

NEWS FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD

Thank you to all those who attended the Governing Board's online Open Parent Meeting on June 15th. At the meeting the Co-Chairs, Dr Judith Braeckman and Mrs Marie Roberts, outlined the two key functions of the Board i.e. setting the College's strategic direction and financial accountability, as well as explaining the structure of the Board and responding to questions on future capital developments and school uniform. The Co-Chairs also highlighted that we have a vacancy on the Board starting next September for a Community Governor with a medical background. Medical expertise is particularly important given our boarding context and has been invaluable as we have worked through the pandemic. If you think you can help us - or know someone who could as it does not have to be a current parent - with this important role, please contact everettA@hockerill.com. Further details about the Board can be [found here](#).

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 1st July
End of Term (students depart at 1240hrs)

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RAINBOW FRIDAY

This week we have joined 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, including flying the flag outside the main building.

Further information about School Diversity Week can be found on this website:
<https://www.justlikeus.org/school-diversity-week>



GENERAL NOTICES

Covid-19 reminder

Sadly, case rates are continuing to increase in the UK. While hospitalisations are lower than at the peak of the virus, we are still seeing people becoming very ill with Covid-19 and those yet to be vaccinated, namely under 18's who are at the greatest risk of infection.

In line with Government and Public Health guidance, we provide rapid tests (also known as tests using Lateral Flow Devices/LFTs) for your child to take at home and/or complete at school and, if taken regularly, these can help reduce the risk of us spreading Covid-19 to one another and keep children in school.

Our staff are also taking regular tests and we're encouraging all parents and carers to do the same, order online, collect from a pharmacy or visit a mobile testing site, view your options at: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/rapidtest. Please do not test children below year 7, these tests are not recommended or made for use on younger children.

If you test positive using a rapid test you must book a confirmatory PCR test at: www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test. Your whole household, including any children, must begin self-isolating immediately.

These are challenging times for us all, please do not send children in if:

- They have any symptoms of Covid-19 (a new, continuous cough, change or loss of taste or smell, a temperature) – in this instance you must book a PCR test
- They are generally unwell, especially with colds, headache and runny noses – it is better to be safe than sorry
- They have been identified as a close contact and/or asked to self-isolate

Latest cases

All the data for Hertfordshire cases can be found via the following link: <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/cases>

Click on United Kingdom and enter the local authority you want data on regarding cases. Hertfordshire specific information can also be found at: https://hcc-phei.shinyapps.io/covid19_public_dashboard/

Holiday Activities and Food Programme

A newly launched film featuring Marcus Rashford MBE calls on parents to sign up their children to the Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF).

The HAF Programme supports children and families in the school holidays. Outside of term-time, the Programme provides healthy food and enriching activities to free school meal eligible children in every local authority in England. The Programme has been significantly expanded. Further details can be found [here](#)

Details about Free School Meals can be found on our [website here](#)

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.

https://www.hockerill.com/uploads/asset_file/3_1482_college-residential-trips-july-2021-august-2023-1.pdf

GEOGRAPHY NEWS

Earthquake in Geography classroom!

To conclude the 'Restless Earth' unit of work this week the Year 9 bilingual students created their own earthquake proof buildings to demonstrate their knowledge of cross bracing and how to effectively redistribute seismic waves during an earthquake.

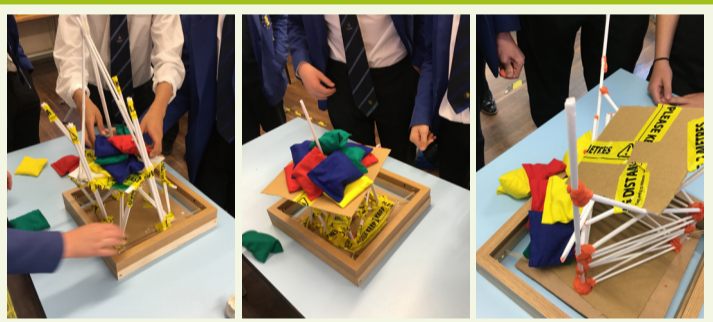
They had to ensure the structures were a minimum of 36 cm high and needed to have at least 2 levels, which could support up to 12 x 25 g bean bags.

The earthquake was then reconstructed with Mrs Mackenzie's earthquake wobble board. Some buildings were more robust than others!

The Year 9 Geographers who have chosen to continue the subject at GCSE next year will all be made members of their Year 10 class team this week. A small amount of summer prep is waiting for them. This will prepare them for their first topic 'Global atmospheric circulation and tropical storms'.

Mrs A Mackenzie

Geography



MATHS NEWS

UK Maths Challenges 2021

We had fantastic performances this year in the national competition run by Leeds University, with the following awards to students:

Intermediate UK Maths Challenge Certificates

Year	Name	Certificate	Kangaroo*	Certificate
9	Aditi Banthia	Bronze (Best in Year)		
9	Charlie Clement	Bronze		
10	Daniel Luksan	Bronze		
10	Benedek Payne	Bronze		
10	Laurence Poles	Silver (Best in Year)		
10	Luke Ricketts	Silver		
11	Roshan Downey	Bronze		
11	Sakura Fish	Silver		
11	Liam Mays	Silver		
11	Gabriel Osmond	Gold (Best in School)	Y	
11	Matthew Wells	Gold	Y	

* Kangaroo is the next round, if students have performed particularly well.

Very well done to everyone who took part.

Mr C Appleford

Director of Mathematics

Junior UK Maths Challenge Certificates

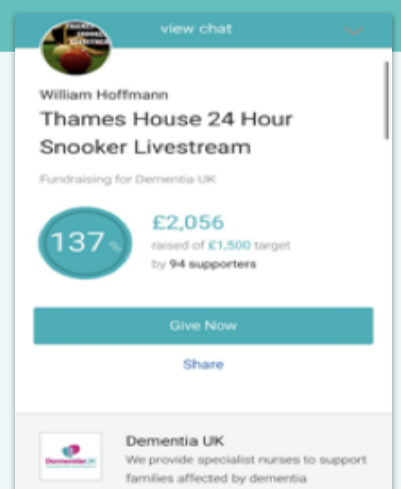
Year	Name	Certificate	Kangaroo *	Certificate
8	Isaiah Ayodele	Bronze		
8	Maame Boachie	Bronze		
8	Josie Brooks	Gold	Y	
8	Olivia Creecy	Silver		
8	Luk e Cromie	Silver		
8	Zara Dogan	Bronze		
8	Koko Fish	Bronze		
8	Oscar Fok	Gold (Best in School)	Y	
8	Oliver Leonard	Bronze		
8	Finn Ludlow-Elston	Silver		
8	Alice Luksan	Bronze		
8	Gift Mutale	Silver		
8	Josh Ranade	Bronze		
8	Fadlu Saliu	Gold	Y	
8	Aaron Sandhu	Gold	Y	
8	Paco So	Silver		
8	Rosa Toci	Gold	Y	
8	Celestina Tolentino	Bronze		

BOARDING NEWS

Thames House is proud to announce that we raised over £2000 for Dementia UK! We played snooker continuously for 24 hours, starting at 3pm on the 19th of June until 3pm on the 20th. We want to thank everybody so much for their support and generous donations. A big thank you to Mr Jones, Mr Irish, Ms Eldred, Mr Dinwiddy and all those who watched the full 24 hours of the livestream, we are so grateful for your support! Finally, thank you to Caspar, Ollie, Jacopo, Faris, Gabriel, Lucas, Connell, Ricardo and the Thames House Prefects for helping to organise this fantastic event and for giving up your time for this cause.

Will Hoffmann

Year 12



YEAR 12

On Tuesday 22nd June, twenty Year 12 students took part in an Ethiopian Coffee Ceremony. This was brought about as an initiative of the Afro-Caribbean Society; organised and led by Hawi Yared. We learned about the process of harvesting and checking the coffee beans before helping to roast them, as well as how this ceremony plays a significant part in Ethiopian households such as Hawi's. Key elements of the ceremony, such as the inhalation of the coffee bean smoke as a form of blessing, were something that left us feeling grateful to be included in such a personal experience. It was a thoroughly engaging and interesting cultural exchange which served as a refreshing opportunity to come together and learn about Ethiopian culture. The resulting coffee was a nice addition to an already immersive and worthwhile experience; occasions such as these are something which we hope can be incorporated more regularly into College life, as the whole event was a true example of what it means to receive a holistic and global education.

Leila Trusty



HOCKERILL PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Merchandise

We stock a range of branded bobble hats, hoodies, 'Varsity-style' T-shirts and small gifts (pens, stress balls, mugs, teddies, coffee cups, water bottles).

These can be viewed here: <https://www.hockerill.com/92/hockerill-parents-Clothes>

Larger items are available online via Fosters <https://www.fostersschoolwear.co.uk/school-products/hockerill-parents-friends/> and the smaller gifts items by emailing HPF@Hockerill.com. Let us know what you want and we'll arrange payment and delivery.

Hockerill Pre-Loved Uniform

HPF runs a pre-loved uniform group on Facebook. If you're looking for uniform, or have items you would like to sell / donate, please go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/221968511640250/>

We encourage people to donate to HPF via the PayPal Giving Fund at <https://www.paypal.com/fundraiser/charity/3214547> for any items that are kindly offered on the group for free. 100% of your donation goes back into providing benefits for Hockerill pupils.