

HOCKERILL NEWS

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IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday 24th April
Interact Non-Uniform Day for Mind UK
HPF meeting (further details below)

Wednesday 5th May
Year 12 exams begin
Boarding Parents' Forum (further details below)

Tuesday 18th May
Year 10 exams begin

Friday 28th May
Half term holiday commences at 1540hrs

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National Survey of Children – The Big Ask

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched [The Big Ask](#) – the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that we can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

We are encouraging students to [complete this survey](#). Parents, care leavers and those working with children are also invited to [complete the adult survey](#) to share their views about the future for children and young people today, and what they think is holding young people back.

The results from this survey will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve.

Sex and Relationships Education Policy

In 2019 the government published a new Relationships and Sex Education curriculum and all schools were required to publish a policy outlining how the curriculum would be taught in their school. Hockerill began teaching the new curriculum in September 2020 as per the required timeline and also published our policy which can be found [here](#)

The Policy will be reviewed later this year and as part of that process we would welcome any feedback you have on what is taught and how it is taught. Please send your feedback to mccullochA@hockerill.com

Online Safety

Safeguarding both adults and children is about preventing the risk of harm from abuse or exploitation or having the ability to reduce it by raising awareness and supporting people in making informed decisions.

Online abuse is a major area of concern and cyber-enabled abuse and bullying is inescapable. The PDSC takes safeguarding very seriously and much of the advice we offer to SMEs can be applied to keeping individuals, and their children, safe online.

Please follow the link below for further information

<https://www.policedsc.com/security-advice/safeguarding>



New College Equipe Names for September 2021

The College Council has been set the task of finding and justifying a set of new inclusive Equipe names to replace the ones we currently use at Hockerill. For some time there has been a concern, which is gathering momentum, that our reference to four white, European males no longer properly reflects our College's ethos or provides a set of diverse role models.

As a College we need to demonstrate our commitment to diversity and inclusion and our current Equipe names do not do this, by changing them we can, in a small way, support this assertion. The College Council are looking for a set of names of people who provide a better balance and to show we acknowledge that our current naming could be a lot better. We hope to establish a group of four people, which demonstrate a much more modern approach, greater diversity and up to date thinking in terms of factors such as gender, race, privilege, ideology, ethnicity, and faith, who can inspire our students.

When the vertical Equipe system as we know it was put in place at Hockerill some 15 years, the College was striving to create its European identity, the choice of names at this time was appropriate and have served us well but now it is clearly time for change.

The College Council have been working on this and now they wish to gather suggestions from students, staff, parents and other stakeholders with a view to renaming and relaunching our four Equipes from September 2021.

This is your opportunity to put forward a suggestion. If you would like to do so, please complete the Microsoft Form found using this link

<https://forms.office.com/r/Q4dg4vFJLR> by Friday 30th April.

You will be asked to suggest the name of a person and then to write a short explanation of who the person is and why you feel their achievements and personal attributes fit with the Hockerill ethos.

The College Council will then meet to select the 12 most appropriate names and another Microsoft Form will be available later in the term giving you the opportunity to vote for your choice of the four new names which will more clearly reflect our ethos as a College.

The College Council thank you for your time in replying to the Microsoft Form and they look forward to reading your suggestions.

Mr Whiteley

Head of Lower College

BOARDING

May Half Term

As per the letter sent to parents on 24th February, boarding will remain open to international boarders during May Half Term (Saturday 29th May - Sunday 6th June). There will be a cost attached to remaining in boarding during this time. Whilst we will be remaining open during this time, I would encourage parents to explore other options if they are available as I do feel that the students would benefit from some time away from College.

Please be aware of the following in relation to staying in boarding over May half term:

- No significant activities or trips will be organised for the boarders remaining
- Your child may not reside in their 'normal' boarding House

An online form will be available to parents via the Hub in the coming weeks to request your child remains in boarding during the May half term.

Boarding Parent Forum – Wednesday 5th May

A reminder that there is an online Boarding Parents Forum meeting scheduled for Wednesday 5th May at 19:00. I would be grateful if questions could be submitted prior to the event via the link below. The deadline for questions is Thursday 29th November 09:00, the questions submitted will define the agenda items.

<https://tinyurl.com/boardingparentforum5thmay>

STUDENT NEWS

Year 12 Theatre Project

As part of their Theatre Project, Year 12 students have been reading The Play About Theresa May by professional playwright, Amie M Marie. The playwright worked with the students on this project during lockdown. The students were took part in a live online play reading and an hour long workshop discussing the play with her. The students have written a Director's notebook about how they would stage particular scenes. Amie M Marie has chosen 4 of our student's theatre reviews to be published on her website. Please follow the link below to view these:

[Reviews | Amie M Marie \(amiemarie.co.uk\)](#)

LIBRARY NEWS

Juniper Book Awards 2021

As a joint project between the English Department and the Library, the Year 7 students have been shadowing this year's Juniper Book Awards. Each English group and the Library's Books & Biscuits Club worked on one of the six titles. Other members of staff, from different areas of the College, were also involved in championing a book and sharing their thoughts on these with the students via a review, video or Q&A session during their online lessons. The unit of work culminated in presentations by the Year 7 students as they promoted the books as multimedia advertising campaigns that they have worked on in their Literacy Circles.

On Wednesday 21st April, author Ben Davis was awarded the Juniper Book Award 2021 for his book, The Soup Movement. The online announcement also revealed the winners in the school categories, and I am delighted to announce the results in three of those categories:

Most Innovative School Award: Hockerill Anglo-European College

Best Book Trailer (in conjunction with <https://www.intofilm.org/>): Anastasia M 7G/Books & Biscuits, with Runners Up awards going to Eleanor W 7B/Books & Biscuits and Thomas W 7P/Books & Biscuits

Best Book Review: Orion Lost – Hanako W 7G/7K

Congratulations to all the students and staff involved, and particular thanks go to Mrs Butler who coordinated the shadowing Unit of Work within the English Department. The students produced some fantastic, award-winning work in response to this year's Juniper Book Awards. Further details of the awards, and Anastasia's winning video, can be viewed using the link:

<https://junipereducation.org/juniper-book-awards/virtual-celebrations/>

Mrs Bruce

Acting College Librarian



Earth Day 2021

Earth Day took place on 22nd April all around the world. Please find below a link to a simple but effective guide for children, and everyone else, about climate change – and what we can do about it.

[Climate Change Guide for Children](#)



HOCKERILL PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Calendar Photographs needed

Get your photos in for the Hockerill calendar next year!

We are putting together a calendar of photos taken around the school. The photos can be of anything interesting around the school, nature or buildings. **No photos of people please.**

This is open to everyone and we look forward to hearing from you.

Please send your photos to HPF@hockerill.com

HPF meeting via Zoom – Sat 24th April

Don't forget to join us at the HPF meeting on Saturday 24th April at 10am.

The meeting is to discuss ideas for fundraising and social events and to plan the HPF calendar for the year ahead.

HPF relies on the support and participation of parents and staff so if you would like to get involved and help HPF please do join us. Joining details below.

Richard Johnson

Chair of HPF

HPF@hockerill.com

Topic: HPF Meeting

Time: Apr 24, 2021 10:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/97970691703?pwd=TzlkU0gyY01vQy9jC3RlL050UWZkZz09>

Meeting ID: 979 7069 1703

Passcode: HPF

Preloved Uniform

On behalf of HPF can we thank you for all the offers of donations from our Preloved Uniform Facebook page. Since the beginning of this year we have so far received £46.00. If it has slipped your mind to donate then please head to our HPF Facebook main page where a donate button awaits you. We have had to cancel our main fundraising events for the last 12 months so this has become an important revenue stream for us.

<https://www.facebook.com/HockerillParentsandFriends>