

HOCKERILL NEWS



The Lent Term is now complete and an interesting one it has been. Back in early January we had no idea that we would complete much of the term online and that examinations scheduled for the summer would not be taking place. We have now negotiated that reality very successfully thanks to our students' commitment, your support and encouragement for your children and teacher's dedication in taking learning online. We are also beginning to have clarity on the summer examinations. The IB assessment for Year 13 will be based on Internal Assessments and teacher awarded grades and the Year 11 GCSE assessment framework will be announced by the government on March 29th. We will review that announcement and get information out to students and parents as soon after that as we can so that students know what they need to prepare for in April and May. Please see IB Final Grades update below. Thank you to everyone for your patience as we have worked through this evolving examination situation.

We wish you an excellent Easter break. Please remember to observe the rules as set out in the ['roadmap' out of lockdown](#) and to complete the required LFD tests before students return (boarders on Sunday April 11th - or from April 1st if quarantining - and all other students on Monday April 12th).

Happy holidays from all at Hockerill.

Expectations and Dress Codes

Please be reminded of the Dress Codes for students by following the links below. When the summer term commences in April, students should be aware that we will be tightening up on our expectations and will ask students to remove coats in corridors and classrooms.

Dress Codes for students in Year 7-11

https://www.hockerill.com/uploads/asset_file/3_1174_dress-codes-for-students-in-years-7-11.pdf

Dress Codes for students in Years 12 & 13

https://www.hockerill.com/uploads/asset_file/3_1175_dress-codes-for-students-in-year-12-13.pdf

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 12th April
Term commences

Tuesday 13th April
Year 9 immunisations

Wednesday 5th May
Year 12 exams begin (see below for further details)

Tuesday 18th May
Year 10 exams begin (see below for further details)

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:
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INTERNAL EXAMINATIONS

Year 10 & 12 End of Year Internal Examinations

As highlighted in The Hub last week the provisional dates for the Year 10 & 12 End of Year Internal Examinations have now been set. 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 condition as normal. We are now able to publish the Year 10 Exam Timetable as promised last week. 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.

Year 10

Tuesday 18th - Tuesday 25th May

https://www.hockerill.com/uploads/asset_file/3_1414_y10-mock-timetable-.pdf

Year 12

Wednesday 5th May – Friday 7th May

https://www.hockerill.com/uploads/asset_file/3_1415_year-12-exam-timetable-1.pdf

YEAR 9

Year 9 Options

Please follow the link to view the Year 9 Options Presentation if you were unable to participate on Saturday:

<https://vimeo.com/527211134>

YEAR 10

GCSE Geography Trip - River Environment & Urban Environments

Year 10 Geography students will be conducting their first GCSE Field trip from Friday 8th October 2021 to Saturday 9th October 2021 at Juniper Hall Field Studies Centre, Surrey. A second Field trip is planned for November 2021 which will be a day trip to London. These students will be in Year 11 when these trips are completed and have been rescheduled from this academic year.

The purpose of the GCSE Geography trip at Juniper Hall is to:

- 1) Improve students understanding of rivers and their management for their GCSE Geography Paper 2 exam
- 2) Develop fieldwork skills, gather data and display data for their GCSE Geography Paper 2 exam

It is a requirement of the GCSE Geography exam that all students undertake one Physical Geography and one Human Geography field work investigation, which they will be examined on in their GCSE Geography Paper 2: UK Geographical Issues exam, June 2022. Therefore, it is important all GCSE Geography students attend both trips.

During the trip, students will plan and conduct a fieldwork investigation, as well as begin graphically displaying and processing their data. Following the trip students will critically analyse and evaluate their investigations back in class and for prep.

I will be leading the trip accompanied by 4 other member of Geography department. There will be a short parent information meeting conducted via teams on Thursday 30th September. Here I will explain more about the Field Trip, our expectations of the students and the objectives of the trip, with reference to their GCSE Geography exam.

The trip will depart the College at 0700 hrs on Friday 8th October 2021, we will travel to the field centre by coach. Upon arrival at the field centre we will set off to visit the river sites to gather data. Saturday morning will be spent processing and presenting data before departing the Field Centre at 1230hrs. Traffic depending, we aim to be back at the College by 1400hrs on Saturday 9th October.

The cost of the trip is £210. This price is for both the October trip to Juniper Hall and the November trip to London.

While payment is voluntary, we generally do not have the funds to run trips without full payments from parents. However, we can offer some help if required. Please contact the Finance Office as a subsidy may be available. Please also contact the Finance Office if you would like to discuss your personal circumstances. Please make sure that these discussions take place within the deadline for applications. **No subsidies can be agreed after the deadline as we need to be able to be sure of our budget restrictions.**

Applications

No arrangements will be made for students where the deposit has not been paid. Please could you make a **deposit payment of £100** using the WisePay system by **Friday 16th April 2021.** **If we do not receive a completed consent form by the deadline any deposit that you have paid will be refunded immediately and your child's name will not appear on the trip list.** Final payment should be made by **Friday 25th June 2021.** Please look at your WisePay account regularly to see that the payments are up to date. If you have any problems accessing WisePay, please email finance@hockerill.com. No application will be considered without the full completion of the online consent form by the deadline of **Friday 16th April 2021 after this date the consent form will be inactive and no more applications can be made.** In order to follow GDPR requirements we use an online form for all College trips and exchanges.

Online consent form link below:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=pa1Ww_ezqUq-5xZx4CtEgk-ftmg98JgNVRzfmF92IUQUIFSE5FRVNSUTJGNzNGMESJTDY2OE03WS4u

Please note that students who wish to participate in the trip must have an excellent behavioural record. The College reserves the right to exclude any student from an activity where there is a concern over their ability to conduct themselves appropriately in accordance with the behaviour contract. A copy of the contract is attached with this letter. It will be assumed that by applying for this trip you have read and understood the policy.

The trip is insured against any cancellations caused due to COVID 19 and parents should feel confident of a full refund if this were to occur. The trip will proceed in accordance to all Government legislation with regards to COVID 19 at that time and it is in anticipation that we will be able to conduct residential trips in October without any restrictions.

I am delighted to be able to make these arrangements for the Geography students, however if you have any questions regarding this trip please contact me at mackenzie2@hockerill.com

Mrs A Mackenzie

Head of Geography (acting)

YEAR 11

Year 11's final day will be Wednesday 26th May 2021. On this day they will be invited into College for brunch and their final assembly. Form captains are working to help organise the day and further details will be published closer to the time. Students will be issued with their Hooded Sweatshirts and Year Book on this day and time for shirt signing will be scheduled.

Unfortunately, the Year 11 Prom will not be able to go ahead due to government restrictions.

YEAR 13

IB Final Grades update

Thank you for your patience with the latest update on the status of final grades. We have received a number of questions about how grades will be awarded and wanted to confirm some key details.

The grades for this year's summer exams will be determined in one of two ways. These are called the 'examined' and 'non-examined' route. As the UK has determined that exams will not be taken by students in any qualifications this summer, we are following the non-examined route. This means that unlike last year where an algorithm was used to generate grades, grades will be generated from a combination of Predicted Grades and Assessed Grades on external components. With respect to Predicted Grades, the IB has issued grade distributions based on historical performance, and our predictions must be in line with these distributions. There is a process by which these grade distributions can be appealed if it is felt that the distribution would not allow this year's cohort to achieve at an appropriate level. The IB are very open about this process. We are working hard to ensure that our students are given the Predicted Grades that we believe are correct and have already been successful in appealing some distributions.

Our Predicted Grades are based on all the things we know about students and that they have evidenced over the course of the programme. The mock exam data is just one of many pieces of data that has been used in calculating the Predicted Grades. Departments and subjects have a large set of both data points and classroom-based analysis that they are using to inform these grades.

The final grades that the students will receive in July are a combination of the Predicted Grade and the externally marked components (usually an Internal Assessment (IA)). The Predicted Grade is scored at the top of the grade boundary, so a very good IA could tip the final grade into the next grade.

You may have noticed that in some cases, UCAS grades are higher than the Forecast Grade as reported in the latest reports. This is not unusual as the UCAS grades are not predictions but are aspirational and at the top end of what we would hope and expect the students to achieve. Unfortunately, the UCAS grade can be erroneously seen as predictions by some students and parents. When applying to universities, students have been advised to apply to those with a range of grades so that an aspirational Firm Choice and a safe Insurance Choice can be made. We have already been working very hard to ensure that our advice is consistent and enables the students to make informed choices about their next steps.

As we want to ensure a level playing field for all our students, we cannot offer any further in-College examinations and due to Covid restrictions, we were not able to do that this term. After Easter, the deadline to submit data to the IB is such that it is not possible to have any further examinations. Please be assured, however, that we have plenty of data with which to support our grade judgments. Ultimately though, the IB decides grades once everything has been assessed.

We hope that this reassures both the students and yourselves. We wish you the best for a restful holiday.

Mr P Bromfield and Mrs L Spencer

Year 13 Law Society

Please follow the link below to read an article written by Emma Davis and Caitlin Tyacke regarding the Rohingya Genocide.

https://www.hockerill.com/uploads/asset_file/3_1416_the-rohingya-genocide-law-society-article.pdf

PUBLIC HEALTH SCHOOL NURSING

Public Health – School Nursing

Supporting your child's transition back to school after lockdown

Some children will have some worries about returning to school, may find it difficult to return to school, may become upset, distressed or even refuse to go in. There is a presentation to provide information, advice and practical strategies that can be used to support your child's return to school on our website: <https://www.hct.nhs.uk/our-services/school-nursing/>

Health advice you can trust

It can be tricky to find good health advice on the internet. Try these – they're managed by the school nursing service...

Health for Kids – local health services and advice for children aged 4 to 11 years old.

Health for Teens – low-timed info and advice for 11 to 19 year olds in Hertfordshire.

School nurses offer support for emotional wellbeing including anxiety and anger. To refer to our service please go to the Family Centre Service Website and look for school nursing: <https://www.hertsfamilycentres.org/>

For more information about the School Nursing Service watch a short clip available here: <https://youtu.be/7RoTkp3v8B0>

ChatHealth

Aged 11-19 – Did you know you can text your school nurse for confidential health advice and support? Text 07480 635050. Check out the YouTube link on here: <https://youtu.be/DBNm1bFCCE>

Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust Hertfordshire

HPF

Treasurer needed

HPF need a new treasurer. Can you help?

The role involves arranging floats for fundraising events, counting and banking funds raised, keeping accounting records throughout the year and submission of annual returns to the charity commission in good time. A full handover will be provided.

If you are able to help, please do call me for a chat on 07976 203000 or email HPF@Hockerill.com

Richard Johnson

Chair of HPF

Don't Forget to SAVE THE DATE - Zoom Comedy Gig with Paddy Lennox and friends – Saturday 17th April 2021

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

Over 18s only. If you have any questions, please contact HPF@hockerill.com

HPF calendar photos

Calling all photographers!

Don't forget HPF are planning to put together a calendar using photos taken by the students.

All we need is photos taken around the school of nature or the buildings themselves - we're afraid you can't include photos of yourself or other pupils.

Please do send your photos to hpf@hockerill.com please include your name and form group.

PADDY LENNOX presents

ZOOM GIG

Saturday 17th April, 8pm - £10

hosted by **THE LAUGHING BISHOPS**

supporting Hockerill Anglo-European College

SPECIAL GUESTS TBC

PARENTS and FRIENDS

SAVE THE DATE - Ticket details to follow

For more information please contact HPF@hockerill.com

STUDENT NEWS

Hockerill Student celebrates success in art competition

Please follow the link to view this article:

<https://www.bishopstortfordindependent.co.uk/news/sister-and-brother-draw-on-their-artistic-talents-to-win-com-9191773/>

Families working together

Angelina Marson (year 10) and Ethan Marson (year 7) spent their February half term writing, producing and directing a family parody.

The parody was the second they have done during lockdown. The first parody was released in May 2020, during the first lockdown and the second parody was released on March 11th 2021 to mark the one year anniversary since the COVID-19 crisis was declared a pandemic by WHO. The parody is called "The final lockdown", the objective was to create a positive parody to mark the start of the end of the crisis one year on.

"Working together as a family making parodies has been so much fun and it has been an opportunity that we would not normally have had time to do, lockdown allowed our family to collaborate and be creative. We hope you enjoy it as much as we did making it!" Marson family

The link to the most recent parody is:

<https://youtu.be/blrTE1jnQUc>