

IMPORTANT HEALTH NEWS

Covid-19 Vaccination for 12 to 15 Year Olds

IMPORTANT – RESPONSE REQUIRED

Following the government announcement, the Immunisation Team will be in College on Monday 11th October to roll out the Covid-19 vaccination programme for 12 to 15 year olds. Please follow the link below for further details and a Consent Form. A response is required. You must accept or decline this vaccination by completing the online form. The electronic link will close at 12pm on Sunday 10th October 2021. Please note this form will not work on some mobile phones and tablets. If you have difficulty completing the form, please call 01727 732062 to give a verbal consent.

[Covid-19 Vaccination Letter and Consent Form](#)

Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

Please be aware that the HPV Vaccinations will now not be taking place on Monday 11th October and will be rescheduled following the completion of the Covid-19 programme.

Flu Immunisation for Years 7-11

This year, all students from Years 7 to 11 are being offered a flu immunisation at school given as a simple squirt up the nose. It is painless, quick, and side effects are uncommon and generally mild. These immunisations will take place on Friday 12th November and Friday 3rd December.

Please follow the links below for further details and a Consent Form which MUST be completed in advance to enable your child to receive the immunisation. Any queries or correspondence in relation to this immunisation must be directed to the Immunisations Team at hertfordshire@v-uk.co.uk and NOT the College Health Centre.

[Flu Immunisation Letter](#)

[Flu Immunisation Consent Form](#)

Testing

As I am sure you are aware, the Government are still recommending secondary school students continue to undertake a Lateral Flow Test twice a week. Boarders will undertake their twice weekly Lateral Flow testing in boarding on a Wednesday evening during prep time and on a Sunday morning/afternoon. If your child is not present in boarding during these times, we would be grateful if parents could oversee their testing at home. It is strongly recommended that weekly and day boarders complete a test over the weekend prior to returning to College. A reminder that test results need to be registered with the Government via the [link here](#) and with the College via [this link](#). The current guidance advises that this should take place until the end of September, we are expecting to hear shortly whether or not it is recommended that twice weekly testing should continue into October. Once we hear, we will inform parents.

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday 25th September

Open Morning (lessons finish at 1205)

Friday 15th October

Half term holiday commences

(students depart at 1540hrs)

CONTACT US:

General

communications to: admin@hockerill.com

Absence

communications to: absence@hockerill.com

GENERAL NEWS

Issues with SIMS Parent and SIMS Student

We apologise for the problems parents and students have been experiencing with access to SIMS. Unfortunately, ESS changed the process for registering without letting anyone know so our instructions did not tie up with what you were seeing. In addition, it now transpires that there were further underlying problems that ESS believe they have resolved and their message to us is as follows:

Registration Issues with Pay360 Education Payments and SIMS Parent

We are aware that there have been significant issues being experienced with registration via SIMS ID for the above products. These have been related to two separate issues which we have taken action to investigate and resolve.

- Where registration is failing for a NEW user, please now ask them to try registering again by clicking on the link in the invitation email. Steps have been taken to address the problem that was stopping the registration from completing successfully,
- Where a school has UNREGISTERED a parent, student or staff member but that person has not been able to re-register with the same email address, please now advise them to try again. This has been investigated and any necessary changes to backend process are being considered. In the meantime, we are ensuring that the emails are cleared so that the user can now complete re-registration successfully.

Please accept our apologies for the inconvenience that this has caused to schools and to their parents at this busy time. We will continue to monitor all related live systems.

In order to move on without us having to individually assess all the many emails and phone messages we have received to date, can we ask parents and students who have been unable to register to try again using the invitation sent on Friday 17th September. Any previous invitations will no longer work. Instructions for parents and students can be found in the following links:

[Parent App Letter-2021.docx](#)

[Registering with SIMS Student](#)

If you were previously registered, and have received a new invitation you may find that once you have re-registered, you still cannot sign on to the app. This will be because previously parents were advised to register with a third party (Google, Apple, Facebook etc) and this time you have set up a SIMS log in. You may find that you need to sign out of the app or even just uninstall it, make it forget your data and reinstall it so that you are required to enter your new SIMS ID sign in. Make sure that you select the right icon when you sign on (SIMS) rather than the one for your previous (Google, Apple, Facebook etc) login.

If you are still unable to register or to sign on to the app, let us know by email to IT@hockerill.com. Screenshots or details about what goes wrong will help us to get you sorted out more quickly.

CLUBS NEWS

Please see amended Clubs Programme for the Michaelmas Term which can be found on the College website via the link [here](#). Please do look at this document and encourage your child to get involved with the opportunities available to them.

BOARDING NEWS

Boarders Open Week

As I am sure many of you will be aware of, we were unable to run the Boarders' Open Weekend last academic year. We have decided to amend this event for this academic year and will instead be organising events for Boarding parents to attend from Saturday 11th December until the end of term on Wednesday 15th December. Moving this event to the end of the Michaelmas term was more favourable for parents of Full Boarders, particularly International Full Boarders, allowing parents to travel to Hockerill to attend some of the events and then travel back home with their child. The events will be open to all Boarding parents and we will be sending further information to parents over the coming weeks.

Tennis Final

After revelling in the big screen excitement of the Outdoor Cinema and the joys of Guardians of the Galaxy (complete with ice-cream van treats!) about two-thirds of the Canterbury boys and I stayed up to watch the US Open Women's Singles Final. It would prove to be one of the most memorable moments of British sporting history as 18-year-old Emma Raducanu won her first Grand Slam. Given Boarders get quite a lie-in on Sundays, the boys thoroughly enjoyed a much later night than they would normally get and got involved in the match with many learning about the scoring system, Raducanu's meteoric rise, and how cool I thought Pat Cash was when I watched him win Wimbledon back in 1987! Events like Saturday's final do not come around often, and I remember sitting on the floor at boarding school myself watching England lose on penalties in 1990. I hope the Canterbury boys will look back on this weekend with even more pleasure, given the result was so much more positive.



Mr G Dinwiddy

Deputy Head of House

Yoga

On Sunday afternoon the boarders in Years 7-10 were treated to a yoga session lead by an expert. Some of the students had tried it before, but many hadn't.

Paa Kwame Boachie (Year 7) said "I enjoyed yoga alot, because it helped my foot and leg get better and I loved the exercise. I feel much more flexible and taller. I almost fell asleep because I was so relaxed from the yoga. 10/10"

"I really enjoyed yoga because it made me laugh and helped me relax and stretch. It was also very fun because it made me meditate," writes Zach Osawayi (Year 8).



SIXTH FORM NEWS

Please be reminded of the Dress Code for students in Years 12 and 13. See link below:

[Dress Code for Sixth Form](#)

MUSIC NEWS

Music lessons

Instrumental, vocal and music theory lessons started this week. It was lovely to meet all the new students and welcome back those who are continuing.

Please note - we are using Teams as the main method of communication regarding music lessons. All students have been added to their individual peripatetic teacher's Team and their timetables can be found under the 'files' tab in the timetable folder (Michaelmas term 2021). Before each lesson, students should also receive an email invitation from their teacher, however, if for any reason they don't, they should still attend the lesson at the time given on their timetable. If a student can't see their name on the timetable, please email musicadmin@hockerill.com and we will look into this for you.

Students should come to the Music Suite for their lesson. They will be able to see which room they are in by looking at the rooming rota which is displayed on the blue notice board on the MS1 door in the Lobby. Mrs. Wood will be available between 08:30 and 12:30 from Monday to Friday if they have any questions.

Mr O Bond

Director of Music

HOCKERILL PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Breaking News: HPF launch annual £4000 giveaway!

HPF are delighted to announce the launch of The '250 Club' Grant. Through funds generously donated to the 250 Club, we are able to offer two grants per year, each of £2000, to be shared amongst members of the Hockerill community. Grant applications are open to teachers, students and clubs. You can apply for anything: new skipping ropes for Boxing Club, a speaker for MUN or even a new initiative you'd like to start up. All requests will be considered.

Application forms are available from Reception or by emailing HPF@hockerill.com. The deadline for applications is 31st October 2021.

We can't wait to see your ideas!

