

HOCKERILL NEWS



The school year 2021/22 is up and running with all students back on campus. It is great to have the 'busyness' and activity of all our students back with us as it is the first time all of Year 7 to 13 have been on-site since March. This week began with two training days for all College staff with sessions focussing on the College Strategic Plan (see below for more details), International Baccalaureate and OFSTED accreditation and training on safeguarding, mental health and IT. Various improvement projects to College facilities were also completed ready for the students. These included decorating and new carpets in boarding houses, fencing along the public footpath and upgrading IT equipment in classrooms. This week we have also completed the first of two mandatory 'back-to-school' LFD tests with students (the second is on Monday) and this has helped to ensure that we start the year safely and healthily. After Monday, LFD tests should be taken twice weekly at home and your child will have brought home test kits that will enable you to do this. Thank you in advance for your help and support with this crucial element in our protection control.

Our 2021/25 Strategic Plan can be found [here](#)

The Plan was developed with the help of students, staff, parents and Board members and maps out our path forwards by honouring our past, acknowledging our present and inspiring our future. The strategy comes from our Mission statement which we have developed from our previous one. Up to 2020 our mission statement was 'Developing enquiring, knowledgeable and responsible global citizens through academic excellence'. The new mission statement expands this further and opens up the opportunity to achieve and celebrate excellence in all its forms. The mission statement for 2021/25 is:

Inspiring knowledgeable, enquiring and caring global citizens through excellence in education.

Best wishes for the Michaelmas Term and year ahead. We look forward to working on our mission with the whole Hockerill community.

David Woods

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday 11th September

Yr 7 New Parents' Morning

HPF New Parents' Social events

(see below for further details)

Saturday 25th September

Open Morning

Friday 15th October

Half term holiday

(students depart at 1540hrs)

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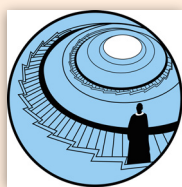
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NEWS FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD

We are currently looking for a 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](#).

EQUIPE NEWS

At the end of last year the College came together to choose new names for the four Equipes so that they better reflect the make up and aspirations of the student body. The four people chosen were:



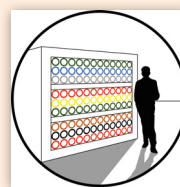
Ruth Bader Ginsburg (Pale Blue)



Nelson Mandela (Red)



Mary Seacole (Green)



Alan Turing (White)

Each logo was carefully designed to place each person in a location important to them. Bader Ginsburg's has her placed on the magnificent staircase of the US Supreme Court where she was a justice from 1993 until her death in 2020.

Nelson Mandela made his first speech after his release from prison from the City Hall in Cape Town in 1990. The logo shows Cape Town and Table Mountain as seen from Robben Island, where Mandela was imprisoned in 1964.

Seacole's logo is based on contemporary sketches of the British Hotel in the Crimea that Mary Seacole ran during the Crimean War.

Alan Turing's Bombe, the machine that decoded Enigma, takes centre stage in Turing's logo, complete with the coloured bands that encircled each drum.

Although Years 7-10 will be in mixed Equipe forms, the Equipes will still be an important aspect of their lives at Hockerill and they will continue to participate in Equipe competitions and attend regular Equipe assemblies.

The Heads of Equipe and I look forward to working together to move the Equipes forward this year.

Mr Guy Dinwiddy

Head of Equipes

BOARDING NEWS

It has been great to welcome all of our boarders back during this week, which has been an incredibly smooth return. The students have seemed pleased to see their fellow boarders and students moving House have settled quickly and enjoyed their new surroundings. The new boarders enjoyed an induction event on Wednesday evening which was delivered by an external company. The students were able to make use of different activities including a giant inflatable and Connect 4 basketball. The full boarders have a trip to Cambridge (with punting for the junior boarders) and a BBQ and team building activities to look forward to this weekend.



CAREERS NEWS

Time to apply yourself

The Careers Department is planning a new after school club to help students with career exploration through a mixture of external speakers, chats with alumni, etc. We would like to be able to introduce students to as wide a range of opportunities as possible and are looking for speakers (either in person or remote) from really any sector, who got there by any route to talk about themselves or their industry and hopefully give students a bit more information about careers they were already considering or introducing them to the possibility of things they had not previously thought of. If you would like to take part in one of these sessions, please get in touch via winshipa@hockerill.com



INDUCTION DAY

We welcomed Year 7 and Year 12 for an induction day on Thursday



SENIOR PREFECT LEADERSHIP TEAM

We have great pleasure in introducing our Senior Prefect Leadership Team. Pictured here with the Principal, David Woods, from left to right are;

Alessandro Scagnolari, Hannah Trapmore, Claudia Pettengell (Head Prefect), Leila Trusty (Head Prefect), Matilde Girolami, Kaima Nwajagu, Harriet Dunne and Oliver Bracciano.



GENERAL NEWS

Student Photographs

Student's individual photographs will be taken on Monday 6th September. Each student will be given a Unique Photo Ticket with a QR code which they will bring home for you to scan and view online.

HOCKERILL PARENTS AND FRIENDS

New Parents' Morning and Evening Social

Hello and a very warm welcome (back) to Hockerill after what was hopefully a wonderful summer break.

The Hockerill Parents and Friends (HPF) team are looking forward to meeting all new starters in person at the New Parents' Morning on Saturday September 11th. We will be there to answer any questions you might have about being a parent at Hockerill and to give you a warm welcome into the Hockerill fold! Please do come and say hello at the tea and coffee stand.

Saturday September 11th, 7-9 pm: There will be a social evening at Host in Bishops Stortford, to which all Hockerill parents - especially those of new starters - are welcome. It will give you an opportunity to meet up with other parents in your child's year group in an informal setting.

We hope to see you there!

