

HOCKERILL GENERAL NOTICES

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 18th May
Year 10 exams begin

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

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

The Big Ask

Please remember to complete the survey for the Children's Commissioner for England, Rachel de Souza. Her job is to speak up for children in England, stand up for their rights, and make sure that the people in power listen to what children need and want.

This is the largest ever survey of children and young people in England to show the government what you think, and what children need to live happier lives.

[Click here to complete the survey](#), it will only take you 5-10 minutes.

Considerate parking

The College car park is for staff and agreed visitors only. Please consider this when dropping off and collecting your child as this can prevent staff and visitors from parking. We would encourage students to walk to school wherever possible and politely request that parents park in the surrounding roads with thought and consideration for the local community. Please obey any restrictions in place and we ask you not to park in an obstructive manner.

Lost property

Please be aware that there are several items of jewellery and watches currently in our lost property. Please ask students to come to Reception and describe their missing item. Alternatively, call our main office on 01279 658451 for further information.

BOARDING

May Half Term

As mentioned in previous communication to parents, we will offer a boarding provision during the May Half Term holidays (Saturday 29th May-Sunday 6th June), this will only be available to International Boarders. There will be a cost attached to remaining in boarding during this time and the cost will be confirmed once we know the numbers who wish to remain in residence. This amount charged will cover additional staffing and catering costs in remaining open. Please be aware of the following with regards to staying at College over the May Half Term holiday:

- Your child may not reside in their 'normal' boarding house. Once numbers have been confirmed parents will be informed where their child will be staying
- No significant activities or trips will be organised for the boarders remaining onsite
- It will not be possible for students to go and stay for a few nights with friends or family. It will be expected that students requesting to stay at College will remain at College for the entirety of the break
- The College will not be offering any quarantining arrangements for students following the May Half Term, please be aware that the final half term of the academic year is a very short one (4 weeks)
- Whilst I appreciate this may not be possible for all International Boarders, I would encourage parents to explore other options if they are available, I do feel that the students would benefit from some time away from College
- The scheduled lifting of restrictions (providing they go ahead) within England on the 17th May would allow boarders to stay overnight with friends, family or guardians who are outside of their 'bubble'

If you would like your child to remain at College during the May Half Term break please complete the online form via the link below. The deadline for completion is 09:00 on Friday 14th May when the form will close.

<https://tinyurl.com/mayhalftermboarding>

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 watch the recording, please do so via the link below.

<https://vimeo.com/546009114>

YEAR 7

County Maths Challenge

The first heat of this year's Year 7 County Maths Challenge took place on Tuesday after school, where we had three teams of 4 students taking on some deviously stimulating maths puzzles, requiring observation, estimation and calculation skills.

Very well done to all our competitors, but congratulations to the team from Miss Dickson's and Mr Hankin's classes who finished the heat in 2nd place. They have guaranteed their place in the final on 9th June and we wait for the results from the remaining heats to see if our other teams will be joining them.

Our Teams were:

Team A – 7-1 (SDi), 7-2 (NHa) - William Martin, Richard Zhang, Annabel Goodison, Andrei Ionesco

Team B – 7-3 (CAp), 7-4 (LPa) – Kiki Georgieva, Anna Stuchlik, Sterling Docx, Shriya Gurumurthi

Team C – 7-5 (RPo/ASu), 7-6 (SPe) - Lily Rutkin, Emma Cox, Grace Wagstaff, Anastasia Miccolis

Thank you to all those who took part so far and well done.

Mr Appleford

Director of Mathematics

WELLBEING

Mental Health Awareness Week

Monday 10th May sees the start of Mental Health Awareness Week.

To mark this, the College will be launching a Student Wellbeing 'Team' which provides useful wellbeing resources and links for students to access. Please ask your child to show you this. The 'Team' and the resources will evolve over time, to meet the emerging needs of Hockerill students.

In addition, below are some links to resources which parents may find helpful in supporting their children's mental health and wellbeing;

<https://www.mindedforfamilies.org.uk/young-people>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help-for-parents/>

<https://www.justtalkherts.org/parents/advice-for-parents.aspx>

YOUNG ENTERPRISE

Hockerill's Young Enterprise Team were very successful at the East Hertfordshire Competition on Wednesday 5th May. The team, led by Managing Director, Eleanor Lyon, and supported by Business Advisor, Gladys Fleet, won two awards and have earned a place in the East of England Competition on 20th May 2021. The team won both best presentation and the teamwork award. Their work during the Michaelmas Term when they ran a competition for recipes from the Hockerill Community and produced calendars to sell to Hockerill students and their families impressed the judges. This enterprise proved to be a great success with the team raising the most money of any Hockerill Young Enterprise Teams.



CAREERS

Gonville & Caius Parents talk – deadline 19th May

On Thursday 20th May Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge will be running a session specifically designed for parents and carers of potential applicants. This one-hour session will introduce the application process and provide attendees with tips for how best they can support their children. Interested parents can sign up using the following link: https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cVaZD3QF212jY4m



Speakers for Schools

Tues 11th May 5-6pm LINK TO JOIN	Martin Houghton Brown, CEO, St John Ambulance KS4/S4	Hear from the CEO of St John Ambulance! Martin will be sharing his journey to self-acceptance and success and will be answering your questions. If you want to learn more about the work of St John Ambulance during the pandemic, then this is the broadcast for you.
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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

LIBRARY NEWS

Celebration of Juniper Book Awards Success

The Year 7 students' award-winning work was celebrated in a special assembly, conducted by Mrs Butler and Mrs Bruce, on Tuesday 4th May. The individual prize winners were presented with their awards and two nominated students from each English group accepted the Most Innovative School trophy on behalf of all the Year 7 students, who collaborated so brilliantly to secure this accolade. The beautiful, engraved glass trophy was given by Juniper Education who run the annual awards scheme.



BISHOP'S STORTFORD YOUTH PROJECT OPPORTUNITY

Bishop's Stortford Youth Project and Thirst Youth Café are looking for a new Community Fundraiser and Communications Manager to raise awareness, generate income and encourage volunteering.

The position is part time, 15 hours per week, and will require some flexibility to meet needs of role. There is an opportunity to negotiate flexible working for the right candidate. Salary range is £10 - £12.50 per hour (£7,800 – £9,750 Pro Rata - £19,500 - £24,375 FTE).

We are looking for an enthusiastic, self-motivated, excellent communicator with strong interpersonal and organisational skills and the ability to meet, and hopefully exceed targets!

If you are interested in joining our team and helping make a real difference to the lives of local young people in Bishop's Stortford please send your CV with a covering letter to jake@bishopsstortfordyouthproject.com by Friday 21st May 2021.

Go to <https://bishopsstortfordyouthproject.com/we-are-hiring> to download the job description or email Jake Tucker (above).