

HOCKERILL NEWS

COVID 19 Update

We have been asked to share with you [this letter](#) from the local authority regarding additional measures that may be put in place in Hertfordshire schools. However, you will be aware that we have already put additional measures in place with students and staff wearing masks in indoor spaces. Please could we ask that students remember to bring a mask to College every day.

Term Dates 2022-23

The Term Dates for 2022-23 can be found [here](#)
(Please be aware that there was a small error in last week's published dates.)

Governor News

Parent Governor Election

Just a reminder that we are seeking two new parent governors for the College. If you are interested in this position, there are further details in the letter below.

This [letter](#) includes a link to the nomination form which must be completed by 5pm on **Friday 12th November 2021**.

Immunisation News

Flu Immunisation for Years 7-11 – Friday 12th November

You will be aware that 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.

If you have not already completed a Consent Form, please find the link below. This must be returned to the College office by Wednesday 10th November.

[Flu Immunisation Letter](#)

[Flu Immunisation Consent Form](#)

Postponement of HPV Immunisations for Year 8 students

Following the postponement of the HPV immunisations, please find further [details here](#).

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday 20th November

Sixth Form Open Morning
(further details in next week's Hub)

Thursday 2nd December

Carol Service at All Saints' Church

Wednesday 15th December

End of term (students depart at 1240)

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GENERAL NEWS

Diwali

This year Diwali takes place over five days from 2nd to 6th November with the main day of celebration on Thursday 4th November.

Diwali is the five-day Festival of Lights, celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world. For some this also coincides with harvest and new year celebrations and is a festival of new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness.

Each religion marks different historical events and stories:

Hindus celebrate the return of deities Rama and Sita to Ayodhya after their 14-year exile. They also celebrate the day Mother Goddess Durga destroyed a demon called Mahisha.

Sikhs particularly celebrate the release from prison of the sixth guru Hargobind Singh in 1619. But Sikhs celebrated the festival before this date.

In fact, the foundation stone of the Golden Temple at Amritsar, the most holy place in the Sikh world, was laid on Diwali in 1577.

The founder of Jainism is Lord Mahavira. During Diwali, Jains celebrate the moment he reached a state called Moksha (nirvana, or eternal bliss).



School Admissions Consultation 2023-24

Please [find details here](#) regarding local school admissions consultations.

We are currently consulting on our own admission arrangements for 2023 entry. This consultation is running from 1 November 2021 to 12 December 2021. Further information can be [found here](#)

BOARDING NEWS

College Health Centre

Following a review of the College Health Centre's operational hours, the Health Centre will now open at the following times from Monday 8th November:

0800-1730hrs Monday - Friday and 0800-1300hrs on Saturdays.

The on-call nursing service will continue to operate outside of these hours, providing 24-hour nursing cover for boarders in term-time.

YEAR 8

Year 8 Parent and Teacher Consultations | Thursday 2nd December

Please follow [this link](#) for further details of the Parent Teacher consultation evening for Year 8. The online booking system will open on Monday 8th November 2021 at 0900hrs when appointments can be made and will be closed at 1700hrs on Monday 29th November 2021.

YEAR 10

Study Skills

Year 10 students took part in a session on Study Skills as part of IB Enrichment Day on Thursday 4th November. The booklet which they completed [can be found here](#). It contains some great ideas for revision strategies and will allow you to support your child with their academic studies. This will be useful for all parents, not just those in Year 10. If you have any questions about any of the material, please do not hesitate to contact me via year10@hockerill.com

Ms A Lamb

Head of Year 10

YEAR 11

GCSE Geography Field Trip

On Friday 8th October, 50 Year 11 Geography students set off on the first residential trip to leave Hockerill since March 2020!

We travelled to Juniper Hall Field Study centre in Box Hill, Surrey. Once we were settled into our accommodation, we were straight into lessons. The field study tutors explained how to create an inquiry question, what data we were going to collect and where we were going to collect it from.

As this is an investigation into 'how and why the channel characteristics of the River Tillingbourne influence the flood risk for people and property' we needed to get into the river. We were dropped off at 3 different locations along the river Tillingbourne and we measure the width, depth and velocity of the river, working as a team to record the primary data for later use.

The day was not over when we returned to the study centre, but after a delicious dinner, we were back into the classroom presenting our data in graphs and on GIS. The next morning we had another 2 hours during which we investigated how rain water infiltrates on various surfaces.

We all had a great time, not only did we learn valuable field study skills but got to spend time together in a new environment, something we have all missed in the last 2 years.

George, Cailan and Tommy – Year 11 Geographers



SIXTH FORM

Speaker Event: Hashi Mohamed

Hashi Mohamed will be visiting the College to speak to Years 12 and 13 on the afternoon of Wednesday 10th November.

He is a barrister and broadcaster, based in London and in his book People Like Us, Hashi explores what his own experience can tell us about social mobility in Britain today.

The New Statesman commented that it is: "A forensic analysis of inequality in the UK today"

Signed copies of the book will be available to purchase on the day: £8 in paperback and £12 in hardback.

Students can pay by cash, cheque (payable to HAEC) or boarders may charge to their Boarding Accounts.



ECO-CLUB NEWS

HOCKERILL ECO CLUB

The Eco club bake sale on Wednesday 6th October was a huge success. Thanks to the generosity of students and parents baking we raised £297 !!

In our first committee meeting this month we agreed that we will have 3 objectives to focus on this year in order to gain Eco schools status. Those are:

- 1. Biodiversity** - To improve and enhance plant, insect and animal life at Hockerill and increase awareness of this need in the wider world.
- 2. Healthy living** - To raise awareness of alternatives to eating meat and eating locally sourced seasonal food and to reduce food waste.
- 3. Marine** - To reduce litter in the school environment and raise awareness of the consequences on our marine life.

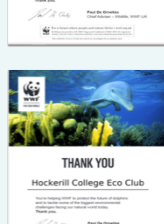
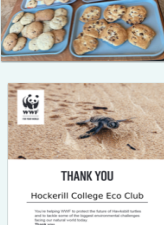
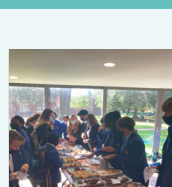
The Eco club have already decided how they are going to achieve these goals which can be viewed on our noticeboard opposite H3.

We decided to spend £100 of the money raised on adopting 2 endangered marine species through the World Wildlife Fund.

In our meeting this week we voted to name our adopted animals. Meet Benedek the Dolphin and Neptune the Turtle !

Everyone is welcome from Year 7 to Year 13 to join our club. We meet every Wednesday from 4-5 pm in H2. Come along and help us achieve these important aims.

Mrs Mackenzie and The Eco Club team



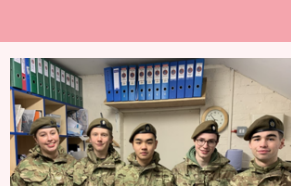
CCF NEWS

Congratulations go to some of our senior cadets who were recently promoted.

Promoted to the rank of sergeant were, Sgt Trapmore, Sgt Cashman and Sgt McCrae. Promoted to the rank of corporal were Cpl Luksan and Cpl Nguyen.

Well done and congratulations to you all.

Hockerill CCF will be involved in this year's Remembrance Parade in Bishops Stortford, marching through the town to the Memorial at 10.30am.



LIBRARY NEWS

Would you like to purchase quality, discounted books and raise money for HAEC Library at the same time? Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running!

Ways to buy:

Option 1

Go to this [link](#) to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards. You will need to set up your own Login and Password, so that you can pay securely, but the books will be added to the Hockerill order and delivered to the College to save individuals from paying P&P.

Option 2

Paper orders will still be accepted, as previously. Please send in payment (cash, or cheque - made payable to HAEC) in an envelope clearly marked with the name and form of the student to whom the books will be given when the order arrives. The details of the book(s) required should also be clearly marked, including the item code(s), quantities and price(s). Envelopes should be handed in at the Library counter, addressed to: Mrs S Bruce, Acting College Librarian.

Please place your order online, or to the College Library, by November 19th 2021. For further details, please email library@hockerill.com

WELLBEING

Teen Anxiety

Aspects Family Support Service are offering parents and carers the opportunity to attend a unique masterclass in understanding anxiety in Teens. For further information please [click here](#).

WE ARE RECRUITING

We are currently looking to appoint a Pastoral Support Officer to assist with the day-to-day pastoral support and safeguarding systems and processes across the College. Further details about the role can be found on our website- [Vacancies - Hockerill Anglo-European College](#)

We are also looking to recruit a Teacher of Mathematics. Further details about this post can also be found on our website- [Vacancies - Hockerill Anglo-European College](#)

HOCKERILL PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Are you buying Christmas presents already? Did you know that by purchasing via Amazon Smile you can donate to HPF and support your school?

It's easy to do: instead of shopping at the usual Amazon site, you shop through Amazon Smile. Prices are the same for both, but the latter gives a percentage of what you spend to Hockerill.

Here's how:

Go to <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1147215-0> and select Hockerill Parents and Friends as the charity you'd like to support. To date, we've received a total of £246.69.

Thank you so much for support, as always.

Coffee Morning

We were due to hold a coffee morning this month but unfortunately we have had to seek a new venue. We will publish details as soon as we have re-arranged.

