

HOCKERILL NEWS



Thank you to everyone who supported us this week by completing LFD tests. After the two positive cases it was important that we got on top of things and prevented any further virus transmission. Happily, the testing of everyone did not result in us being notified of any further positive cases and so it seems that things are again moving in the right direction. We need to keep it that way however and so maintaining the twice weekly testing through to the end of term is essential. Your child has been given a new supply of test kits this week and so you should have plenty to get you through until July 1st. When you do the tests, please be sure to notify us and the NHS of the result. By doing so, you help us to track what is happening in school and the government to track what is happening nationally.

The end of the summer term is normally associated with school events such as Speech Day, Hampers and Chambers and other community celebration events. Sadly, these will not be possible this year. What we will be organising is year group (bubble) assemblies where we can celebrate prize winners and the achievements of all students across the school year. We will put as much of that information as we can in The Hub so that you can be part of that celebration.

Ofsted review of sexual abuse in schools and colleges

I wanted to make you aware that Ofsted have published their findings from a recent review into sexual abuse in schools and colleges. This review was commissioned in response to the concerns being raised through the large number of anonymous postings on the Everyone's Invited website regarding experiences involving harassment and abuse of young people, some of which has happened in schools.

The research and analysis report can be found here, and will stimulate further discussion, review and action planning in Hertfordshire to ensure that we make our schools as safe as possible for all young people.

Education around healthy relationships has long been established in our school but recently the Department for Education devised a new Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) curriculum that schools are required to deliver. This covers key issues in relation to sexual abuse and harassment, particularly the area of consent, at age-appropriate levels for children in different key stages. We shared our RSE Policy in the Hub in April and asked for your feedback. The policy can be found [HERE](#) and will be reviewed later this year, 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 mcullochA@hockerill.com

The local authority has also commissioned a short-term working group to consider the issues arising from the Everyone's Invited initiative and the report into sexual abuse produced by Ofsted. The working group will collate guidance and materials to support all schools in Hertfordshire, helping them to provide a high quality RSE curriculum, which brings about excellent standards of behaviour and embeds a culture and ethos of safety for all learners.

I would like to assure you that this is a matter that is taken most seriously at our school, and that we will continue to work with families to promote a healthy and respectful environment for everyone.

If a student has any concerns, they should contact their Head of Year, Head of House or one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads.

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday 19th June

Non Uniform Day

Thames 24-hour

Snooker Livestream

(further details below)

Thursday 1st July

End of Term (students depart at 1240hrs)

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GENERAL NOTICES

Equipe News

Thank you to those students, teachers, parents, and governors who have contributed so far to the renaming of the Hockerill Equipes. As many of you will have previously read, Hockerill is in the process of changing our Equipe names to better embrace diversity, equality, and a fair representation of all groups in society. The College aspires and strives to select a group of people, and therefore names, that demonstrate and show our support for this assertion. The College Council, Heads of Equipe, and senior students in each Equipe would like to present each Equipe's shortlist to you by video.

Four students have four people's lives to present to you, but they will not tell you their name so that you take each person by merit of their actions. We would like you to view your Equipe's video presentation, and vote by MS Form in the video's description. Students, Staff and parents are all welcome to vote for their new Equipe name.

You have until Friday 25th June to vote.

[Brunel Link](#)

[Da Vinci Link](#)

[Goethe Link](#)

[Pascal Link](#)

Mr G Dinwiddy - Head of Brunel Equipe

Mr A Whiteley - Head of the Lower College

School Diversity Week 2021

Next week we will be joining thousands of primary schools, secondary schools and colleges taking part in School Diversity Week across the UK. The aim of this week is to make school safer, happier and more welcoming for students who may be LGBTQ+ or have LGBTQ+ families. The Equality and Spectrum Clubs have organised some activities for form time, and we will be marking the end of the week by celebrating Rainbow Friday. Please see the poster below for more details. Further information about School Diversity Week can be found on this website: <https://www.justlikeus.org/school-diversity-week>

Sarah Pearson

Vice Principal (Curriculum)

Provisional Residential Trips

Traditionally, residential trips have been a big feature of the College's calendar. We hope to be able to plan the trips that are detailed in our provisional trips calendar linked below.

[Residential Trips Calendar](#)

Mathematics Challenge

This term several students from Key Stage 3 took part in the Team County Mathematics Challenges. These challenges run by the UK Mathematics Trust promote problem solving and collaboration. Two of our teams made it to the finals which took place on Wednesday 9th and 16th June. Our Year 7 team was William Martin, Richard Zhang, Annabel Goodison and Andrei Ionesco who came a commendable 12th out of 24 teams and our Year 8 team of Luke Cromie, Gift Mutale, Spencer Bramwell and Aimee Downey came 17th out of 20 competing teams.

William Thallon, the organiser of the event, commented that "Your team did very well to reach the final, and to perform so creditably in a demanding event. I do hope the students enjoyed it."

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

Miss S Dickson

Mathematics

Name our Storms

This week has seen typical British summer time weather for us. A high of 28 degrees on Wednesday, tumbling to 15 degrees on Friday with heavy rainfall.

In the Geography department we are adept at linking the climate to most geographical events and we teach global atmospheric circulation and the formation of storms to our Year 10 GCSE students.

The MET office is currently asking for help to name the storms we may see this autumn and winter in the UK.

If you follow this link you can add your suggestions and, who knows, your storm name may be used and mentioned on the weather forecast [Name our Storms - Call for names - Met Office](#)

The MET office website is also full of interesting articles such as 'Why is the sky blue?' and 'What is climate change?'

Whilst the weather does not look great for cricket this weekend (which was the reason for my weather forecast search!) I wish you a very pleasant one.

Mrs A Mackenzie

Geography



BOARDING NEWS

Induction

Induction events for boarders moving to new Houses for September 2021 will take place between now and the end of the term. We have had to review how we had initially planned to host these events to ensure these run as safely as possible, for example meetings will be held in House gardens and visiting students will be expected to wear masks when touring round their new House.

We had considered allowing students to spend some time overnight in their new House during the last week of term, after careful consideration we have decided that in most cases this would be unwise given the recent positive cases. Apart from for students moving to Rochester House for next academic year, as this would not compromise our current bubble system. Students residing in Rochester House next year will move to Rochester on the Sunday 27th June/Monday 28th June and will spend the last week of term there. Mrs Corrigan will be in touch with further details regarding this.

September Return

With the situation regarding international travel ever changing we are not currently in a position to advise whether or not quarantining at College at the end of the summer holidays will be necessary or possible at this stage. A decision will be made regarding this in early August, nearer to the point of return and with more information available to us. We would recommend that parents consider other alternatives, and if feasible, make plans to quarantine their child offsite. As international parents will undoubtedly be aware now, quarantining at College does not offer the same freedoms that quarantining within a private house offers, quarantine arrangements in College have to be in accordance with the government guidelines in place. The College is subject to Ofsted reviewing our arrangements, so we must ensure we comply with these regulations.

Please can parents of international boarders review the information that we have for their children regarding their home address (and the country they are living in) so that when we are communicating with parents about international travel for their child, we have accurate information. This information can be reviewed via the Sims Parents App.

Thames 24-hour Snooker Livestream

As part of a fundraising initiative, Thames House is organising a 24-hour Snooker Livestream for Dementia UK; a charity aimed providing support to those affected by dementia. This livestream will take place on Youtube from 3pm on the 19th of June until 3pm on the 20th of June featuring Thames Year 12 boys and staff and very special guests. There will be links to donate during the stream and there is a QR code which is linked to our JustGiving page.

Will Hoffmann and Edoardo Bartoletti



24h Snooker livestream

Thames House

Saturday 3pm 19th of June

Sunday 3pm 20th of June

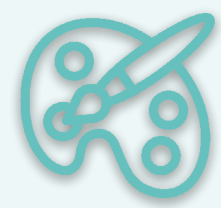
- All donations will be given to Dementia UK
- YouTube: [thameshousesnookerlivestream](#)
- Instagram: [thameshousesnookerlivestream](#)

Surprise Competitions - Full lineup will be announced on Instagram!

Donation Links on Instagram and YouTube Bio

Roding Painting Project

In Roding this year, us year 13s decided to create a lasting imprint on the house, as leaving a legacy is a very important part of finishing our Hockerill journeys. After hearing wonderful ideas from Mrs Ingham, it was agreed that we would celebrate Roding for the female power it holds, shaping young women every year who experience the house. This project was fulfilled with a female tree of life being painted on the empty wall of the common room, a symbol of growth and also a nod to mother nature and femininity. The aim of the tree was to have year 13s sign it off with our handprints before leaving and we hope this would be continued for years to come, with future year groups continuing this, inevitably growing the tree and branching it out. As well as being a very meaningful addition to the boarding house, it has also been something to occupy our prep sessions and a project for us to give back to the boarding house and the staff this year. After a very strange and unpredictable time for us in our final stages of school, a creative outlet has managed to bring our year group even closer together to collaborate on something so personal to all of us. We hope that ideas like this inspire others to do similar and use art and creativity as a release and a means of communication, and to celebrate the community we have at Hockerill, as it really is something special.



YEAR 12

Year 12s have returned to College after the half term with vigour and determination. In the past two weeks they have submitted their Extended Essay drafts, completed Science IA experiments, undertaken mock interviews, continued with their Prefect duties - and the list goes on! Well done Year 12. You should be most proud of what you have achieved.

Trinity College Cambridge MML Residential

Congratulations to Emma Troman, who has been offered a place in an online residential with Trinity College Cambridge. Over the course of four days, Emma will have the opportunity to experience taster lectures in Modern and Medieval Languages, Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, and linguistics. This programme is very competitive and we are delighted that Emma has been selected.

Students interested in similar programmes can find further information on the Trinity College website: <https://www.trin.cam.ac.uk/access/programmes/>

Senior Prefect Leadership Team

The newly appointed Senior Prefect Leadership Team undertook their induction this week. They have already hit the ground running over the past week, having sought feedback from Year 12s, taken action to raise awareness about Men's Health Week, and made plans to speak with the younger year groups. We congratulate Claudia Pettengell (Head Prefect), Leila Trusty (Head Prefect), Oliver Bracciano, Harriet Dunne, Kaima Nwajagu, Alessandro Scagnolari and Hannah Trapmore on their appointment to the SPLT and wish them the best in their new role.

Ms E Clements

Head of Year 12

MUSIC NEWS

Virtual Soloists Concerts - Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th June, 7pm

Please find the links below for this term's live-streamed Virtual Soloists Concerts, showcasing a variety of student solo performances from all year groups, as well as some additional virtual ensemble pieces.

[Virtual Soloists Concert 1](#) - Wednesday 23rd June 2021 at 7pm

[Virtual Soloists Concert 2](#) - Thursday 24th June 2021 at 7pm



LIBRARY NEWS

This term, the Year 7 members of Books & Biscuits Club have been shadowing the Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Awards.

These prestigious medals are awarded to the best fiction and illustrated books of the year, as voted for by a selected panel of judges. There is also a Shadowers' Choice award in each category, voted for by the students of participating shadowing groups. On Wednesday 16th June, a special lunch event took place in the Library to watch the CKG Award Ceremony and celebrate the students' commitment over the past term. Congratulations go to Eleanor, William, Scarlett, Thomas, Anastasia and Ethan for reading some, if not all, of the shortlisted titles; the interesting discussions about these during Books & Biscuits Club, and the reviews and artwork they produced for the official shadowing website.

An honourable mention goes to Sophie, in Year 8, who volunteered to read the shortlisted books for a second year, despite not being able to mix with the Year 7 students in Books & Biscuits Club, as she was not in her bubble. Sophie also received a certificate and some goodies from the lunch.

Mrs Bruce

Acting College Librarian



HOCKERILL PARENTS & FRIENDS

DONATE VIA AMAZON SMILE

If you use Amazon, please consider off-setting your donations to Jeff Bezos by donating to Hockerill at the same time!

It's easy to do: instead of shopping at the usual Amazon site, you shop through Amazon Smile. Prices are the same for both, but the latter gives a percentage of what you spend to Hockerill.

Here's how:

Go to <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1147215-0> and select Hockerill Parents and Friends as the charity you'd like to support.

To date, we've received a total of £212.46. At this time, when all our usual fundraising activity is on hold, it's a valuable source of revenue.

Thank you so much, as always.



HPF calendar photos

For all budding photographers out there: HPF are compiling a calendar using photographs taken by the students.

We need images from around the school of nature, the buildings or anything else that catches your eye. You can't include photos of yourself or other pupils.

Please send your admissions to hpfc@hockerill.com and include your name and form group.

HPF 250 Club

Congratulations go to our May and June 250 club winners, Andrew Billinton and Maria Canga.

The 250 Club is a fundraising lottery, all of the profits are used to support the College. You can join the scheme at any time. Entry is £5 a month. There is a £100 prize every month and an additional Christmas prize of £250 in December. The entry form is available via the following link: https://www.hockerill.com/uploads/asset_file/3_1275_hpft250flyera5nov20.pdf