

## HOCKERILL NEWS



The school year 2020/21 will be remembered as unique by the College community for the things that did not happen as much as the things that did. We did, for example, complete the year from an academic perspective with students broadly achieving in line with expectations. We also welcomed almost 200 new students and families to the College and helped them become part of what Hockerill stands for. We also learned how to learn online and how to live with a pandemic by thinking beyond our own needs and doing whatever was necessary to keep the whole community safe. Our community may not be quite the same after all of the things that we did, but it will emerge stronger as a result. That means that in 2021/22 all the things we did not do this year and that we want to do to give our students the true Hockerill experience, we will approach with renewed vigour and deliver a year to remember for all the right reasons. Thank you for working with us through this year. We look forward to working with you next year and making the year unique for all the right reasons.

Best wishes for the summer break and we look forward to seeing you in 2021/22.

**David Woods**

### Covid testing before returning to school

All students have been given a Lateral Flow Device test kit to use for the duration of the summer holidays; with an aspiration that they continue to self-test.

Please be aware that all students must test the day prior to returning to College in September and upload their result via both the links below.

[Report test result to school](#)

<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid-19-result>

Further details for new students arriving to Hockerill will be published nearer the beginning of the Michaelmas Term.

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Wednesday 1st September

Arrival of ALL new boarders (including new in-year boarders) and ALL Year 12 boarders

#### Thursday 2nd September

Term commences for ALL Year 7 students, ALL Year 12 students and ALL new in-year students

#### Friday 3rd September

Term commences for all other students

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### End of Year News

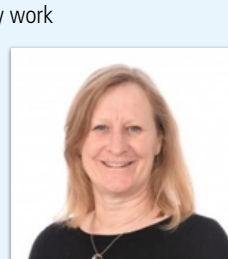
As 2020/21 comes to a close we need to say goodbye to some of our community. Our Year 13s will be moving on to university, a gap year or employment and we wish every one of them success in the future. IBDP results are due on July 6th and we will share the headlines with everyone as soon after that as we can. Most of Year 11 are returning to Hockerill in September but to those moving on we wish you every success in your new venture. And for the students and families leaving us from other year groups, we hope that your new homes and schools deliver everything that you are hoping for.

We also have some staff leaving the College and to those too, we wish happiness and fulfilment in their lives after Hockerill be that a new post, a new career or retirement. Our best wishes go to:

- Mr Roger Abraham, Printroom Manager, Retiring
- Miss Ariane Armand, Teacher of French, joining ICS London as a Teacher
- Mrs Fiona Bates, Registrar, exploring pastures new after over 20 years at Hockerill.
- Mrs Cecile Boyd, Teacher of French, moving to Leventhorpe where she is going to be involved in the teacher training programme.
- Ms Alice Creus, Teacher of Humanities, joining St Marys as a Teacher.
- Mrs Sarah Foster, Health Centre Registered Nurse, joining a local surgery as a Practice Nurse.
- Mr Jonathan George, Teacher of PE, moving home to Wales.
- Dr Jo Haywood, Joint Head of Chemistry, looking to spend more time with her family and will continue her work for the University of Cambridge.
- Mrs Julie Kheng, Head of Roding, moving to Wales.
- Ms Sarah Pearson, Vice Principal (Curriculum), moving to Gordonstoun School in Scotland.
- Mr Laura Scott, Head of Biology, moving to Manchester to teach Sixth Form.
- Mrs Simon Smith, Technology Technician, will be focussing on his other work commitments.
- Mrs Chaz Southcott, Trainee Teacher of Mathematics, has completed her training with Hockerill and will be joining Saffron Walden County High as a Teacher.
- Mrs Leslie Spencer, Assistant Head of Sixth Form and Teacher of English, looking to spend more time with family.
- Mrs Fay Whiteley, Head of Year and Teacher of Food Preparation and Nutrition, leaving to focus on craft projects and voluntary work

### Sarah Pearson

Ms Sarah Pearson is moving on to a new teaching post after a 3 year stint at the College. During this time she was Vice Principal and Acting Principal for 2019/20. Her leadership of the College during this period was exceptional and guided the College through the challenging times of the first lockdown and the transition to remote learning. This year she has developed our Interventions programme among many other things all of which will endure long after her departure. We wish Ms Pearson every happiness in her future endeavours and thank her for her enormous contribution to the life of the College.



### Final Assemblies

Year groups got together for their final assemblies this week and enjoyed musical performances by fellow students. We have shared these via the links below:

- HAEC Jazz Orchestra (feat. Noah Czajkowski) - [‘Too Marvellous for Words’](#) by J. Mercer and R. Whiting
- HAEC Choir, Big Band and String Ensemble (feat. James Baird) - [‘Heroes’](#) by David Bowie

### Summer works

This summer we will be undertaking two key projects on the campus. The first is the conversion of the rooms adjoining the Old Gym to office and meeting space. This will enable us to create work spaces for the Sixth Form leadership team so that we can move all of the Sixth Form to the Old Gym and use that as the Sixth Form Common Room for Years 12 and 13 This is of course assuming that we no longer have to maintain year group bubbles. If we do have to then we will still do the work but split the year groups across the Old Gym and Sixth Form Centre as we have this year.

The second project will be more apparent as it will be an upgrade to campus security. The footpath that goes through the campus from Manor Road to the sports area is currently open on either side and users of the path could if they wished, go off the path and enter the campus. We are therefore going to be putting up improved signage so that the route of the footpath is clearer and fences along either side. There will be gates to enable access to the main school area, the sports area and the Winchester / Thames area of the campus. Hedging will be planted on both sides of the path and this will help to blend the fence in. This will change the feel of the campus but we need to be sure that our students are safe 24/7 and this is a necessary step to ensure that.

## EQUIPE NEWS

Over this term the whole College has worked to choose new Equipe names. Over 80 names were proposed and the College Council, Heads of Equipe, and senior students from each Equipe whittled the names down to a shortlist of four for each Equipe. Last week we recorded 660 votes across the four Equipe from students, staff, parents, and governors and I am delighted to announce that the new names will be:

**Bader Ginsberg** (Pale Blue)

**Mandela** (Red)

**Seacole** (Green)

**Turing** (White)

This new group of names much better reflects the diverse nature of the College and the aspirations of the students, staff, parents, and governors.

Each Equipe will be led by two sixth formers as Head and Deputy Head, who have all gone through a rigorous application process. They are: Elisende Henderson and Zach Ingham (B); Eleanor Hewins and Jake Elmer (M); Charlotte Cavanagh and Léa Gallagher (S); and Tara Gaynor and Louise Cavanagh (T).

**Mr G Dinwiddy**

Head of Equipes

## DESIGN TECHNOLOGY NEWS

### Fay Whiteley

It is with much sadness the department says goodbye to Mrs Whiteley this Thursday. After fourteen years of teaching Food at Hockerill in its many guises, she leaves us to pursue other interests and dreams. Fay's contribution to the department, let alone the College as a whole, is immeasurable and she will be sorely missed by colleagues and students alike. The attention to detail and overall care she has for everything she does, and everybody she works with, has never been underestimated and has always been appreciated. It was a real joy and privilege to have spent my last full day of a truly forgettable year in her company baking her favourite Brookies recipe with the Year 9s. All the best ma'am.

**Mr A Russell**



This week saw the completion of the latest initiative in the Design Technology Department. The DT Alumni Wall can be found in the DT Corridor outside T3 (pictured). It showcases twelve of our talented past DT students who have continued their education and / or profession in areas such as Product Design, Graphic Design, Construction, Architecture and Engineering.

The main objectives of the project were:

- Current and future students are inspired by the possibilities the subject offers.
- Design Technology maintains a high profile in the College and remains a popular choice as a GCSE and IB option.
- The department benefits from a database of links to industry, which we tap into as part of our curriculum.
- The College improves its Alumni Program.
- The alumni themselves have an opportunity to give something back to the Hockerill community that helped them on their way.

Twenty-seven ex-students have kindly contributed so far, and the idea is to swap a new face onto the wall every few weeks, so there is always interest and scope. Five of them have already presented their work to the outgoing Year 13s via Teams calls this year and the recordings have been shared with other year groups. The hope is that other departments will follow suit, showing even more possibilities for our current and future students.

I would like to thank Mrs Winship and Mr Abraham for all their help in realising the project and in particular to Mr Abraham, who retires this week, for all his creative help over the years. This is a lovely legacy to leave us with.

**Mr A Russell**

Head of Design Technology



Having spent most of the year in lockdown away from our beloved workshops the DT staff believed it was time to refresh a couple of projects at KS3 and get back to what we love the most: designing and making.

The first, Year 8 "AnimaLamps", raises awareness of the world's endangered species by designing a USB-powered desktop lamp with an animal of their choice. On the reverse is a QR Code that takes the user to a web page, which describes the issues that particular species faces.

For the second, "Movie Snacks", Year 9 design and model a snack box for their client's favourite film. They design a graphical image that best represents the film and place it on a box, tray, or cone also of their own design.



## GEOGRAPHY NEWS

The Geography Department are delighted to announce the relaunch of Eco club in September.

Mrs Garland, Mrs Bennett and Mrs Mackenzie will run different clubs to various year groups which all link to the Eco Club.

Our main focus is to gain Eco Schools status for Hockerill as quickly as possible and you will all be able to contribute towards this.

You can read about Eco Schools here <https://www.eco-schools.org.uk/secondary/secondary-pathway/seven-steps/>.

You can choose to come to one of the clubs on offer and also be an active member of the Eco Club where you attend meetings and help keep the Eco Club notice board up to date with all our activities and progress.

If you want to do something to contribute immediately towards our Eco Schools over the holiday, then have a go at the Big Butterfly Hunt (details below). When you have completed it, post your results onto the Eco Club team.

Big Butterfly Count <https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/about>

Between Friday 16 July to Sunday 8 August you are encouraged to spend 15 minutes counting butterflies in parks, gardens, fields and forests. You can record the butterflies here

<https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/map>

You can join our team now with this code tzpjy46

Just go onto teams, click on 'join or create a team' and insert this code into the box 'join team with a code'

There will be a big butterfly count channel where you can share what you have recorded, maybe post some photos of an unusual butterfly that you have observed.

We look forward to meeting you all next year.

Best wishes from

**Mrs Garland, Mrs Bennett and Mrs Mackenzie**

## LANGUAGE NEWS

### Chinese cultural celebration: Dragon Boat Festival

Today in our Mandarin lesson we learnt about the culture around the Dragon boat festival or 端午节 (duàn wú jié kuài iè). This festival started after the well-respected poet 屈原 (Qū Yuán) committed suicide by drowning in the river, after watching the kingdom he lived in collapse. The people of the kingdom went into the river to try to find his body, and the people went out in boats, pouring wine and rice into the water to prevent the fish and the dragon from eating his body. This was unsuccessful, and the dragon rose from the water with the remains of Qu Yuan's clothes hanging out of his mouth. Now, every year, on the 5th day of the 5th month of the lunar calendar, people celebrate Qu Yuan's life and death. There are many traditions that go with this festival nowadays, which include a race in dragon-shaped boats; eating 粽子 (zongzi), which are a form of rice dumplings wrapped in a bamboo leaf, and hanging leaves outside their door & making and wearing incense bags to prevent diseases and evil spirits.

This is what we did today. We were given a small packet with some sewing equipment and fabric, and we made the incense bags. We had to attach the tassels to hang the bag up, and then stitch the bag, filling it with the stuffing material. Afterwards, we made the enjoy-eyed design of the 'ghostbuster' creature. I thought that this topic is very interesting and I thoroughly enjoyed learning about a very different culture to ours. Here is an attached picture of our finished incense bags.

Year 9 Sebastian Ttfofalli



The dragon boat festival 端午节 is a very important festival that Chinese people celebrate every year in May. In China, it is considered a national holiday and its one of the National / UNESCO Intangible cultural heritage items. It is tradition to worship an ancient Chinese poet during the festival. The most common ceremonial activity to do is called dragon boat racing which is where a group of 20 people go on a long dragon shaped boat and race around 500 meters. People also usually eat zongzi 粽子 which are rice stuffed with different fillings which can include egg and pork and are wrapped in bamboo leaves. Also, special plants are hung on doors to discourage diseases to the people. In class we got to learn about this festival this week and I really enjoyed learning about it as it gave me a chance to see how different cultures celebrate traditional festivals and holidays.

By: yuanxian97 No. Year 9 Marta Gherardi Gayo

## BOARDING NEWS

I am delighted to announce the following student leadership positions within Boarding for next academic year.

### Canterbury

House Captain: Beau Fletcher

Deputy House Captain: Theo Mak

Sports Captain: Zachary Osawaye

### Durham

House Captain: Oliver Becchi

Deputy House Captains: Seb Ttfofalli and Tobi Strachota

### Rochester

House Captain: Kunmi Shobowale

Deputy House Captain: Sadie Williams

Sports Captain: Natalia Gibilaro

### Winchester

House Captain: Ambre Benoit

Deputy House Captains: Hannah Srebot and Emma Hunter

Senior Sports Captain: Tilly-May Herbert

Junior Sports Captain: Jemima Osmond

### Mr W Conolly

Director of Boarding

## STUDENT NEWS

### Our experience in News report club:

This club was made in Winchester house in November, due to most of the clubs being cancelled because of Covid-19. It all started by brainstorming what they show on the news and what could be interesting to talk about like doing sports or about hobbies. Once we figured out what we were going to base our news report about, we thought about filming techniques ssuch as the five shots (different angels) that we could use, who we would film for an interview and what sources we would use to edit our clips after everything was filmed was done. As time passed, we struggled when going into lockdown, but we continued pushing harder to get it done. After Lockdown, we got back to the swing of things and started to film our interviews using techniques of the five shots we had previously learnt to make it like a real news report. Recently, we have finished making our reports and ready to show Winchester House on June 30th! We can't wait next year to do it again!

**Tabitha Meyer, Anna Haddon and Phebe Adejuwon**