

> IMPORTANT HEALTH NEWS

Covid-19 Vaccination for 12 to 15 Year Olds – Monday 11th October

IMPORTANT – RESPONSE REQUIRED

You will be aware that the NHS Immunisations Team will be in College on Monday 11th October to roll out the Covid-19 vaccination programme for 12 to 15 year olds. If you have not already completed the online consent form, please do so before the deadline of 12pm Sunday 10th October. The form has options to consent to or decline the vaccine, so parents are asked to complete the form, whatever their choice (please see link below). The NHS will be collecting consent information and the College will not be informed of who has given consent or not. If there is 'nil consent' your child will not be vaccinated. The nurses will only vaccinate those who have given consent. Therefore, it is important that you discuss this with your child so they are aware if they have consent.

[Letter and Online Consent Form](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 11th October
Covid-19 Vaccinations for 12 to 15 year olds

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

Reintroducing Measures and Covid Testing

We are sure that you are aware that numbers of positive Coronavirus cases for teenagers are increasing, this is also reflected in data collected locally in Hertfordshire too. With this in mind, the College wanted to stress the importance of twice weekly Lateral Flow testing and to remind parents (and students) to follow the reporting systems in place, both to the College and the government (links below).

From Monday 4th October staff and students will be required to wear a face covering when moving around the College indoors. Any parent wishing to visit the College must make an appointment in advance or request an online meeting with a member of staff. We appreciate your support in taking these steps to keep students and staff safe from infection and the need to self-isolate during the half term holiday.

College Reporting

[Report test result to school](#)

Government Reporting

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

If you or your child are unable to test at home and you require some assistance from the College, we are able to offer a limited onsite testing provision, please contact the College for further details and to book an appointment via admin@hockerill.com

A reminder of the Common Symptoms

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What to do if you or your child has symptoms

If your child has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, even if they're mild:

1. Get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) as soon as possible: [Get a PCR test to check for COVID-19 on GOV.UK](#)
2. Your child should stay at home and not have visitors (self-isolate) until you get a negative test result – they can only leave home to have the test. Check if you and anyone else your child lives with need to self-isolate. [Check if you and anyone else your child lives with need to self-isolate](#)

Contact Tracing

If a child tests positive for COVID-19, NHS Test and Trace will now contact close contacts directly, replacing communications from the school. Please engage with NHS Test and Trace if they contact you about your child, you will not be contacted or advised by the school about what steps you need to take.

We hope that you will find the links below to further guidance for parents and students useful:

[A guide for children and young people](#)

[Guidance for parents](#)

[Universal vaccination programme for 12-15 year olds](#)

[Information produced by BBC Newsround](#)

Two videos from the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) explain the safety of the vaccine for young people in more detail:

[Video 1](#)

[Video 2](#)

16 and 17 year olds can now use the online booking service for their COVID-19 vaccine

Young people aged 16 and 17 can now book their first COVID-19 vaccination appointment online.

- [book their COVID-19 vaccination appointments online](#) for an appointment at a vaccination centre or pharmacy
- [find a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site](#) to get vaccinated without needing an appointment

If students cannot book appointments online, they can call 119 free of charge. They can speak to a translator if they need to. Further information can be found on the [NHS website](#).

Boarding

Managing Covid in a boarding context is extremely difficult and in order for us to keep everyone safe we have to send boarders home if:

- they are symptomatic
- have had a positive lateral flow test or
- have had a positive PCR test.

This is because we do not have the spaces to properly isolate individual students in single bedrooms with an ensuite bathroom. Furthermore, experience has taught us that the 10-day isolation period is particularly difficult for boarders to go through within the boarding house and this can seriously impact boarders' mental health and wellbeing.

In order to support us with managing positive cases in boarding houses all flexi, weekly and UK based full boarders must self-isolate away from College. International boarders should also self-isolate away from college, however, if that is difficult to arrange we will discuss options with you.

> HOCKERILL NEWS

Parents' Information Evenings

We are organising a number of Parents' Information Evenings where you will have an opportunity to listen to a presentation from your child's Head of Year and Mr Woods as well as other key staff. Presentations will include key information about the courses your child is studying as well as other important events which are planned for the year. Year 11 and Year 13 presentations will include information about mock and final examinations as well as 6th Form and University applications.

You will be able to ask questions through the 'chat' function; we hope to be able to answer these during the evening.

All events will take place through Microsoft Teams. You can join the event by clicking on the link below. Each event will begin at 1900hrs and should last no longer than one hour. We very much hope you are able to join us.

[Year 8 Thursday 7th October](#)

[Year 9 Monday 4th March](#)

[Year 11 Tuesday 5th October](#)

[Year 13 Wednesday 6th October](#)

The Year 10 Information Evening took place on Wednesday, you can watch a recording of this event [here](#)

The Year 12 Information Evening took place on Thursday, the link to this recording will be available in next week's Hub.

HOCKERILL ECO CLUB

So much has happened in the last 3 weeks in Eco Club. The attendance last week totaled 42 students from all year groups which is exactly what we hoped for.

The students spent the first half of the meeting in the refectory discussing how best to tackle the ongoing issue with food waste and how to make our refectory meals more sustainable. Dana Jastak our catering manager gave us some shocking statistics related to how much food is wasted each week here. We were able to equate that to money and what we could buy if that food wasn't wasted. We also discussed what the Eco Club can do to help the refectory win this battle.

The Eco club responded immediately after the meeting by creating some brilliant posters, educating and warning the students on the impacts their food wastage is having on the school and the wider environment.

These posters are now displayed in all areas of the College where students queue and consume food as reminder. The Eco club will soon have a weekly total provided to them by the refectory of the food waste- we hope to see the waste reduce as a result of our campaign.

We will also be busy baking at home. The Eco club is having a bake sale on Wednesday 6th October in the refectory to raise funds for our upcoming projects. Please can you bake some cakes or biscuits and bring them to the refectory 8-8:45 on the 6th October.

Finally, we are delighted to be able to announce the Eco leaders for each year group. These students are supported by an Eco Rep in each form group to help spread the Eco news and actions we decide on in our meetings. It also ensures it is a whole College movement and reminds students and staff that we all have an important part to play in helping Hockerill improve its environment.

Year 7 Eco Leader Emily H
Year 8 Eco Leader Eleanor W
Year 9 Eco Leader Ella-Louise H
Year 10 Eco Leader Leanne S-S
Year 11 Eco Leader Lorne C
Year 12 Eco Leader Yvette H
Year 13 Eco Leader Mia B

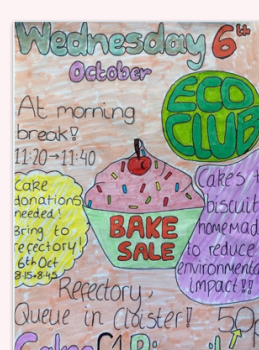
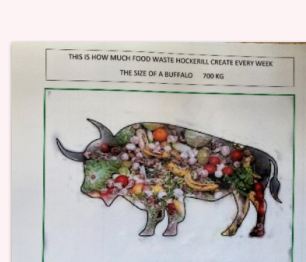
Year 10 Eco Leader Lorne C

Year 12 Eco Leader Yvette H

Year 13 Eco Leader Mia B

Mrs A Mackenzie

Eco Club Leader



Interact Club

Interact club would like to invite all students in Years 7 and 8 to a Glow in the Dark Disco, to be held on Friday 8th October 2021. The event will start at 7pm. We do not wish for students to be walking home alone so we ask that parents collect them from the Duamow Road car park at 8.30pm.

The entry fee is £2 which includes a free drink of your choice. Tickets will be on sale (in front of the new drama studio) at break time on Monday 4th and Thursday 7th October. We are also offering activities such as face paint and many other fun items, so we encourage you to bring some extra change to participate. All profits will go to charity. Hope to see you there!

Business volunteer for Young Enterprise Company Programme

This year at Hockerill Anglo-European College 37 Year 12 students will be taking part in the Young Enterprise Company Programme.

Young Enterprise is a national charity that works directly with young people, teachers, parents, businesses, and influencers to help build a successful and sustainable future for all young people and society at large.

Through our hands-on employability, enterprise and financial education programmes, resources, and teacher training, Young Enterprise aim to reduce youth unemployment, help young people realise their potential beyond education and empower a generation to learn, to work and to live.

The company programme will see students create, start, and run their own company from scratch! The company is completely owned by the students. The students are each given director roles to take on the responsibilities and tasks of that role, for example, managing director or marketing director.

This year Young Enterprise is looking for someone to support the student company by being a business volunteer. The role would be voluntary, and you would visit Hockerill each week to join the students weekly meeting to support them through the programme as a mentor and guide.

The meetings take place on a Tuesday evening from 4pm-5pm. If you think the role is for you and are interested in finding out more, please contact Alison McCulloch at the school on MccullochA@hockerill.com or Jane Needham (YE Area Manager) on jane.needham@y-e.org.uk

> YEAR 7

Parents' Online Consultations

The Parents' Online Consultation meetings for Year 7 will take place on Thursday 14th October between 1700hrs and 1930hrs. The consultations will take the form of short video conference meetings via our online Parent Consultation platform "SchoolCloud Parents Evening System". Please find further information below:

[Parents Online Consultation Meetings](#)

> BOARDING NEWS

Boarding Parent Forum – Wednesday 13th October

A reminder that there is an online Boarding Parents Forum meeting scheduled for **Wednesday 13th October at 19:00**. I would be grateful if questions could be submitted prior to the event via [this link](#). The deadline for questions is Thursday 7th October 09:00, the questions submitted will define the agenda items.

Information on how to join the meeting and the agenda will be sent to parents via email prior to the meeting.

> LIBRARY NEWS

Black History Month

October is Black History Month. In Hockerill Library you will find a wide range of resources that highlight the actions of some of the most influential black figures in history, from autobiographies and non-fiction to a large selection of fiction books and DVDs. There is plenty to inform and educate, as well as to celebrate, with a focus on acclaimed black authors such as Jason Reynolds, winner of the 2021 Carnegie Medal, and recently shortlisted for this year's Booker Prize - Nadifa Mohamed.

Book recommendation:

My recommendation is 'The Infinite' by Patience Agbabi. The book's heroine is Elle Bibi-Imbelé Ifè, an autistic child who 'writes' the book through her thoughts. She is a Leapling, a person born on the 29th of February, and Elle has the Gift - allowing her to time travel. It is a very in-depth and fast-paced book, with Elle describing every aspect of her surroundings to create an atmosphere like no other book I've read.

Fadlullah, Year 9: Hockerill Library Borrower of the Year 2020-21

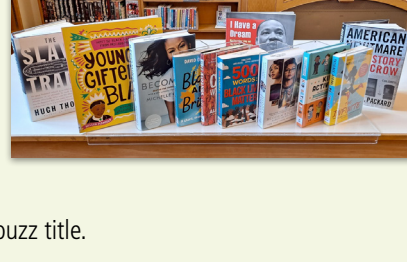
The Infinite is available to borrow from the College Library and is a 2021 Bookbuzz title.

Please follow the link below for further information:

[A Parents Guide to Black Lives Matter](#)

Mrs S Bruce

Acting College Librarian



> MUSIC NEWS

Instrumental, Vocal and Theory Lesson Notice Deadlines

We hope that your children enjoy and look forward to their music lessons. If for any reason they are not, please get in touch to enable us to address the situation.

Please be aware that if you would like to stop lessons at any point, you must let us know in writing. The table below gives the notice deadlines for the rest of this year:

Deadline Dates for Notice 2021/2022

Want to Stop Lessons at:	Deadline to let us know by:
End of Michaelmas Term 2021 (December)	Friday 08 October 2021
Lent - end of first half of term 2022 (February)	Friday 03 December 2021
End of Lent Term 2022 (March)	Friday 04 February 2022
Summer - end of first half of term 2022 (May)	Friday 18 March 2022
End of Academic Year 2022 (July)	Friday 20 May 2022

It is important for us to have these deadlines, giving our peripatetic staff sufficient notice to find a replacement student. It also minimises disruption for timetabling and the Finance Department.

Please contact us at musicadmin@hockerill.com if you have any queries.

Mr O Bond

Director of Music

> WE ARE RECRUITING

We are currently recruiting for several posts:

[Registered Nurse \(Band 5\)](#)

[SEND Co](#)

[Teacher of Mandarin](#)

[Teacher of French](#)

[Teacher of Girls Physical Education \(Maternity Leave\)](#)

> HOCKERILL PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Candlelight Supper – Friday 8th October

We are sold out of tickets and looking forward to a great night. Please check that you have received confirmation of your tickets from WisePay before attending as we are at capacity on Friday and will not be able to accommodate additional parties.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you.

