

## HOCKERILL NEWS

### Parent Forum

The Governing Board of the College is a key element of our strategic leadership. The Board is made up of 17 members and is Co-chaired by Dr Judith Braeckman and Mrs Marie Roberts. Full details about the Board and their role in the College can be [found here](#). On Tuesday June 15th at 1900hrs the Board would like to invite you to an open meeting where they will give a short presentation about the Board and then respond to questions submitted in advance. If you would like to submit a question, please use the form below. The deadline for submitting questions is at 0900hrs on Monday 7th June.

<https://forms.office.com/r/FdpXECPF7G>

The link to the meeting will be shared nearer the event.

One of the key roles of the Board is to set the strategic direction of the College and in 2017 a new strategic plan was devised that set out the direction of travel for the College through to 2020. Through the latter part of 2020 and in to 2021 we have been working on our strategy for 2021 through 2025. This has included revisiting our Mission and Vision statements. Please use [this link](#) to take a look at our draft strategic plan. If you have any feedback, please send it to [everetta@hockerill.com](mailto:everetta@hockerill.com)

## GENERAL NOTICES

### Absence from College

When booking a holiday, please bear in mind any arrangements that may result in the potential consequences of quarantine. We expect students to return to College as usual following the half term and any absence due to quarantine arrangements could potentially not be authorised.

### LFD tests and reporting of positive cases over May half-term

Hertfordshire County Council have asked us to share the following update with you:

*Thank you all so much for playing your part and helping to keep case rates of Covid-19 low in Hertfordshire. During half-term, and as restrictions ease more generally, it is more important than ever that we follow current guidance to help keep each other safe and our nurseries, schools and colleges free from outbreaks.*

*Please do not send children back into education if they are sick or feel unwell. If you or children have symptoms you must self-isolate immediately and book a PCR test at: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>*

### Reminder of some of the latest guidance from 17 May:

- 6 people, or two households (each household can include a support bubble, if eligible) can now meet indoors and up to 30 people can gather outside
- If you are meeting with family and friends, the government is asking that you personally consider the risks associated with COVID-19 when deciding on things like wearing face coverings and social distancing for both you and your children
- Restaurants, pubs and cafes can reopen and so can indoor entertainment and attractions such as cinemas, bowling alleys, museums and children's indoor play areas. All of these services will have COVID-secure measures in place, please encourage your children to follow the rules when out and about

### Travelling within the UK

If you do go away, you should aim to do so safely. For instance, one of our close neighbours, Bedford, has a high number of cases and people are being advised to avoid travelling in and out of the area unless it is essential (for work or education).

You can find the latest travel guidance for England and the rest of the UK at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do#travelling-within-the-uk-the-republic-of-ireland-and-the-channel-islands>

### Travelling internationally from England

There are no longer any restrictions on leaving England to travel internationally, however to protect public health in the UK and the vaccine rollout, you should not travel to [countries or territories on the red or amber lists](#).

If you do need to travel to a [Country destination for an emergency](#), you must update any setting attended by your child(ren) and;

- All family members who have travelled must quarantine for 10 days at home upon their return and can only leave home to take a test
- Paid for PCR tests must be completed by all those who have travelled aged 4 and above on day 2 and again on day 8 following your return
- Please do not send children back to nursery, school or college without completing the mandatory quarantine period

### Testing at home with Lateral Flow Devices (rapid tests)

During half-term you should continue to encourage children in year 7 and above to test and report their results as they have been in term time.

We would be grateful if you could ensure that children in year 7 and above take a rapid test on Sunday 6 June ahead of their return to school. Should they receive a positive result they must begin self-isolating immediately and book a confirmatory PCR test. Any student with symptoms of Covid-19 or feeling unwell should take a PCR test immediately and not attend school.

Parents and carers of children of school age are also encouraged to take regular rapid tests. You can find your nearest collection site or order online at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/rapidtest](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/rapidtest).

### Please only complete rapid tests on children in year 7 and above.

### Support for families

This is a challenging time for everyone, and we want you know that help and support is available for anyone who needs it in Hertfordshire. HertsHelp can provide free, confidential advice and practical help for things like food, essential bills and emotional support. Call 0300 123 4044, email [info@hertshelp.net](mailto:info@hertshelp.net) or visit [www.hertshelp.net](http://www.hertshelp.net)

We hope you enjoy half-term and remember – hands, face, space, fresh air and test. These key things will help to keep you and your loved ones safe.

### Enrichment days – Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th June 2021

When we return after half term, all students will be off timetable for three days to take part in our summer enrichment activities. These activities are designed so students have further opportunities to develop the soft skills which are embedded in the IBs Approaches to Learning (ATL) and the IB Learner Profile and include skills such as collaboration and problem solving as well as research and communication. Students can also think more deeply about national and/or global issues.

Students are expected to be in normal full school uniform, unless otherwise stated (see below) and should have with them normal school pencil case equipment and a fully charged BYOD unless otherwise stated.

An overview of the days are as follows:

	Monday 7th June	Tuesday 8th June	Wednesday 9th June
<b>Year 7</b>	Poetry and creative writing	International Day	Equipe competition*
<b>Year 8</b>	Equipe competition*	Human Rights	International Day
<b>Year 9</b>	International Day	Equipe Competition*	Careers and MYP Community Project
<b>Year 10</b>	Duke of Edinburgh Award or Orienteering activity	Duke of Edinburgh or Harlow Outdoors Activity Centre	GCSE English spoken Language
<b>Year 12</b>	Personal statements, Interview skills, CV writing	Group 4 Science practicals for IAs	Group 4 Science practicals for IAs

\*Equipe Competition

Students are to wear the following:

- Hockerill PE shorts or skorts
- White sport socks
- Trainers
- Students are encouraged to wear an equipe coloured t- shirt (must cover the shoulders and be full length meeting the waist band of shorts/skorts. Alternatively, they should wear their PE polo top).

### Equipe colours:

Brunel (light blue), Da Vinci (red), Goethe (green), Pascal (white)

Year 10 students do not need to bring a BYOD on Monday 7th June or Tuesday 8th June, unless they are not taking part in the planned activities and staying in College. Correspondence has already been sent to parents about what students should wear for these two days.

## MUSIC NEWS

### Hockerill Music Success!

Following successful auditions, we are delighted to congratulate Sakura and Noah who have both been accepted into prestigious national music ensembles!

Noah auditioned successfully to become a trumpeter in the National Schools Symphony Orchestra's new Big Band. He is very much looking forward to attending a workshop with them at Malvern College this summer and to perform with them regularly from September.

We are also delighted to announce that Sakura is now officially a violinist of the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain. In addition to this achievement, this year she also auditioned for the Junior Royal Academy of Music and was offered a place to attend from September.

Well done to Noah and Sakura for their hard work and dedication to their musicmaking - we look forward to hearing them perform with these outstanding ensembles in the coming months!

## YOUNG ENTERPRISE

### H2Grow

Young Enterprise is a scheme to encourage young people to develop their business skills. Due to COVID-19, our experiences of running a Young Enterprise company could not have been predicted when we embarked on the project in September 2019. After working as a team to develop our product ideas with an environmentally sustainable ethos, H2Grow were off to a promising start with our Herb Growing Kits, achieving 'Best Overall Company' at the Ware Dickensian evening in December 2019. The national school closures in March 2020 impacted on our sales opportunities.

Adapting to life in lockdown, the company kept going by promoting and selling all the remaining stock of herb growing kits locally and with safety measures in place. The H2Grow ethos of being environmentally sustainable and the purpose of the Young Enterprise Scheme was promoted throughout.

We were unable to personally attend the North and East Hertfordshire Company of the Year Competition Regional Finals in May 2020 with everyone having to submit a written report together with a video presentation. We were extremely proud to win this competition.

With our profit of over £600 we were able to pay our shareholders a dividend on their initial investment, donate a sum of money to the World Wildlife Fund Charity and purchase an eco-friendly bench to donate to the Sixth Form Centre, which was presented and installed this week. It is hoped that this will inspire future Young Enterprise Teams to be successful by participating in such a worthwhile activity.

### Oliver Chivers - 13P2

### Feed the Mind

'Feed the Mind', the 2020-21 Young Enterprise team progressed onto the East of England Competition. They won the Sustainability Award at the event on Thursday 20th May 2021.

## YEAR 8

### County Maths Challenge

The first heat of the Year 8 County Maths Challenge took place on Tuesday 18th May after school, when we had three teams of students taking on devious and stimulating maths problems. Compared to the Year 7 Challenge two weeks ago, there was a greater emphasis on algebraic puzzles, but estimation, observation and calculation skills were also called upon. Twenty Teams from schools across Hertfordshire took part and our Team A finished the heat in 6th place, earning themselves a place in the final on 16th June.

Our Teams were:

Team A - Oscar Fok, Spencer Bramwell, Luke Cromie

Team B - Zara Dogan, Maya Howells, Jac Gilks-Stokes, Isaiha Ayodele

Team C - Gethin Lewis, Gift Mutale, Aimee Downey, Harvey Sharp

Well done and thank you to all our competitors.

### Mr Appleford

Director of Mathematics

## YEAR 13

### News from the Media Team

Continuing from last week's musical successes, a new musical release has been announced by James and Ben. From a short interview conducted by the media team members, we indulged into a 'behind the scenes' of the album project. A few of the members we have talked to revealed that their primary source of inspiration originated from the artists they listen to on a day-to-day basis. Additionally, using these inspirations, the members of the project are willing to experiment with various music genres and cultural influences by including a French feature in the album with the help of their international friends.

This can clearly be linked towards our beliefs at Hockerill about spreading the message of diversity.

As the main purpose of the project is to have fun with their peers during their last moments in school, the album's main theme and message is to record the fleeting moments of their youth. The members also expressed their gratitude towards other peers who took part in the process such as: Archie, Paolo, Oyin and others. Beginning the journey since last summer, their first album will finally be making its debut on the 18th of June 2021. With its release on all available platforms such as Spotify, Apple Music, and YouTube. Make sure you all tune in for the upcoming album and further information will be disclosed by the members themselves.

### Israel-Palestine conflict session

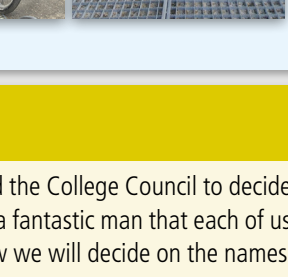
Following discussions around the College about current affairs, Mr Ageo de Damas, a former Hockerill student and SOAS Politics and International Relations graduate, led a highly informative session about the complexity of the Israel-Palestine conflict. The talk, held in the College library, largely focused on how Hockerill students can effectively access unbiased information and was followed by a Q and A session. The event was coordinated by Year 13 students Archie Fraser and Isabelle Tischler.



## CAREERS NEWS

### Year 12 - Post 18 options

Year 12 will spend the first IB Enrichment Day on the 7th June being introduced to the process for university applications and other post-18 options. They all had the opportunity to attend a UCAS Discovery Day earlier in the term and we will speak to them about the type of research they need to do and the things they need to consider when making their decisions, but they may want to spend some time in half term looking at the range of virtual opportunities that are available whether that is degree tasters or virtual work experience opportunities. This Summer term is a good time to get involved in tasters and events, some of which will hopefully be in person. Students and parents should think about using the summer weekends and holidays to visit the localities of universities to get a feel for the environment even if they are not holding on-site events (check university websites for downloadable campus maps to do self-guided tours). If campus visits are a possibility, we will be holding 2 days per year for students to attend those. [Click here to see the parent guide from UCAS](#) with more information but we do appreciate that this is a big transition, especially for families where this is your eldest child and you have not been through the process before so, please do get in touch if you have any queries at all ([winshipa@hockerill.com](mailto:winshipa@hockerill.com)).

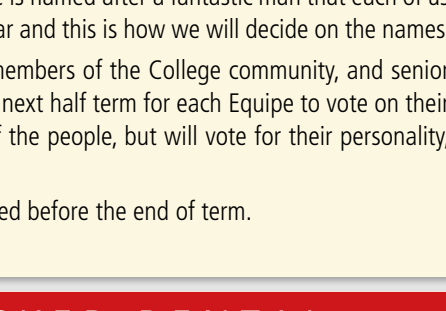


## BMX BANDITS

This term has seen the return of the Hockerill BMX Racing Club. Due to COVID the club was restricted to Year 7 attendees only. The ethos of the club is enjoyment, encouragement and progression, all of which have been in abundance, despite the inclement weather, travel sickness and numerous tumbles.

Whilst most of the group have been working on racing skills with Braintree Bullets Head Coach, Jools Allen, one of the cohort, who has Cerebral Palsy, has learnt to ride a bike standing up for the first time, even moving onto the track in the session this week. Many thanks to Mr Fitchett (seen here looking out to sea) for his assistance in enabling this, as well as his boundless humour and DJing skills on the minibus decks.

### Mr Russell



## NEW EQUIPE NAMES

Over the past half term, the Heads of Equipes have been meeting with Mr Whiteley, the Principal, Mr Woods, and the College Council to decide on the process for the renaming of the Equipes. It has long been known that whilst each Equipe is named after a fantastic man that each of us can look up to and be inspired by, they are all named after white men. This will change next year and this is how we will decide on the names. Each Equipe now has a short-list of four names, taken from the extensive list suggested by members of the College community, and senior sixth formers will create a short presentation on each of the people. A Form will be sent round next half term for each Equipe to vote on their new name. This voting will be 'blind' in as much as each Equipe will not know the names of the people, but will vote for their personality, skills, and deeds.

Mr Woods will have the final say, to ensure diversity, and the new Equipe names will be unveiled before the end of term.

### Mr Dinwiddy

## RECRUITMENT

**Technology Technician (Design Technology and Art)**  
Term Time plus 3 weeks, H3 (FTE from £19,312 per annum)

**Required from September 2021**

An oversubscribed and outstanding school with an exceptional reputation, set on a lovely parkland campus, is looking to appoint a Technology Technician to join a friendly, supportive and creative department.

The postholder will support the Design Technology team in the daily running of the department and will be a friendly, organised individual who has experience in technical capacity, such as a background in industry.

Hockerill Anglo-European College has been consistently ranked in the top tier of UK post-16 state comprehensive league tables and achieved high ratings for its GCSE results. Based on its GCSE and IB Diploma results, it was ranked in the top three Comprehensive schools in the country in the Sunday Times 2020 Schools Guide and it is also the most oversubscribed school in Hertfordshire.

The College is situated in Bishop's Stortford within the beautiful landscaped grounds of a former teacher training college and is within 30 minutes of both London and Cambridge, with Stansted Airport just 10 minutes away. We have a roll of approximately 850 students, both day and boarding, including a Sixth Form of 250 students.

To apply, please complete the application form and return to:  
Mr C Yates, Hockerill Anglo-European College, Downside Road, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, CM23 3HX  
Email: [recruitment@hockerill.com](mailto:recruitment@hockerill.com) Telephone: +44(0)1279 658 451

The closing date for receipt of applications is **5am on Monday 7th June 2021**.

Hockerill Anglo-European College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All postholders are subject to a satisfactory enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) disclosure.

We particularly welcome applications from black and minority ethnic candidates as they are under represented within Hockerill Anglo-European College.

## LOCKER RENTAL

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**2** Scan this QR Code

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- Choose your **PREFERRED LOCKER AREA** from the drop down menu (if available)
- Click on **CHECK AVAILABILITY**
- Where prompted enter your details and read and agree to the terms and conditions
- Click on **RENT LOCKER** and follow the instructions for entering your payment details
- You will then be emailed a locker code and the number of your locker compartment.

**How to Access your Locker:**

- Go to the locker number detailed on your confirmation email
- Enter the **4 digit code** detailed on your confirmation email and open the lock
- Should you forget your code it can be reset by visiting [www.locker.rentals](http://www.locker.rentals) and clicking on the 'reset my locker code' link.