

## HOCKERILL NEWS

### Lateral Flow Testing

To help in communicating the importance of testing and reporting, the government has produced a blog on why reporting your test is as important as taking a test, featuring further guidance and common questions.

[Why reporting your test result is as important as taking a test - Education in the media \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

This also includes details on financial support available to parents whose children are asked to self-isolate after contact with a positive case.



### IMPORTANT DATES

**Wednesday 5th May**  
Year 12 exams begin

Boarding Parents' Forum (further details below)

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

**Friday 28th May**  
Half term holiday commences at 15:40hrs

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### Senior Prefect Leadership Team

We haven't had the opportunity to thank our SPLT properly this year so would like to thank them now for all their hard work and commitment.



From left to right: Allan Lester, Archie Fraser, Mr Woods, Claudia Maggi, Tia Sharp, Oyin Afe, Josephine Hofer, Eloise Quaintance-Richards, Helena Scott-Stevens

## BOARDING

### Boarding Parent Forum: Wednesday 5th May 19:00hrs

Please use the link below to access the Online Boarding Parents Forum that will run from 19:00-20:00hrs on Wednesday 5th May. An agenda for the meeting will be emailed to Boarding Parents early next week.

The online meeting will be held via Microsoft Teams.

<https://tinyurl.com/boardingparentforum5thmay2021>

## YEAR 7

### Second Modern Foreign Language Choice (2021/22)

Please find links below with information that has been sent to Year 7 parents regarding the choices of second Modern Foreign Languages in Year 8 (2021/22).

[MFL Options Letter](#)

[MFL Options Booklet](#)

## YEAR 10

### Exams

Year 10 exams start on Tuesday 18th May. On 28th April I presented an exams and revision assembly to year 10 students. A copy of this assembly has been shared to the Year 10 TEAM for students to refer back to. Over the coming weeks year 10 tutors will be supporting students in form time with their examination preparation and are on hand to answer any questions they may have. Please contact your child's tutor or teacher via [year10@hockerill.com](mailto:year10@hockerill.com) if you have any questions.

### Trip to Harlow Outdoors – 8th June 2021

Year 10 students, who are not participating in the Duke of Edinburgh award, will be taking part in team building activities at Harlow outdoors, an outdoor pursuits centre, on 8th June 2021. The 50 students not involved in DoFE will participate in a range of activities such as Climbing, Raft building, Bumble, Mountain boarding and Archery. All activities will be under the instruction of qualified staff at Harlow Outdoors. The aim of this trip is to learn to work together as a team, building relationships and resilience.

We will leave college at about 08:30hrs and will travel by train to Harlow Town station where we will then walk the short distance to Harlow Outdoors for a 09:30hrs start. All students will participate in three 90-minute activities which will be water and land based. **All students need to complete a Level 2 Consent Form via the link below**

<https://forms.office.com/r/U0t3kC1YTC>

**This form will close on Tuesday 4th May 2021.** I will advise later about appropriate clothing and equipment. All students will need to bring a packed meal on this day, boarders will have a packed meal provided.

We will leave Harlow outdoors around 15:00hrs ready to return to Hockerill for as near to 15:40hrs as possible. **The cost of this whole event will be £32 and includes return travel via train.** Payment should be made by 4th May 2021 via Wisepay. If you have problems logging on to Wisepay please contact the finance department at [finance@hockerill.com](mailto:finance@hockerill.com)

While payment is voluntary, we generally do not have the funds to run trips without full payments from parents. However, we are able to offer help to parents in receipt of:

- Income Support,
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance,
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance,
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999,
- The guaranteed element of Pension credit,
- Universal Credit – with household income less than £7,400 a year (after tax and excluding benefits received),
- Child Tax Credits
- Working Tax Credits.

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.

Please contact me at the college if you have any questions at [year10@hockerill.com](mailto:year10@hockerill.com)

**Mrs N Ashlee-McCrae**

Head of Year 10

## YEAR 11

### End of Year Plans

As you are aware, the final Year 11 assessment is Period 1 on Monday 24th May. The official assessment window runs until 26th May therefore there may be some students who are still required to be in College until this date (if they have missed the previously-planned assessments). However, for the majority of students, they will be able to go home after their assessment Period 1 on Monday 24th May and take some time to prepare for their College courses which will start in September. Information about what they should be doing in this time will be shared with students and parents nearer the time. They should continue with this work at home on Tuesday 25th (unless they have been contacted to sit an assessment they previously missed).

On Wednesday 26th May, our Year 11 students are invited to the Final assembly. They should arrive at 09:15hrs for brunch and the final presentations which will finish at 11:00hrs.

Please get in contact with Mrs Humphris via [year11@hockerill.com](mailto:year11@hockerill.com) if you are the parent of a keyworker and require supervision for your child on Monday 24th May and Tuesday 25th May.

## KINGS SCHOOL, INDIA

Over the years, Hockerill's Year 12 students have enjoyed the annual trip to India organised by Dr Purday, which includes a whistle-stop tour of Mumbai, followed by a two week-long trip to Tamil Nadu where students volunteer at Kings School. We are thinking of our friends at the school during what is undoubtedly a really awful time, and hope to be able to visit them again soon.

For more information about some of the work being done in an effort to help India, visit <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/coronavirus-appeal>



## WELLBEING

### Anxiety

Anxiety is very much part of growing up and is something that we will all face at some point in our lives. However, autistic children can experience anxiety more intensely and more frequently than other children. Please follow the link below to a free course which considers how best to support children with autism.

[https://www.creativeeducation.co.uk/courses/anxiety-helping-your-autistic-child-to-help-themselves?mc\\_cid=1084b769e8&mc\\_eid=819c40ee46](https://www.creativeeducation.co.uk/courses/anxiety-helping-your-autistic-child-to-help-themselves?mc_cid=1084b769e8&mc_eid=819c40ee46)

## CAREERS

### Mock Interviews

Thank you to those parents who have already indicated that they would be willing to support our Mock Interview Days for Years 10 and 12. We have now confirmed the dates as Thursday May 27th for Year 10 and Thursday June 17th for Year 12, so if you are available on either or both of those days could you indicate that by completing THIS FORM? We are still looking for volunteers so if there are any other parents, or if you know someone who might be interested, we would be delighted to hear from you.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=pa1Ww\\_ezqUq-5xZX4CtEgriUwM1INFEkjEgHlek5IUQ0NZQ0Y4RVVQTgYUzhRNUtSWFA5VhSOC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=pa1Ww_ezqUq-5xZX4CtEgriUwM1INFEkjEgHlek5IUQ0NZQ0Y4RVVQTgYUzhRNUtSWFA5VhSOC4u)



## NCS SUMMER SCHOOL

There will soon be a presentation all about National Citizen Service. We believe this is an amazing opportunity and we are encouraging all students to take part. NCS is a great way for students to develop their life skills and will help them stand out when applying for university, apprenticeships or a job.

### What is NCS?

This summer there are 2 options available:

#### Option 1

**Week 1** This is residential, and they will stay away from home at an outdoor activity centre (Monday to Friday.) It's their 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 them up for their future (Monday to Friday). They will then plan design and pitch their social action project.

**Week 3** During this week they will deliver their social action project (Monday to Thursday) to raise awareness or money for something they are passionate about.

#### Option 2

If they don't fancy going away, then choose a 2-week option, where they'll have an amazing experience locally with no residential involved.

**Week 1** A personal and professional development week based at home which sets them up for their future (Monday to Friday). There will be fun activities like escape rooms and taskmaster. They will then plan design and pitch their social action project.

**Week 2** During this week they will deliver their social action project (Monday to Thursday) to raise awareness or money for something they are passionate about.

#### When is NCS?

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 [www.wearncs.com](http://www.wearncs.com)

#### Why do NCS?

- Over 500,000 people have already done NCS
- NCS looks good on UCAS statements and develops skills 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 everything; food, activities and accommodation while young people are away. Financial assistance bursaries are available.

#### How to sign up for NCS

Visit [www.wearncs.com](http://www.wearncs.com) to sign up now or alternatively call NCS on 0800 197 8010. We truly value NCS as a transformative programme and hope you'll encourage your young person to take part. Please see this short video for further information: <https://youtu.be/rwK3GfFw6iQ>.



## STUDENT NEWS

### Media CAS Club

Wednesday 5th of May will mark the beginning of year 12 End of Year exam week which will be carried out across 3 consecutive days.

There has been a slight change in the atmosphere around school, especially amongst the year 12 students, with the Sixth Form Centre becoming deserted, in contrast with the library's newfound popularity.

It is also important to keep in mind that these group of year 12 students have not experienced sitting formal examinations for a long period of time due to COVID lockdown and restrictions therefore contributing towards an increase in levels of anxiety amongst the students about the exams. In particular, as some of the students began to plan out their academic paths beyond high school/college level to prepare for subjects such as medicine and to become aspiring applicants to Oxbridge schools it seems as if the pressure is immense on these group of students.

A reminder to Year 12s that these exams only hold weight if considering early-entry. However, the main aim is to students to consolidate their knowledge and identify future targets for themselves. Furthermore, placing a great importance on taking care of one's mental health and lifestyle during this stressful time periods should also be taken into consideration as Hockerill wishes each and every one of the students' good luck on their examinations. The exam timings are listed below.

	AM session (9:00)	PM session (13:30)
<b>5th May</b>	Group 4	Group 1
<b>6th May</b>	Group 3	Group 2
<b>7th May</b>	Group 6	Group 5

Good Luck Year 12s!

**Sarah Albans, Alessandro Tordiglione and Sara Blanco Huerta**

### Hockerill students go global

Over the past few months, we have been working alongside the Oxbridge Tutorial College in Lagos, Nigeria. We have been offering advice and suggestions to five students, supporting them with their business projects centered around the UN sustainability goals. The projects being "Training shoes", "Removable soles shoes", "E-sport", "Holistic health care centre" and "My friendly tailor". All these have great potential. We have really enjoyed and benefited from the project as it has expanded our knowledge on how to create a small business. Due to end of the IB diploma course drawing near, we are now passing the project onto some year 12s to complete for their CAS.

**Clementine Catmur, Maya Joseph and Alexia Dehe**