> HOCKERILL NEWS **IMPORTANT DATES** 

> WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HOCKERILL ANGLO-EUROPEAN COLLEGE > 15 OCTOBER 2021 >

The first half-term of the year is now complete and in general we have had a return to something approaching a 'normal' school experience. Sadly, Covid has reared its head again and this week we have had to revert to some of the measures of last year. Students have been great in wearing masks, hand sanitising and maintaining social distance in indoor spaces. Despite this we have had a rise in case numbers, particularly among younger boarders. After discussion with Herts about how best to manage the situation, we were given permission to allow boarders to travel home early even if they were not themselves positive. Herts agreed to this because of the uniqueness of our school, the strength of our remote learning offer and for the mental well-being of students who none of us want to see having to isolate during the break. Most of our boarders have taken up this offer and so we hope that by reducing numbers on site, the protective

It is crucial therefore that all students take an LFD test before returning to College.

Monday 1st November **Thursday 4th November CONTACT US:** 

Friday 15th October

General communications to: <u>admin@hockerill.com</u> benefits of vaccination, the two-week 'circuit breaker' of the half term holiday and deep cleaning of all areas, that

**Absence** we will be able to return in November and keep Covid at bay. Your help in ensuring that is the case is essential. communications to: <u>absence@hockerill.com</u>

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. If your child was unable to be vaccinated this week, we have been advised that there will be another date for 12 to 15 year olds in November. Once we have further details, we will share them with you. Alternatively, the Immunisation Team have opened specific time slots

before arriving at the allocated vaccination centre. You can find details on how to book, locations of vaccination centres, plus available time slots at: https://www.swiftqueue.co.uk/hertfordshire-vax.php Any students aged 16 or above can visit a 'walk-in' vaccination clinic (locally this is at Bishop's Stortford Football Club) and be vaccinated. Letter from the Secretaries of State for Education and Health

The Secretary of State for Education and the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care have written a joint letter to parents about the vaccination of children aged 12 to 15 and the importance of continuing with twice-weekly COVID-19 testing and reporting. Alongside the letter are some <u>frequently answered questions for parents</u>, from Dr Mary Ramsay, Head of Immunisation.

Term Dates 2022-23

The Term Dates for 2022-23 are available to view on our website here. **Parental Survey** 

We are undertaking a survey to provide parents with an opportunity to give us feedback about the College. Please follow the link below.

You will be asked to provide responses on a range of areas including the quality of teaching and prep (homework), how the College deals with bullying and poor behaviour and boarding provision if appropriate.

Please ensure you complete one survey for each child you have who attends Hockerill. It is helpful if you provide information to identify your child and you in Section One although anonymous returns are possible, they are not as Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. The closing date for responses is 11pm on Monday 1st November.

All students will be off timetable to take part in the first of our programme of enrichment activities

These activities are designed so students have further opportunities to develop the soft skills, which are embedded in the IBs Approaches to Learning (ATL) and the IB Learner Profile and include skills such as collaboration and problem solving as well as research and communication. Students can also think more deeply about national and/or global issues.

Students are to wear full College uniform and should have with them their normal school pencil case equipment and a fully

Students will be told more about the activity they are taking part in during their form time preceding the day. An overview of the day is as follows:

**Model United Nations** Year 7 Students will represent a country to debate an issue of global importance. Please see further details under the Year 7 heading below

regarding costumes for the day. **Human Rights Day** Students will take part in a series of simulation activities to explore where and how human rights, especially those of a child are

Community Project Students will begin their project, exploring local, national and global issues that matter to them.

Year 11 Maths and English Students take part in a range of activities to help further develop their skills in preparation for their GCSEs.

Year 12 Group 4 Project This is a multidisciplinary project with students working with their peers across the range of science subjects to develop their appreciation of the environmental, social and ethical implications of science. The title for this year is 'The Future of Prosthetics'.

including 'Can we separate the moral character of the artist from the value of the artwork?' and 'How have new technologies changed the nature and scope of the arts as an area of knowledge? Two artists will perform; Jemima Foxtrot will be giving a performance of Cactus her latest collection of poems, and Alex Farrow will be giving a performance based on his last two Philosophy

Stand-Up shows at the Edinburgh Festival. Community Climate Gathering

COMMUNITY See <a href="https://transitionnetwork.org/">https://transitionnetwork.org/</a> CLIMATE GATHERING The first gathering together locally of people interested in this network will be on the 6th and 7th November. If BISHOP'S STORTFORD you are interested in a better future can I encourage you to visit https://www.communityclimategathering.org/thegathering and register for the meeting if you can make both or either day. Mr J Catchpole

Gecko's 'The Wedding' Mercury Theatre, Colchester | Thursday 4th November 2021 As part of the GCSE and IB Theatre Arts Diploma programme, the Drama Department have arranged a theatre trip to see 'The Wedding', by

Theatre Trip for GCSE and IB Drama

to the Mercury Theatre. Students will need to eat their evening meal prior to getting on the coach, this will be provided for boarders in the refectory at 1720hrs. We will return to College by coach with an estimated return time of 2200hrs. Day students will then need to be collected from the Dunmow Road car park.

If you have any queries regarding this trip, please do not hesitate to contact us directly.

Credits or a guaranteed state pension, please contact the finance office as a subsidy may be available. Please also contact the finance office if you would like to discuss your personal circumstances. If you wish your child to have a reservation made for your child, please click on THIS LINK. Please ensure that you have made payment via WisePay of £23.50 for the trip first, as you will need to give your WisePay reference number on the form, by Monday 1st November 2021.

The total cost of the trip is £23.50, this is inclusive of theatre ticket and travel by coach. If you are in receipt of Income Support, Child Tax

**Boarding Parents Forum** Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the Boarding Parent Forum on Wednesday evening, if you were unable to attend and would like to watch the recording, please do so via the link here.

**Boarders' Weekend Programme 21/22** A few parents have requested to see the programme of activities/trips that runs over the weekend. This document can be found on the College website here. **Boarding Open Week** 

Please see draft plans below of events which parents of boarders will be able to attend as we approach the end of the Michaelmas term.

As explained in the Boarding Parents Forum, two weeks after half term a decision will be made as to whether or not this event can go ahead as currently outlined due to the increase in Covid cases we have had over the past few weeks. The current measures (as approved by

Wednesday 15th December

## parents would like to book flights or make arrangements I would advise that these are flexible bookings at this time.

Monday 13th December Afternoon tea in refectory -Christmas Show Tuesday 14th December Buffet in Refectory

Event/s

-Christmas Show (Concert delivered by the Music Department)

-Christmas Show (tickets for Boarding parents only) -End of term assembly (finish College at 12:40)

> NEWS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY Recent news about changes to governor leadership can be found here Additionally, we are seeking two new parent governors for the College. If you are interested in this position, you can find out more by clicking Parent Governor Election letter The Parent Governor Election Letter includes a link to the nomination form which must be completed by noon on Wednesday 3rd November

including a possible return of Equipe Carol Singing closer to Christmas. Mr Guy Dinwiddy

the UN works, its positive impact upon the world and how UN Resolutions are debated and agreed.

that students bring their electronic learning device to College for the day.

College uniform, but an outer garment typical of the culture of the country they are representing would be ideal (costume guidelines below). Boarders should ensure that they bring this to College on their return from the Half Term holiday. Residential boarders are to discuss the costume requirement with their respective House tutors. Students are not expected to do much advance preparation for the day, but if they wish to learn something about their country through books

Normal week B timetable will be suspended for the day and the normal 5 subject lessons will not take place. On this day your son/daughter will be participating in a Model United Nations activity as part of the College's Enrichment programme. This will involve learning about how

Each student will have been informed by their form tutor, or via the Year 7 Group Team, of the country they are to represent. It is imperative

It would add to the colour of the occasion if they found some outer garment to wear that represented their country. They should attend in

Appropriate jewellery T-shirt including the name of the country Not allowed:

If you were unable to attend the Year 9 Information evening, please click here to view a recording of the event.

The Parents' Online Consultation meetings for Year 13 will take place on Wednesday 8th December between 1700hrs and 1930hrs. The

in Hertfordshire, Sixth Form students are being invited to view a new online road safety programme entitled Learn2Live Safely at College on

Further information regarding the programme can be found HERE including a form that should be completed and returned to the form tutor.

Each prefect has been given a specific area of focus to ensure that Student Voice in House is meaningful and representative of all the values

Having made sure they could defend themselves in the self-defence class on Saturday, the Canterbury boys tucked into an amazing spread put on by the Refectory. They had a Turkish food takeover and we were treated to falafels, rice, wraps, and all manner of delicious salads. Back in House we topped the day off with Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure. Sunday saw the usual round of COVID testing and a trip to Gold World

For an artist, music is a way of expression. For me, music is indulging and appreciating culture. Music makes me "Proud to be" who I am. It assists in shaping my cultural identity, building connection with my culture, creating an otherworldly experience allowing for a celebration of

All the students who took part in the trial demonstrated some good leadership skills and should be congratulated for their efforts.

required to make Durham House a diverse, enjoyable and safe environment in which all the students can thrive.

appreciate both the art and the artist and so being able to give credit to black artists is important.

- "Music can be used to escape, allowing me to connect with my culture. Feeling of community and culture"

a regular attendance of 60 parading on Tuesday Nights. The focus for this period was getting the cadets up to speed with basic weapon handling drills and concentrating on low level training. The cadets have embraced this and have worked extremely hard to learn and for some recapturing skills that had been

Henry Warren, multi-award-winning innovation expert and entrepreneur specialising in Education Technology, will be

> YEAR 11 **Mock Exam Timetable** Please follow the link below to view the Year 11 mock exam timetable: Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable

The Year 11 Parents' Consultation Evening will be held on Wednesday 19th January 2022, details to follow in due course.

speaking about his career, and passing on his advice to students starting out today. He has worked for both large and small organisations, in this country and abroad as well as starting his own business and running a charity. Henry embodies so many aspects of the IB Learner Profile that I am sure students will find what he has to say interesting and useful, and I would strongly recommend coming along to hear what he has to say.

**Durham House Prefects** 

Careers and Communications Manager

George Hales (Residential Boarding)

Fin Norton (Flexi Boarding)

Mrs C Faiers

Head of Durham House

>STUDENT NEWS

Time To Apply Yourself

Wednesday 3rd November | 4pm in UC1

Wednesday 3rd November.

Prince Lee (Fundraising/Charity) Elijah Dairo (Diversity) Fynn Roberts (House Improvements) Miller Kitchener (Social/Cultural)

and their 1066 crazy golf course where no one got an arrow in the eye, which was a bonus! Overall, the boys had an excellent time and are all looking forward to heading home for the half term. Mr Guy Dinwiddy Deputy Head of Canterbury

Members of the sixth form community have expressed that:

- "Important for the development and ensuring inclusivity"

- "Music gives us different lens/perspective"

- "Music tell us stories that are important"

A Most Excellent Weekend in Canterbury House

**Gabriella Francis** Year 13 >CCF NEWS The new term has proved to be a highly successful one for Hockerill College CCF. The contingent now has some 84 Cadets on strength with

2. T. Reid to LCpl 3. I. Malcolm to LCpl 4. G. Dunne to LCpl STANTA EXERCISE - FIELD TRAINING

At the moment, we are looking for Boarding House Tutors. Please check our website for all current vacancies at Hockerill.

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Please also note that measures will still be in place where staff and students will be required to wear a face at Hertfordshire vaccination centres. If any parent decides to choose this option they must first book a confirmed appointment for their child

**Enrichment Day - Thursday 4th November** 

charged BYOD.

Year 8 violated

Year 9

Year 10 GCSE study skills workshop and Politics and Protest Students will take part in two activities. The GCSE study skills is led by an outside agency and gives practical tips on different revision techniques. The Politics and Protest activity explores the different forms of protest and uses recent topical examples. Students plan their own form of protest.

Year 13 Theory of Knowledge Students will look at knowledge questions with a specific focus on the arts. Students will be considering a series of questions,

Students in Years 11-13 will be having assemblies this week introducing them to the transition network.

Gecko Theatre Company at the Mercury Theatre Colchester. It is a requirement of both the GCSE and IB courses that students experience live theatre and each student will be analysing the production to develop their knowledge of theatre in performance and in the making. The theatre trip will take place on Thursday 4th November and will require students to depart from College at 1745hrs. We will travel by coach

Miss N Day and Mrs V Marsh

Hertfordshire) in place limits visitors onsite and it is wise that we continue to monitor the situation post half term before making a decision. If Date Saturday 11th December

Day 2 Testing for International Arrivals Please be aware that from 24th October a lateral flow test will be accepted as a day 2 test for international arrivals in to England, please see further details via the link here. I will communicate directly with parents who have requested the College organise a day 2 test for their child.

the link below. 2021

> EQUIPE NEWS Apart from the weekly Equipe Quiz, this half term saw the first Equipe competitions since we renamed the Equipes. This week we have had Years 7-10 competing in the first round of Equipe sports competitions, often just referred to as "Equipes". There was some excellent and skilful play on show as the students competed in rugby, hockey, dodgeball, bench-ball, and football. Simply competing gains your Equipe points so well done to all who did, especially those Equipes who may have had several of their star players off. Next half term will see more competitions, Head of Equipes

> Y E A R

**Enrichment Day | Thursday 4th November** 

Head gear, including hats and scarves

or online resources, they are more than welcome to do so. **Costume Guidelines:** Garments will only be worn in the afternoon and must be appropriate. They must be outer garments worn over College uniform. Anything deemed inappropriate for the respectful spirit of the day will be confiscated and participation in events may be limited. Allowed:

**>** Y E A R 8 If you were unable to attend the Year 8 Information evening, please <u>click here</u> to view a recording of the event.

No face covering No face paint No football shirts Mr F Ageo de Damas Hockerill MUN Coordinator

Parents' Consultation Evening

>SIXTH FORM

Year 13 Parent/Teacher Online Consultation Evening

consultations will take the form of short video conference meetings via our online Parent Consultation platform "SchoolCloud Parents Evening System". This consultation evening is open to all students in Year 13, including Boarders. For further details of how to book appointments, please click here Learn2Live Safely As part of the Hertfordshire Road Safety Partnership's commitment to making roads safer and reducing road collisions amongst young drivers

After a three-week trial period Durham are delighted to have selected the following students as prefects to work alongside House Staff, House Captain Oliver Becchi and Deputy House Captains Tobi Strachota and Seb Ttoffali. Kai Somers (Sport)

Mrs A Winship

heritage and an escape from reality. Music can create a sense of empowerment and brings joy. Black culture has an intergenerational presence in music and has established multiple unique cultural identities. The genres of folk and gospel were born out of the hardships of slavery. Black music has also contributed to the evolution of rock and roll, rap, hip-hop, rhythm n' blues and jazz: Black music has majorly influenced the global development of music. Music can act like an open book to educate yourself about topics and cultures simply by pressing play. Through music, we can learn to

Music and cultural appreciation

lost through COVID. The Contingent went to Stanta training area during October for a field training trip; involving mainly year 9-10-11 cadets. All the cadets undertook various activities including living in the field-skill at Arms-pairs fire and maneuvers and finishing with a platoon ambush on Saturday evening. Promotions: We are pleased to announce the following well deserved promotions this term:

1. R. Wilson to LCpl

We have had a number of applications so far for the first tranche of grants to be awarded. The closing date is 31st October, so there is still time

> HOCKERILL PARENTS AND FRIENDS **Candlelight Supper** It was so nice to see so many parents attend and enjoy the evening. The school jazz band extolled themselves under the magnificent direction of Charlie Bates. We were treated to just a small sample of the caterings department's delights, all washed down with a glass or two of wine. Thank you to the whole team who pulled this together: the musicians, the catering staff, the caretakers and the parents who came along to support Hockerill. The proceeds of the evening will go directly back into making Hockerill an even better place! Have a look at our Facebook page for a few snippets of the evening. 250 club grants to apply. Ask at reception for an application form.