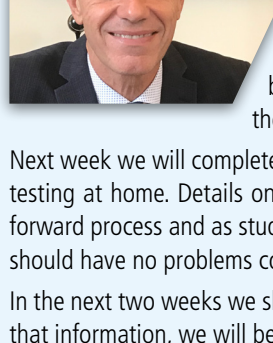


HOCKERILL NEWS



The return to College has gone extremely smoothly. Thank you to everyone who has helped to make that so. Students arrived at College fully aware of what would be happening and their role in keeping everyone safe, the LFD testing centre has functioned very effectively, and teachers have remarked how students have generally picked up where they left off. This is great news and makes us even more sure that while we must be alert to students who will need support as they transition back to school the vast majority have shown the resilience and strength to navigate the lockdown successfully.

Next week we will complete the third round of in-school testing and the mantle will pass to you to continue with testing at home. Details on how to do this and how to report the results are given below. It is a very straight forward process and as students will have completed three tests in school with trained testers to help them, they should have no problems completing the tests at home.

In the next two weeks we should receive further details on how the GCSE award grades will be awarded. Once we have that information, we will be able to give you clarification on how we will award grades. In the meantime, we ask for your patience as we have no more information than you do. We also ask that you keep in mind that it is the exam boards that award grades and not individual teachers.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Saturday 20th March**
Year 9 Options morning (further details below)
- Tuesday 23rd March**
Year 9 Parent Teacher Consultations
- Wednesday 17th March**
Boarding Parents' Forum (further details below)
- Wednesday 24th March**
End of term (students depart at 12:40hrs)
- Monday 12th April**
Term commences
- Tuesday 13th April**
Year 9 immunisations (further details below)

REMINDERS

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 school may be able to loan a device for the short term.

CONTACT US:

General communications to: admin@hockerill.com
Absence communications to: absence@hockerill.com

LATERAL FLOW DEVICE TESTING FOR STUDENTS

Test at Home (Self-Test)

All students will be provided with two Covid-19 Self-Test kits and a 'step-by-step guide for self-testing' (instruction booklet) after they have completed their third supervised test at College. Each self-test kit contains three tests, students will receive six tests in total.

The table below shows the dates that each year group will receive their self-test kit and instruction booklet.

Year Group	Date
7	Thursday 18th March
8	Wednesday 17th March
9	Wednesday 17th March
10	Tuesday 16th March
11	Tuesday 16th March
12	Tuesday 16th March
13	Thursday 18th March

All students will collect their self-test kit and instruction booklet when leaving the Refectory after receiving their third test result. All students will sign to confirm they have received two self-test kits and the instruction booklet. Students must look after their kits as the College has not been provided with spares if they were to lose them.

All students should complete one more test before the end of term (Wednesday 24th March). The table below shows the date of each year groups last supervised test as well as the earliest and latest date they should complete a self-test. Remember tests should be completed every three to five days.

Year Group	Date of Third Test in College	Earliest Self-Test	Latest Self-Test
7	Thursday 18th March	Sunday 21st March	Tuesday 23rd March
8	Wednesday 17th March	Saturday 20th March	Monday 22nd March
9	Wednesday 17th March	Saturday 20th March	Monday 22nd March
10	Tuesday 16th March	Saturday 20th March	Sunday 21st March
11	Tuesday 16th March	Saturday 20th March	Sunday 21st March
12	Tuesday 16th March	Saturday 20th March	Sunday 21st March
13	Thursday 18th March	Sunday 21st March	Tuesday 23rd March

Weekend tests - most students will complete their tests on the Sunday afternoon / evening before returning to College on Sunday night / Monday morning.

Testing for Boarders

Boarders will be supervised completing their first self-test during the evening of Sunday 21st March. Residential boarders who do not return to their house until the morning of Monday 22nd March will be expected to have completed their first self-test at home on Sunday evening. Flexi (and Day) boarders should also complete their first self-test on Sunday evening.

After the Easter Holidays boarders will complete their tests at the beginning of a prep session. Arrangements for this will be communicated to all boarders by their Head of House. Flexi boarders who are not present in the prep session will be expected to complete their self-test at home.

Return to College after Easter

All students must ensure they have completed a self-test at home before returning to College on Sunday 11th April (residential boarders) or Monday 12th April.

Supervising the LFD Self-Test

NHS guidance states that children aged 12-17 should be supervised by an adult but can swab themselves. Children aged 11 must ensure their test is administered by an adult.

Reporting Results

Students must report their result in two ways:

- To the NHS (following the instructions for online reporting on Page 15 of the self-test guide)
- To the College by completing the short Microsoft Form [linked here](#)

Positive Test Results

If your result is positive you must do the following:

- Start isolating for 10 days (along with close contacts). The day of the test is day zero
- Inform the College by email (absence@hockerill.com and everetta@hockerill.com) during term time and up to 48 hours after the end of term. You must inform the College of any known recent (within 48 hours) close contacts so the College can begin contact tracing
- Complete a PCR test and if the result is negative, it overrides the LFD Test result, and you should end your isolation and return to College. You must inform the College of your PCR Test result before returning.

Details of how positive cases for residential boarders will be managed are available to view in Section 4 of the College's Reopening Guidance (March 2021). This document can be [viewed here](#).

Instructions and Help with Self-Testing

The NHS has informed the College that you must ignore and discard the folded guide that is within the test kit box. You should only use the blue booklet provided to you.

HM Government provides guidance documents and links to videos to assist with testing. Click on [this link](#) to see this.

Section 4 of the College's reopening guidance provides further links to up-to-date NHS resources related to COVID-19. You can view this [document here](#).

Here is a useful guide to doing a lateral flow test from home: [Guide to home testing](#)

Reporting Concerns

You should report a clinical incident which has led to harm to the NHS (<https://coronavirusyellowcard.mhra.gov.uk>). This is not for seeking immediate medical care. Medical care should be sought through the usual route of contacting 111 or 999.

Non-clinical issues should be reported to 119.

You should inform the College about any on-going test related problems.

Please contact the College Office if you require any further information.

Mr Mackenzie

Vice Principal

COVID-19

Please follow the link below to view a letter from the Hertfordshire Director of Public Health. This letter outlines some of the latest changes and encourages families to take part in the lateral flow testing available to parents and carers in addition to supporting secondary aged children to be involved.

[Letter from Director of Public Health](#)

BOARDING

Boarding Parents' Forum: Wednesday 17th March 1900hrs

Please see [link here](#) to access the Online Boarding Parents Forum that will run from 1900-2000hrs on Wednesday 17th March. An agenda for the meeting will be emailed to Boarding Parents early next week. The online meeting will be held via Microsoft Teams.

Please submit questions you would like answered in advance of the meeting via the Microsoft Form in [the link here](#). The Form will close at 12:30hrs on Monday 15th March.

Mr Conolly

Director of Boarding

YEAR 7

BMX Racing Club

I would like to inform you of the relaunch of the Hockerill BMX Racing Club at the track in Braintree with former national champion coach Jools Allen.

I would like to resume the club on Wednesday 14th April with fourteen Year 7 students. Priority has been given to students who applied in September but missed out on a space. This leaves limited spaces to any other Year 7 who did not ride in the autumn. If these spaces are not all filled, then previous riders will be invited back. The club will initially run for eight weeks and may end (COVID-dependent) with a trip to Lea Valley Velodrome, where we would enjoy track, mountain bike and BMX sessions.

The initial dates are as follows:

- 14th April
- 21st April
- 28th April
- 5th May
- 12th May
- 19th May
- 26th May
- 16th June
- 23rd June – potential trip to London or extra session at Braintree (tbc)

We will meet at the minibus promptly at 15:45hrs and return to College by 18:00hrs after a full hour's riding. Boarders will need to arrange dinner with their boarding tutors, who will be informed of their participation.

The total price will be £88 for the first eight hour-long sessions and includes minibus transport to Braintree, hire of bikes and full-face helmets, which will all be thoroughly sanitised before our arrival. I ask that if your child is interested in participating, you complete this [Microsoft Form](#) granting your permission before 17:00hrs on Monday 15th March. The club is open to female and male riders who will be chosen on a first-come, first-served basis and not on ability. Once their place is confirmed via email, I would ask that payment is made via WisePay, reference BMX Racing Club Summer 2021 before Friday 19th March.

The students will need to wear trainers, long-sleeved tops, long-legged bottoms (preferably not baggy) and gloves for protection, which due to Covid19, are no longer provided. We hold the right to refuse participation if these conditions are not met. The students should also bring a drink and a snack to eat at the track.

Should you have any further queries, please e-mail me directly on russella@hockerill.com. But please do not use this as a way of requesting a place on the team.

Mr Russell

Vice Principal

YEAR 9

Year 9 Options 2021

The College has organised an online presentation for parents on Saturday 20th March at 11:00hrs. The event will be live streamed through Microsoft Teams Live Event. Further details, including a link to the presentation, can be found in this [Options](#) letter

Immunisation update

The Year 9 Diphtheria, Tetanus & Polio and Meningitis ACWY vaccination session which was scheduled to take place in lockdown has now been rescheduled for Tuesday 13th April. If you have not already completed the form for your child, please follow the link below and send your completed form back to healthcentre@hockerill.com by Friday 19th March. Parents are asked to complete the form, whether they consent to the vaccine being given or not (there is a Refusal of Consent area on the form). If you have already submitted this form, there is no need for you to repeat this.

These vaccinations are carried out by a team of NHS Nurses who come onsite to deliver them. Therefore, if you have any queries about your child receiving the vaccine, please contact the NHS Vaccination Team (01462 341173 or Vaccination@hertfordshire.gov.uk), and not the College Health Centre as the College Nurses are unable to offer information or advice on these immunisations.

We await a rescheduled date for the HPV vaccine session which we will advise you of in due course.

[DTP and Meningitis cover letter](#)

[DTP and Meningitis consent form](#)

YEAR 13

Looking for speakers and presenters

We are thrilled to be back in College with the students. In May, we will be in the position to offer the Year 13 students' opportunities for enrichment and are scheduling speakers and presenters. If you, or someone you know, would be in a position to offer something from the 'real world', please do get in touch! Please email Leslie Spencer, Head of Year 13 at spencerl@hockerill.com. Many thanks in advance and we are looking forward to seeing some parents, even virtually, soon.

Mrs Spencer

Head of Year 13

STUDENT NEWS

Clubs Programme

Please follow the link below to view the Clubs Programme for the remainder of this term:

https://www.hockerill.com/uploads/asset_file/3_1411_lent-clubs-programme.pdf

Year 10 & Year 11 Drugs Awareness Enrichment Day

On the 25th February Year 10 and Year 11 received two virtual talks on drugs. One from the perspective of ex-military Bob Tait who had made several years of drugs busts, and one from the perspective of ex drug-addict turned activist Paul Hannaford.

The first talk from Bob Tait included lots of information about the different types of drugs and both their short-term and long-term effects. These included: cannabis, ecstasy, cocaine, ketamine, and ecstasy. We also learnt that drugs are categorised into classes A, B and C depending on how much damage and what effect they have, with class A being the worst, and C being the least bad. Lots of interesting facts were shared, like how caffeine and alcohol can be as bad, just because of the normality and comfort people have with them.

In his talk, we were also taught about the different levels of punishment, and what was punishable by the police. As you might expect, the higher the class of drug, the more severe the punishment, so you may spend considerably more time in prison for dealing an A class drug, than if you were to deal a C class drug. However, you may not have expected that for a crime to be classed as drug dealing, no money must be exchanged, and it can be as little as sharing it around a group of friends, or even with just one person. You can also be charged if drugs were used in your property or if someone else used them in your car, even if you didn't take any.

Finally, we were shown involvement with drugs can ruin the rest of your life, not just because of prison, but lots of universities and jobs will not accept you if you have a drug record and these records are with you for life. These include teaching, most medical careers and social workers.

The second talk from Paul Hannaford was about his personal experience and story with drugs and gangs. In secondary school, he was a great footballer and a generally normal and good student. However, he started mixing with the wrong group, and was offered the chance to smoke some cannabis. He did this and began doing it more and more often. He was eventually kicked out of his school and football club, and then his next school, until he was a 15 year old, in a gang, walking around with a knife on him. Throughout his life he was in prison 15 times and stabbed multiple times too. He nearly died on 9 occasions due to overdosing, stabbing and drug misuse. After leaving prison for the last time, he went to rehab and was able to finally get over his drug addiction. For the last 14 years he has been completely clean, yet he still experiences some side effects from his vast drug misuse. He goes to schools across the country, educating children on drugs and has spoken to more than 500,000 children, as he believes the best way to end this is early prevention, warning and education.

Noah Czajkowski and William Lombay (10 Goethe)

Miss Perry (Head of PE, Sport and PSHE) added:

Enrichment day is an excellent way to extend the PSHE curriculum and invite outside speakers into our community. Our drugs awareness day presented students with the stories from two very different people. Students were able to ask the speakers questions, and they were also given time to reflect on the stories they had heard with the staff. Our students also completed a drugs awareness based presentation task which will be used as part of our lower College drugs awareness programme. The second speaker of the day Paul Hannaford welcomes questions from our community via his Instagram or Twitter, more information can be found on his website www.paulhannaford.com. Thank you to our students for taking part in this day.

Drug Awareness Workshop

Please see the latest Aspects subsidised workshop flyers below. These are online workshops for parents entitled "Understanding Your Teen" and "Unplugged". The Unplugged programme is a drug awareness workshop designed for the parents of 11-15 year olds.

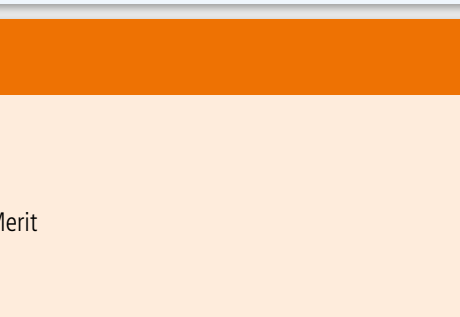
[Understanding your teen](#)

[Unplugged](#)

Aspects has continued to work with schools and families throughout the Covid crisis. They are keen to continue to support our partnership schools to help you remove barriers to learning and support pupils and their families.

They can provide:

- Home-school Liaison
- Family Support Work
- Parenting Advice and Support
- 1:1 pupil sessions for individual work aimed at early intervention and delivery of the Protective Behaviours model of support. (These can be remote or telephone sessions re social distancing.)
- Parent workshops
- Consultation and early help to school staff re a wide range of useful information, resources and signposting.



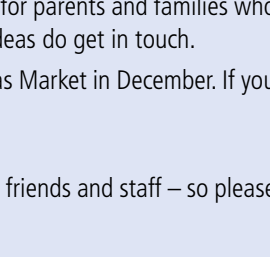
To register for this broadcast, please email charlotte.stringfellow@speakersforschools.org with the approximate number of students that will be attending the broadcast along with some questions that they would like to ask Tom during the student Q&A session. We will then send you the joining link.

HOW TO JOIN THE LIVE BROADCASTS

- Join 10 minutes before the broadcast to be ready
- You can join without needing an account – [Watch how here](#)
- For full speaker descriptions visit the [Broadcast Schedule here](#)

The Hertfordshire Opportunity Portal (HOP)

The Hertfordshire Opportunity Portal (HOP) provides a range of information for students at Hertfordshire schools to help them learn more about the world of work and opportunities open to them. They have launched a series of webinars featuring interviews with local employers, most recently about the computer games industry but covering a huge variety of industries. <https://www.hopinto.co.uk/explore-careers/webinars/virtual-employer-encounters/>



Target Careers

The Careers Department has a very small number of a booklet for parents produced by Target Careers that aims to help you in supporting your young person in their decision making around future careers. If you would like a copy, please let me know using the email careers@hockerill.com.

HOCKERILL PARENTS AND FRIENDS

HPF AGM

Thank you to everyone who joined our AGM meeting on Thursday evening. It was a good turnout and great to meet some new parents and friends.

It has been a strange year for everyone and although we have been limited in the fundraising and social events, we have been able to arrange we have still managed to raise money and support the college in a number of projects.

Thank you all for your continued support of HPF.

FUTURE EVENTS

As restrictions are eased, we are starting to plan for future HPF events in 2021/2022.

We hope that we will be able to run NEW parent socials in September 2021, and we also plan to arrange events for parents and families who joined Hockerill in September 2020, but sadly weren't able to meet up 'in person' at that time. If you have any ideas do get in touch.

We hope to be able to run a 'Zoom' Comedy Night with Paddy Lennox and friends and host our popular Christmas Market in December. If you have any ideas or would like to get involved, please do contact us via HPF@hockerill.com

SAVE THE DATE – Saturday 24th April – 10am

HPF runs a mix of fundraising and social events – but we can't run them without the help and support of parents, friends and staff – so please do get in touch if you can help in any way.

Remember it is your children, your school and you can make a difference! Be part of HPF.

The next HPF meeting is planned for Saturday 24th April at 10am. We expect this will be via Zoom, subject to COVID-19 guidance. If you are interested in coming along, please email HPF@hockerill.com

Hockerill College Pre-Loved Uniform – Facebook page

Did you know that HPF has a Pre-loved uniform group on Facebook?

If you are looking for uniform, or have items you would like to sell / donate please go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/221968511640250/>

We do encourage people to donate to HPF via the PayPal Giving fund at <https://www.paypal.com/fundraiser/charity/3214547> for any items that are kindly offered on the group FREE. 100% of the donation goes back into providing benefits for the pupils at Hockerill.

Thanks again for your continued help and support and for being part of Hockerill Parent and Friends. We look forward to meeting up again soon.

Richard Johnson

Chair of HPF

