

HOCKERILL NEWS



The Lent Term is drawing to a close and so our thoughts have been turning to the Summer Term. Covid may be an improving situation but the 'roadmap' out of lockdown means that much of next term will still be heavily influenced by what is and is not possible. We will, for example, be continuing with all of the safety measures that we have in place e.g. one-way systems, desk sanitising and mask wearing, and you will be expected to maintain the twice weekly LFD testing at home. Other things will start to become possible e.g. extra-curricular clubs and some trips, and so we will be moving towards normality as much as we can as we are keen that students end the year in a positive way knowing what being at Hockerill is really about. Some things that will not be able to happen are the wider community events such as Speech Day and 'Hampers and Champers'. This is very regrettable but gatherings of that size will not be possible until June 21st at the earliest. Smaller events may be possible, but we will only be able to confirm that nearer the time.

Thursday 18th was the last day of in-school LFD testing. We started testing on January 4th and have been operating our test centre ever since. During that time we have completed around 5,500 tests with 2,500 of those being completed in the last two weeks. This is a remarkable achievement and despite the idea of running a testing centre initially being something almost unimaginable, it has proven to be a very positive event. The team of volunteers and staff who have run the testing have been brilliant and a very strong sense of 'team' has evolved over the 3 months. Our community has been kept safe and this has reassured students, staff and parents that the return to College should go ahead as rigorously ensuring health and well-being has so clearly been uppermost in our minds. Huge thanks is therefore due to the testing team on behalf of the whole College. The physical Covid-free return is only one aspect of the return to College however and we are well aware that the mental dimension must also be as rigorously pursued. Should you have any concerns about your child's mental well-being please do not hesitate to contact their Head of Year as we have resources available to support them through this transition period.

And finally, thank you to HPF for their support with the fundraising for the Music Department, see details below.

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday 20th March
Year 9 Options morning
Tuesday 23rd March
Year 9 Parent Teacher Consultations
Wednesday 24th March
End of Term (students depart at 1240hrs)
Monday 12th April
Term commences
Tuesday 13th April
Year 9 immunisations

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

Testing at College

The mass testing process at school ended on Thursday 18th March and all tests returned as negative. We would like to thank the students for their cooperation and adherence to the College's Covid safety procedures. In addition, we are grateful to our staff and volunteers who have managed the test centre so well.

Self-Testing

From Friday 19th March the responsibility for testing passes to our students. All students have been provided with two self-test kits (three tests in each kit) and a separate guidance booklet.

Each self-test kit has a guidance booklet inside every pack. **This guidance booklet is out-of-date and must be discarded.**

Students should take one self-test at home (or in the boarding house) before the end of term (24th March). Further details were provided in the linked document in the Hub on Friday 12th March, but a link to the College's reopening guidance is below:

https://www.hockerill.com/uploads/asset_file/3_1401_return-to-college-guidance-for-staff-students-and-parents-from-8th-march-2021.pdf

The DfE have now informed us that students should continue to test themselves during the Easter holidays. Testing should be carried out once every five days. Students must ensure they have one test available to use just before their return to College on Sunday 11th April (residential boarders) or Monday 12th April (all other students).

All test results must be registered with the NHS through the weblink provided in the guidance booklet. Results should also be registered with the College using the link below:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=pa1Ww_ezgUq-5xZ4CtEjr30pYi2WpFhAQ3YzhdvffUQ0daTUJDVkvNNVBOUTVVMVBjRzJaNEQ1NC4u

The NHS has published the following related to positive cases:

Positive result received at home:

If a child in year 7 and above receives a positive Lateral Flow Device test result from a test taken at home (at home includes a boarding house), they must book a PCR test to confirm the result even if they have no symptoms.

The positive Lateral Flow Device test triggers the legal obligation for self-isolation for them and close contacts including household members. You cannot attend school or a work setting if you have received a positive LFT.

If the PCR test comes back with a negative result, the period of self-isolation ends for them and all close contacts including household members. All children and staff involved can return to school.

Update to guidance for parents from the Department of Education

We have updated our guidance on [what parents need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during COVID-19](#).

The guidance now includes information on returning to boarding school from overseas, including arrangements for pupils to quarantine on arrival in the UK. It also provides additional information to support parents considering elective home education for their child.

We have also published a collection of [guidance providing information for parents and carers](#) of children attending early years settings, schools and colleges during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

This collection brings together information and guidance for parents on:

- essential information for the spring term
- coronavirus (COVID-19) testing
- clubs and out-of-school settings
- home schooling and remote education
- support for children and young people



INTERNAL EXAMINATIONS

Year 10 & 12 End of Year Internal Examinations

Below are the **provisional** dates for the Year 10 & 12 End of Year Internal Examinations. These dates remain provisional at this time due to the ongoing Covid pandemic. However, we hope these examinations will be able to take place in St Albans Hall and the Gym under full exam conditions as normal. Any changes to the dates or structure outlined will be communicated to students in good time. We hope this information gives students the opportunity to start preparing.

Examination Timings

Year 10

Tuesday 18th - Monday 24th May, timetable to follow.

Year 12

Wednesday 5th May – Friday 7th May, timetable right:

YEAR 12 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE
2020-21

DATE	AM SESSION (0900)	PM SESSION (1330)
Wed 5 th May	GROUP 4 Biology HL 1h + 2h15m Biology SL 45m + 1h15m Chemistry HL 1h + 2h15m Chemistry SL 45m + 1h15m Design Technology HL P2 1h30m + P3 1h30m Design Technology SL P2 1h30m Environmental Systems & Societies SL 1h + 2h Physics HL 1h + 2h15m Physics SL 45m + 1h15m SEHS HL 1h + 2h15m SEHS SL 45m + 1h15m	GROUP 4 English A Paper 1 Lit HL 2h 15 mins English A Paper 1 Lit SL 1h 15 mins English A Lang & Lit Paper 1 HL 2h 15 mins English A Lang & Lit Paper 1 SL 1h 15 mins French A Lang & Lit SL 1h 15m German A Literature HL 2h German A Literature SL 1h30m Italian A Literature HL 2h Italian A Literature SL 1h30m Japanese ab initio 1h Japanese ab initio 1h30m Mandarin B SL 1h15m Spanish A Literature HL 2h Spanish A Literature SL 1h30m
Thurs 6 th May	GROUP 3 Business & Management HL 1h45m Business & Management SL 1h15m Economics HL Paper 1: 1h15m Economics HL Paper 2: 45 mins Economics SL Paper 2: 45 mins Economics HL <i>only</i> Paper 3: 1h Geography HL Paper 2: 30 m Geography SL Paper 2: 30 m Geography HL Paper 1: 45 m Geography SL Paper 1: 45 m History HL 45m + 50m History SL 45m Psychology HL Paper 1: 2h Psychology SL Paper 1: 2h Psychology HL <i>only</i> Paper 2: 1h Social & Cult Anth HL 2h Social & Cult Anth SL 1h45m	GROUP 2 English A Lang & Lit Paper 1 HL 2h 15 mins English A Lang & Lit Paper 1 SL 1h 15 mins French B HL 1h30m French B SL 1h15m German B HL 1h30m German B SL 1h15m Italian ab initio 1h Italian B HL 1h30m Italian B SL 1h15m Japanese ab initio 1h30m Japanese B SL 1h30m Mandarin B SL 1h15m Spanish ab initio 1h Spanish B HL 1h30m Spanish B SL 1h15m
Fri 7 th May	GROUP 5 Biology HL 1h + 2h15m Chemistry HL 1h + 2h15m Chemistry SL 45m + 1h15m Computer Science HL 2h10m Computer Science SL 1h30m Economics HL Paper 1: 1h15m Economics SL Paper 1: 1h15m Economics SL Paper 2: 45 mins Economics SL Paper 2: 45 mins Economics HL <i>only</i> Paper 3: 1h French B HL 1h30m French B SL 1h15m History HL 45m + 50m History SL 45m Psychology HL Paper 1: 2h Psychology SL Paper 1: 2h Psychology HL <i>only</i> Paper 2: 1h Social & Cult Anth HL 2h Social & Cult Anth SL 1h45m Spanish B HL 1h30m Spanish B SL 1h15m	GROUP 5 Maths HL AA Paper 1: 2h Maths HL AI Paper 1: 2h Maths SL AA Paper 1: 1h30m Maths SL AI Paper 1: 1h30m

Examinations take place in the Gym unless otherwise specified

BOARDING NEWS

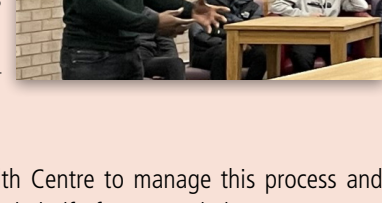
Boarding Parents Forum

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/525457049>

Durham House Guest Speaker

A big thank you to Carl Greenwich for his thought provoking talk he delivered to the students in Durham House on Wednesday evening. Carl is an ex-professional cricketer and is the son of Gordon Greenwich, Carl talked to the students about his experience as a black (sports) person in this country, the feedback from the students was that they found this discussion really valuable and enjoyable. Mrs Faiers is looking forward to discussing next steps with the students following this event.



International Boarders

Test to Release Scheme

If you are choosing to opt in to the [Test to Release Scheme](#) and you would like the College Health Centre to manage this process and administer the test, our College nurses have undertaken the necessary training to administer tests on behalf of DNA Workplace. Parents are entitled to choose whichever eligible company for Test to Release, however, please be aware that the College will only be able to assist with administering tests provided by DNA Workplace. Please ensure that any tests ordered from DNA Workplace are addressed to your child, c/o of the College Health Centre.

Travel Testing Package

A reminder that these tests are mandatory. Please can you ensure that these tests are addressed to your child, c/o of the College Health Centre.

PE NOTICES

PE kit requirements for the summer term 1

Students in Years 7-9 will be continuing with the current PE programme next term. This consists of hockey and table tennis. It is important students have their polo/rugby top, skirt or shorts, white socks, stripy socks, trainers, fleece if they so wish, and a gum shield and shin guards. Students are also welcome to wear navy skins.

Years 10 and 11 will be taking part in either tennis, rounders, softball, dodgeball or volleyball. Again, they will need their polo/rugby top, skirt or shorts, socks, trainers, fleece if they so wish, and again are welcome to wear navy skins.

Our extra-curricular programme will also continue next term with netball and football. The same kit requirements apply, including shin guards for football.

Those students taking part in table tennis and badminton before College are not required to be in full kit, but to wear trainers in the sports hall.

We currently have a very full lost property cupboard. All named kit has been returned to its owners. We do however have numerous pairs of rugby boots, trainers and school shoes, as well as single trainers, rugby boots and school shoes unnamed. Students have been asked if they are missing anything. Can I please ask you to check your child's kit is named and whether they are missing any footwear. They can collect any missing items either during their PE lesson, at lunchtime or after College.

Jen Perry

Head of PE, Sport and PSHE

A MESSAGE FROM HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE

Please see the flyer on the right regarding the guidance and current law regarding the use of E-scooters.

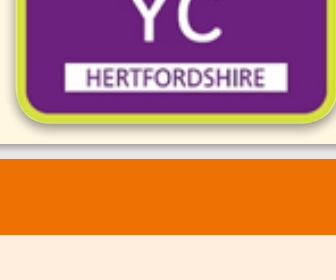
Please be aware that that officers may confiscate the scooter depending on the situation when spoken to; i.e. if the rider is using excess speed, fails to stop for police, rider is connected with criminality or shows disregard for other road users. However, if the scooter is not confiscated, it still must not be used on a road, pavement or cycle path and is only permitted to be used on private land.



YEAR 9

Year 9 Options

Following on from the letter you received last week about options for GCSE the College works with YC Hertfordshire to support students in their decision making for GCSE, IB and beyond. If you think your son or daughter would benefit from talking to one of their advisers, on top of the advice they can receive from subject teachers and form tutors, please contact us via careers@hockerill.com and we can arrange that.



SIXTH FORM

Student Absence

Please be reminded that when notifying the College of a student's planned absence (e.g. medical appointment/university interview etc.) we need to receive communication from the Parent/Guardian and not students themselves, even if they are over 18 years of age.

Please email Year 12 and 13 absence requests to engehams@hockerill.com. For daily absences please email absence@hockerill.com

MUSIC

Virtual Soloists Concerts - Friday 19th March and Monday 22nd March, 7pm

Please find the links below for this term's live-streamed Virtual Soloists Concerts, showcasing a variety of student performances from all year groups, recorded at home during lockdown.

Friday 19th March

[Virtual Concert Friday 19th March](#)

Monday 22nd March

[Virtual Concert Monday 22nd March](#)

Mr O Bond

Director of Music

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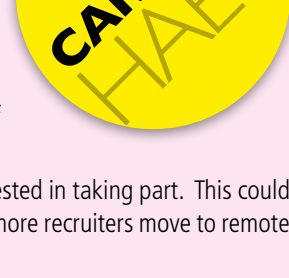
Mock Interviews – help needed

Last year, unfortunately due to lockdown, we were forced to cancel several Careers events for our students, and we are therefore very keen to ensure that students do not miss out again this year. We would like to run mock interviews for a number of year groups during the summer term and are looking for volunteers to join our team of interviewers to make this possible.

Interviews will be held remotely via Teams and will use either CV's written in PSHE or personal statements (depending on the year group) as the basis of the interviews. Interviewers will be provided with these ahead of time along with some suggested questions and a feedback form for each candidate.

The dates are yet to be confirmed so at this stage we would just like to know if, in principle, you would be interested in taking part. This could be for a whole day or half, and for one year group or all. We will miss having lunch with our interviewers but as more recruiters move to remote selection processes feel an online interview will be a useful experience for our students.

If you would like to take part please complete [this form](#)



National Citizen Service (NCS) Summer Programme

Students in Years 11 and 12 can apply to take part in NCS Summer programmes. There will be a Q+A session during form time on Monday 22nd March where any questions they have can be answered by a member of the NCS team.

They will be shown a video (https://youtu.be/E_eKOlyT3Vs) about NCS. This is an amazing opportunity, and we encourage students to take part. NCS is a great way for students to develop their life skills and help them stand out when applying for university or a job.

What is NCS? More than half a million young people have completed NCS and 100,000 more will take part this summer. NCS takes place in the summer holidays, lasts for 2 or 3 weeks, and there are 2 options available:

Option 1 Week 1- Young people stay away from home at an outdoor activity centre (Monday to Friday). It's a chance to meet new people and do amazing activities like rock climbing, canoeing, and abseiling. Week 2- A personal and professional development week based at home which sets young people up for their future (Monday to Friday). Teams will then plan design and pitch their social action project. Week 3 Teams deliver this social action project (Monday to Thursday) to raise awareness or money for something they are passionate about.

Option 2 If you do not fancy going away, you can choose the 2-week option, where you'll have an amazing experience locally with no residential involved. Week 1- A personal and professional development week based at home which sets young people up for their future (Monday to Friday). There will also be fun activities like escape rooms and taskmaster. Teams will then plan design and pitch their social action project. Week 2- Teams deliver this social action project (Monday to Thursday) to raise awareness or money for something they are passionate about.

NCS takes place in the summer holidays. There are a number of different start dates available ranging from mid-July to mid-August. All dates and options are available on the website, please see link below or call 0800 197 8010 to sign up:

<https://wearencs.com/summer?kxconfid=uiqymc7el&gclid=EA1aIqObChMhZywpWt57wVl-vtCh0pQQIEAAYASAAEGkKfD-BwE&gclid=awds>

Why do NCS? NCS looks good on UCAS statements and develops local employers want NCS gives young people a chance to meet new people and build confidence NCS helps young people be heard in their local community NCS is fun and a great way to spend the summer.

How much will it cost? NCS costs £1,500 per place, most of which is covered by the government. As such, NCS will only cost you £50. That covers food, activities, and accommodation while young people are away. Financial assistance bursaries are available and can be arranged with NCS on a case-by-case basis.



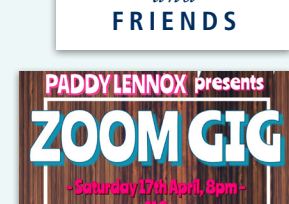
HOCKERILL PARENTS AND FRIENDS

HPF is very pleased to announce the support of Bishop's Stortford Round Table who have donated £1000 to fund the purchases of licenses for the Charanga online music software. Charanga is a world leading music teaching and learning platform, allowing Hockerill's pupils access to a vast library of resources.

Bishop's Stortford Round Table have supported our Christmas Market in the past, appearing with Santa and his sleigh, they are a community based charitable organisation, donating to many local causes. We are very grateful for their support of Hockerill. <https://www.stortfordrt.org.uk/>

Richard Johnson

Chair of HPF



SAVE THE DATE - Zoom Comedy Gig with Paddy Lennox and friends – Saturday 17th April 2021

We are delighted that we will be able to join Paddy Lennox and Friends online on Saturday 17th April, 8pm.

HUGE thanks go to Paddy for arranging this and supporting HPF.

Tickets will be £10 per person and a link to purchase tickets will follow soon.

Please do SAVE THE DATE. Over 18s only. If you have any questions, please contact HPF@hockerill.com

HPF AGM

The AGM minutes are now available. If you would like to receive a copy of the minutes please email HPF@Hockerill.com.

