

LOCKDOWN STEP 3



The lessening of Covid regulations as the country moves to Step 3 of the Roadmap is a welcome development. Life really will begin to feel a bit more like pre-pandemic times post May 17th. However, we do still have to be cautious and it would be unwise to think that the road ahead is inevitably one way. Step 3 of the Roadmap brings only one significant change for the way that schools need to operate and that is with face coverings. The full guidance on face coverings in schools can be found [here](#) with the key detail on page 4 where it states that:

From 17 May, face coverings will no longer be recommended for pupils and students in classrooms or communal areas, in all schools and FE providers. Face coverings will also no longer be recommended for staff in classrooms. In all schools and FE providers, we continue to recommend that face coverings should be worn by staff and visitors in situations outside of classrooms where social distancing is not possible (for example, when moving around in corridors and communal areas).



This means that from next Monday the wearing of masks by students and staff will be optional when seated in lessons or in spaces large enough for all to be socially distanced e.g. anywhere outside. Masks will still be required when moving around indoors e.g. in corridors or anywhere where social distancing is not possible. In general, however as there are clear benefits in mask wearing in terms of reducing virus transmission, we still encourage everyone in the Hockerill community to wear masks as this will continue to give protection to students, staff and families at home. Your support for this approach is appreciated.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 18th May
Year 10 exams begin

Saturday 22nd May
Year 10 study leave (further details below)

Monday 23rd May
Online Music Concert (further details below)

Friday 28th May
Half term holiday commences at 1540hrs

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HOCKERILL GENERAL NOTICES

Boarding House Packages

Reception are receiving an increasing number of parcels without student's Boarding House detailed on them. It would be helpful if packages arriving at College included the student's Boarding House as part of the address. Failure to do so may result in delays to receiving the package.

Ofqual's student guide to awarding: summer 2021

Ofqual have now published their new [student guide to awarding: summer 2021](#). This guide offers support for students taking GCSEs, A levels, vocational and technical qualifications this year. It is written for students and complements the materials that have already been published for teachers. It also contains important advice on where students and their families can go for more information and support, including support for those with mental health concerns.

Remembering Mike Ullmann – raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support

Thursday 13th May marks the 11th anniversary of the passing of Mike Ullmann. Mike was Director of the Language College and Head of MFL at Hockerill Anglo-European College. With endless amounts of energy, enthusiasm and believe in the fundamental value of multilingualism at home as well as in an internationally interconnected world, Mike contributed greatly to building the Language College as it continues to exist today. He was an inspirational teacher, mentor, colleague and friend to anyone who was lucky enough to know and work with him. The Languages Faculty is very proud to be able to follow his legacy and passion for teaching and learning languages.



In order to mark this anniversary, Mrs Graves will take part in the London2Brighton walk (100km) in order to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. If you would like to, you can donate via her [JustGiving page](#) by following [this link](#).

Instrumental, Vocal and Theory Lesson Notice Deadlines

We hope that your children enjoy and look forward to their music lessons. If for any reason they are not enjoying their lessons, please let us know so that we can address the situation.

Please be aware that if you would like to stop lessons at any point, you must let us know in writing. The table below gives the notice deadlines for the rest of this year:

Want to Stop Lessons at:	Deadline to let us know by:
End of Academic Year 2021 (July)	Friday 21 May 2021

It is important for us to have these deadlines, giving our peripatetic staff sufficient notice to find a replacement student. It also minimises disruption for timetabling and the Finance Department.

Please contact us at musicadmin@hockerill.com if you have any queries.

Internet Watch Foundation campaign launched to raise awareness of "self-generated" child sexual abuse material

In the last year, "[self-generated" child sexual abuse imagery](#) has increased by 77% and is a third of all child sexual abuse material identified and removed from the internet. These included images of girls aged 11 to 13 whose abuse had been recorded via a webcam in a domestic setting.

To help prevent the creation of this type of abusive imagery, a campaign has been launched by the [Internet Watch Foundation](#) (IWF) backed by the Home Office and Microsoft. It aims to help raise awareness of this type of criminality among parents and carers of young teens, empower and educate girls aged 11 to 13+ to spot the techniques used by sexual predators and give them the knowledge to Block, Report, Tell someone they trust.

It is a national campaign running from Wednesday 21 April for six weeks. You can find out more on the [IWF website](#), as well as specific sites for [parents](#) and [young people](#).

YEAR 10

IMPORTANT CHANGE TO LESSONS ON SATURDAY 22ND MAY

Please be aware that Year 10 students have been given study leave on **Saturday 22nd May** with the opportunity to study at home. Full boarders will have supervised study.

SIXTH FORM NEWS

Sixth Form Enrichment Activity – Harry Baker, Poet

On Wednesday 12th May we were delighted to welcome Harry Baker to the College to present two online sessions, for Years 12 and 13, as part of their Enrichment Programme. Harry Baker is a University of Bristol Maths graduate turned poet, and in 2012 won the World Poetry Slam Competition, becoming the youngest ever winner. He has been described as 'ferociously intelligent' and has written poems, on a disparate range of subjects, including prime numbers and falafel. He has appeared at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, given TED talks and is about to embark on his rescheduled 'I am 10,000' tour.

Harry was delighted to perform to a live audience, albeit virtually, and one of his poems - performed in German - required audience participation. The students were treated to a wonderful afternoon of witty, fast-paced wordplay. His book 'The Sunshine Kid' is available to borrow in the Library and further information can be found on his website: <https://www.harrybaker.co/>



MEDIA CLUB

Year 13 Music Concert - 23rd May 2021

Music prodigy, David Harkness, embarks on the challenge of organizing a farewell music concert for Year 13s, as a way to project their musical talents one last time.

Especially considering the fact that previous music events have been cancelled at the start of the year due to recent events, this will be a unique chance for year 13s to demonstrate their musical talents at Hockerill. In order to adapt to Covid-19, a concert live stream will be available to watch, yet the opportunity to attend this event live will still be possible.*

In a short interview carried out by the members of the Media Club about David and his concert, we have gained some insight on the event with the following information provided by David:

The following concert will take place in the Chapel with a selected group of year 13s (around 10 to 12) participating in the performance as well as the other year 13s and teachers being invited to the Chapel to witness the concert in person. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, the performance will not be open to the rest of school years.

David has been preparing for the concert for around 1 or 2 months with the inclusion of various musical genres such as: R&B and modern Jazz, making use of variety of instruments: drums, saxophones, bass, piano, and guitars.

Wishing every good luck for David and his fellow performers with their final performance at Hockerill, the members of the Media Club also wish the best for his musical journey after high school.

Good Luck Year 13s, and we wish you the best in the next chapter of your lives!

*Further details regarding the live stream will be provided closer to the event.