday 3rd March

Year 10 Parent Teacher

Consultations

(further information next week)

Thursday 11th March

Hockerill Parents and

Friends AGM

(see details below)

Saturday 20th March

Year 9 Options morning

(see details below)

REMINDERS

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 link

below: https://www.hockerill.com/uploads/asset_file/3_1326_ibodayadmit21edt.pdf

Please contact

admissions@hockerill.com

if you have any questions

regarding the process.

CONTACT US:

General

communications to:

admin@hockerill.com

Absence

communications to:

absence@hockerill.com

BOARDING

Year 11 and 13 Boarding 2 Reports

Parents are due to receive a boarding report in March, these reports will be delayed as we have a number of key staff who would normally write these reports who are currently furloughed and the amount of time that these students have been present in College has been minimal since boarding 1 reports were published during the Michaelmas term.

Full Reopening

I am sure that parents will be aware that we are expecting further updates from the Government during the week of 22nd February. The BSA is in communication with the Government surrounding the implications a return to school prior to Easter will have for boarders, particularly international boarders. As soon as we have any further information to share with parents we will do so.

CAREERS NEWS

Meet the Russell Group

A reminder that the Russell Group of universities is running an event next Wednesday for parents and students to find out much more about each university. Full details, including registration forms and the webinar timetable, can be found here: [Meet the Russell Group \(vfairs.com\)](http://MeettheRussellGroup.vfairs.com). The Fair is aimed at students in years 11, 12 and 13. Sixth form students can attend during CAS provided they let Mrs Engeham know, for students in Year 11 the fair runs until 7pm so they can attend without missing class.

Free expert advice on guiding your child to a successful career

The InvestIN Group are running free-of-charge interactive 'Live Online' seminars designed to help parents of students aged 12-18 supercharge their children's career potential. The events for this term are:

Wednesday 24th February: The Skills Surgery - How to break into careers in medicine, dentistry and veterinary science

Wednesday 3rd March: The Power of Networks - How your child can build a powerful professional network

Full details can be found here: [Parent Event Series - InvestIN Education](http://ParentEventSeries-InvestINEducation)

A special series of free-of-charge events just for parents, to help you supercharge your child's career potential. Simply click below to register now.

investin.org



National Apprenticeship Week 8th-12th February

Next week is National Apprenticeship Week and there is a wealth of information online but students all have a login for Unifrog so the first place to look would be there. YC Hertfordshire and the Careers & Enterprise Company have also got together to compile a list of resources and online events which can be found here:

https://www.hockerill.com/uploads/asset_file/3_1349_national-apprenticeship-week-2021-flyer.pdf

STAFF AND STUDENTS STRAVA CHALLENGE

During lockdown, the PE department are using the sports app Strava alongside their remote lessons for all staff and students to get outside away from their screens, stay active and enjoy some exercise outdoors! You can record a run, a cycle or even a walk with the dog (if you save it as a run). All efforts will be awarded points for their Equipe. At the end of the lockdown we will see which Equipe collectively as travelled the biggest distance.

All students and staff are welcome to download the Strava app (free) to join the 112 members that are currently involved in the Hockerill Strava club.

Instructions for joining Strava

- Go to your app store
- Download Strava
- Create a profile
- Go to privacy settings
- Go to 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 exercising.
- 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.
- You will not be accepted into the Hockerill club unless you have full privacy settings

How to take part in the Hockerill Strava club

- When you are going for a run/cycle/walk, hit record and off you go. When you finish your exercise make sure you hit finish. Strava will show you your map, how far you went and how long it took you. Your distance and time will be automatically added to the Hockerill leader board.
- Check out the leader board and see where you and your fellow Equipe students are.
- Cheer on your friends virtually by giving them Kudos on their efforts.
- Let us know in your PE lessons what you have been doing.

Students can take part in the Hockerill Strava club during their PE lessons, before or after College, or at the weekend, it all counts as points towards their Equipe.



OPERATION COMMUNITY

Are you in Years 9 to 11? Do you need volunteering experience for your DofE? Are you someone who loves getting involved in projects and wants to support local initiatives?

Become a Youth Community Ambassador with Bishop's Wellbeing!

We are looking for a team of Year 9-11 students who are interested in creating positive mental wellbeing and a happier living for the Stort Valley Community.

You will receive:

- Mental Health First Aid training
- A DofE reference (if needed)
- Project leader and development skills
- Fundraising experience
- Access to training you think would benefit the project
- A budget to use how you and your team wish, to improve the wellbeing and happiness of the community!

What you'll need to do:

- Attend a 2 hour meeting once a month
- Dedicate 2 hours a week to researching/planning
- Attend any campaigns or fundraising events your team coordinates
- Be a positive member of the Bishop's Wellbeing Team

This will be facilitated, but you and your team will be in charge of projects and campaigns, a great opportunity to develop personal and professional skills!

For more information or to book onto the info session please email friendship@operationcommunitybs.org

<https://www.operationcommunitybs.org/>



YEAR 9

Year 9 Options

This year, the Year 9 Options morning event will be held online. It will take place on Saturday 20th March. A letter explaining the Options process will be sent to you on Friday 12th March. The letter will include links to individual subject presentations which you can view in advance of the Options morning. There will be an opportunity to ask questions in advance of the meeting which will then be addressed on the day. The Options choice form will become live on the morning of Saturday 20th March with a completion deadline of Wednesday 14th April which is shortly after the start of the Summer term.

Mrs Whiteley

Head of Year

LIBRARY NEWS

Bishop's Stortford College Festival of Literature Author Events for Hockerill Students – 2nd to 12th February

To promote Reading for Pleasure, I have purchased a ticket for the Festival of Literature's Schools Programme, enabling access to the online author events for our students. Whilst it is unfortunately impossible for them to attend most of these events 'live', due to timetabling conflicts, students will be able to access catch-up recordings via the following link: <https://www.festivalofliterature.co.uk/stream/>

The authors in the Secondary Programme include

Kiran Millwood Hargrave <https://www.kiranmillwoodhargrave.co.uk/> and

Anthony McGowan <http://anthonymcgowan.com/anewsite/> whose book 'Lark' won the 2020 Carnegie Medal Award,

but further details of all the amazing authors taking part can be found at: <https://www.festivalofliterature.co.uk/schools-programme/>

HOCKERILL PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Hockerill Parents and Friends (HPF) would like to invite you to join us at our Annual General meeting (AGM) on Thursday 11th March 2021 at 8pm.

The AGM will be held via Zoom and to join the meeting please go to:

<https://zoom.us/j/8160626282?pwd=engreHvrvHVYekhKam93QzVlenRHdz09>

- Meeting ID: 816 062 6282

- Passcode: HPFAGM

A reminder of the meeting details will be published in the Hockerill Hub and on Facebook nearer the time.

Draft Agenda

- Minutes from Last Meeting
- Annual Accounts
- Election of Officers
- Proposed Amendment to HPF constitution
- Future Plans
- AOB Any questions please email HPF@hockerill.com

We look forward to seeing you.

Richard Johnson

Chair of HPF

BARRACUDAS ACTIVITY DAY CAMP

Barracudas are running a camp at Hockerill over the Easter Break.

If you are interested in your child attending please use the discount code on the leaflet here to receive a discounted price.

Parents can be reassured their bookings will be COVID-19 financially risk-free. If Barracudas had to cancel the camp due to COVID-19, they will offer a credit or refund. If your child has to self-isolate, you will receive a credit to use another time. There is further information on this and their COVID-19 Secure policy here: <https://www.barracudas.co.uk/faqs/barracudas-covid-19-secure-policy/>

