

HOCKERILL NEWS

National Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is National Anti-Bullying Week. I am rewriting the College's Countering Bullying and Behaviour Policies to reflect some changes that need to be made including adding more information about bullying (peer on peer abuse), prejudice, discrimination and sexual abuse, violence, harassment. This will be shared with parents once it has been approved by our Governors.

There will be assemblies and form activities throughout the week - I hope the students find these beneficial.

Our main support for Anti-Bullying Week is the [Anti-Bullying Alliance](https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk)

The theme for the week is **ONE KIND WORD**.

The College is participating in Odd Socks Day on Monday 15th November. **Please encourage your child(ren) to wear odd socks to school on Monday to celebrate what makes us all unique and to spread kindness. Odd Socks Day ([anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk](https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk))**

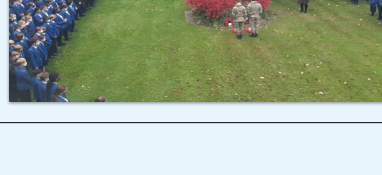
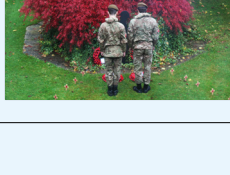
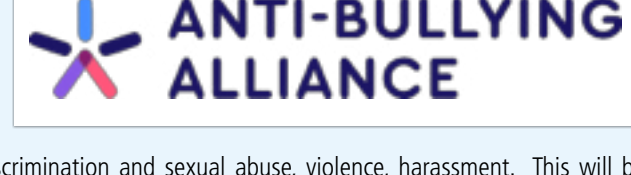
Bullying was discussed at the College Council meeting on Thursday afternoon. It's very important that any incidents of bullying are reported to staff at the College. If you are concerned about bullying, please do make contact with us and please encourage your child(ren) to report any bullying, whether it is happening to them or they have witnessed it. Bullying can be difficult to deal with, but we will always do everything we can to stop it – to be able to do so, it must be reported to us.

Mr A Mackenzie

Vice Principal

Remembrance Service

The whole College assembled at 11am on 11th November for our Service of Remembrance.



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 15th November
Odd Socks Day (further details below)

Friday 19th November
The Great Hockerill Bake Off (further details below)

Saturday 20th November
Sixth Form Open Morning (further details below)

Friday 3rd December
Carol Service at All Saints' Church

Wednesday 8th December
Year 13 Parent/Teacher Online Consultation (further details below)

Wednesday 15th December
End of term (students depart at 1240)

CONTACT US:
General communications to:
admin@hockerill.com

Absence communications to:
absence@hockerill.com

The Great Hockerill Bake-Off

At breaktime on Friday 19th November, T2 Young Enterprise will be holding the Great Hockerill Bake Off. If you would like to get involved, further details can be found on [this poster](#)

All proceeds will go towards the Bishop's Stortford Food Bank.



SIMS Parent App

It is important to ensure your child(ren)'s information (e.g. contact details, allergy information etc) is kept up to date via the SIMS Parent App.

BOARDING NEWS

Boarding Open Week

Planning for events during Boarding Open Week have begun and I can confirm that currently the plan outlined below will be going ahead. Albeit it is important to note that this will be under constant review and should our number of Covid cases increase, the arrangements would be reviewed and we would consult with Hertfordshire as to whether we needed to reconsider whether these social events should go ahead as scheduled. If parents would like to book flights or make arrangements, I would advise that these are flexible bookings at this time. The College will give parents as much notice as possible if it is deemed unwise to host these events. Further details regarding booking of tickets will be available in the Hub next week.

Date	Event/s
Saturday 11th December	Christmas Show (Concert delivered by the Music Department)
Monday 13th December	Afternoon tea in refectory Christmas Show
Tuesday 14th December	Buffet in Refectory Christmas Show (tickets for Boarding parents only)
Wednesday 15th December	End of term assembly (finish College at 12:40)

Mr W Conolly

Director of Boarding

YEAR 11

Sixth Form Open Morning | Saturday 20th November

A message to Parents and Year 11 Students

We would like to invite you to the College's Sixth Form Open Morning. This is an opportunity for you to find out more about what is offered in the Hockerill Sixth Form. The event is scheduled to run from 8:30am to 12:20pm and we hope that both you and your son or daughter are able to attend.

The Diploma Programme is highly regarded as one of the best post-16 qualifications and has taken over from 'A' Levels as the 'Gold Standard' for preparation for employment and higher education. It is valued by the best universities because of its breadth, depth, and development of skills.

Highlights of the event include taster classes for the students and a talk from students. The talk will form part of the main presentation hosted by the Principal and the Director of Sixth Form, IB Co-Ordinator.

After the talk you will have the opportunity to talk to senior members of staff in the Refectory and Library and Chapel. There will be a break for the students between 11:00am and 11:25am. Refreshments will be served in the Refectory during the course of the morning.

There will be the opportunity to find out more about the Boarding provision at Hockerill at the end of the College Tour. This will take place in Thames House (male) and Roding House (female). Prospective boarders are encouraged to attend one of these sessions. The tours will be an opportunity to speak with the guides and to ask any questions that you may have regarding the academic or boarding provision.

We expect all Year 11 students to attend the open morning as part of their research into post-16 options. Students do not need to wear College uniform, but they should dress appropriately.

Any students who choose not to participate in the Open Morning will need to attend College as normal in their uniform, where they will follow a revised timetable.

Please register for Taster Classes online, following the link from the Hockerill homepage www.hockerill.com.

Car parking on the College site is extremely limited and we would advise anyone living locally to make use of nearby car parks and walk to the College.

We look forward to seeing you on 20th November for what should be both an informative and enjoyable Sixth Form Open Morning. In addition to the Open Morning members of the Senior Leadership, The Pastoral Team and the Sixth Form Team will be offering all Year 11 students Information Advice and Guidance sessions regarding the next steps in their education. The aim of these sessions is to provide students with support in choosing the appropriate post-16 courses.

Mrs N Ashlee-McCrae

Head of Year 11

Mr P Bromfield

Director of Sixth Form & IBDP Coordinator

SIXTH FORM

Year 12

On Saturday 20th November, Year 12 will be supporting the College with Sixth Form Open Morning. Students will be asked to help in a variety of different ways including tours and lesson support. The final details of the allocations will be shared with the students in an assembly before the event.

Year 13

On Saturday 20th November, Year 13 will be given a day to catch up with any internal assessments or outstanding pieces of work. Before the day, each student will speak with their tutor to plan out their morning to ensure that the time is used effectively. Boarders will be able to remain in the boarding house and some Day students may be asked to support the College. Any students involved will be contacted by the member of staff responsible for their activity.

REMINDER: Year 13 Parent/Teacher Online Consultation Evening

The Parents' Online Consultation meetings for Year 13 will take place on Wednesday 8th December 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". This consultation evening is open to all students in Year 13, including Boarders. For further details of how to book appointments, please click [here](#) and to book appointments, follow the link here [the link here](#)

STUDENT NEWS

Black History Month

For Black History Month Year 9 students, **Maame Boachie, Chidubem Etiaba, Iman Ogunlola, Anaya Ejiofor, Liana Owusu and Santeqa Kors-Acquah**, organised presentations, celebrations and other activities relating to Black History Month. Due to a surge in COVID cases in the college and boarding, they were hindered from resuming the presentations and party they had previously planned. With the help of Years 7 and 8, as well as support from the Winchester staff, and the engagement of the rest of Winchester, the celebration of Black History Month went on as a success.

Presentations:

Ms Davids gave a very eye-opening spoken presentation about her experiences of Apartheid in South Africa (segregation of White people and racial minorities), her encounter with Nelson Mandela, and how we are not defined by false interpretations of us by others. A quote that Ms. Davids left us with, that will certainly stay with us, was, "We do not sit, where we cannot sit together."

The presentation titles consisted of:

The cultural appropriation of hair and why hair so important to Black women? - **Maame Boachie**

Culture and the Cultural Diversity of Black communities (including the Black communities here at the college and in boarding). - **Anaya Ejiofor**

Anti-Racism and why it is not enough to not be racist. - **Iman Ogunlola**

Experiences, how Black people are affected by prejudice, how it can change their outlook on the world, and how certain words, or actions can make people uncomfortable. - **Liana Owusu**

How the various Black cultures have influenced and impacted our modern world. - **Chidubem Etiaba**

In the corridor of Winchester House, there are various posters on the bulletin board highlighting the topics that were spoken about in the presentations and influential posters, various images, and posters with QR codes that have links of YouTube videos and websites that are interesting to look at that also talk about these matters.

The posters were made by **Maame Boachie, Santeqa Kors-Acquah and Iman Ogunlola**.

Black History Month Party:

We also held a party, to celebrate Black History Month. **Maame Boachie** specially created a playlist compiled with a mixture of African and Caribbean music.

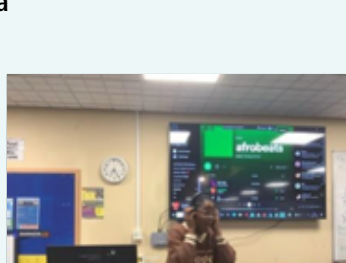
Jollof Rice (a popular African dish), Kelewele/Dodo (spiced and fried plantain), Plantain Chips and Chin Chin (a fried snack popular in West Africa) was prepared for the party.

Special Thanks:

With generous donations of these dishes, prepared by the parents of **Liyah Madawho** (Jollof rice), **Santeqa Kors-Acquah** (Kelewele/Dodo) and **Liana Owusu** (Chin Chin and Plantain Chips). We would like to say a great thank you to the parents who contributed. The beverages were kindly supplied by **Mrs Corrigan (Head of Winchester House)**.

Written by Maame Boachie and Chidubem Etiaba

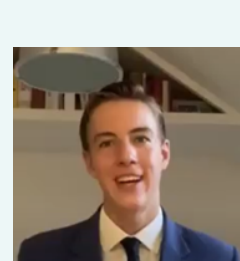
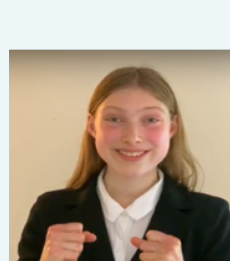
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Japanese Speech Contest

Once again great national and international success for Hockerill students at the annual UK Japanese Speech Contest - the 'Nihongo Cup' held in the summer, with the international final in the autumn. **Benedek Payne (Yr 11)** was a national finalist for pre-GCSE category and **Emma Troman (Yr 13)** in the post-GCSE category. They both wrote and presented wonderful speeches in Japanese and presented them in the online version of the prestigious competition. Well done both of you!

Huge congratulations especially to Emma who was awarded first prize and joined the international world online contest in September as the UK representative, where she received a "judges' special prize". We are very proud of her. All the representatives should have gone to Japan in the summer for the world competition and have a luxury 2 week Japan trip but this did not take place due to the pandemic. However, Emma received a return ticket to Japan and other prizes instead. We really hope that she can go to Japan soon and have a great experience there. Well done again! The photos show them performing their speeches.



LIBRARY NEWS

Christmas is Coming!

Don't forget that our latest Scholastic Book Club is now online at: <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/hockerill-anglo-european-clge/digital-book-club>



There are hundreds of fantastic children's books to choose from, and every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club will earn 20p for our school in Scholastic Rewards.

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 19th November 2021. For further details, please email library@hockerill.com

FAMILIES FIRST PORTAL

Families First is the name for early help in Hertfordshire. It is a way of getting extra support for your family to help you manage problems early on. Families First is available to all Hertfordshire families with children under 18 (25 if they have a learning need or disability). Further information can be [found here](#)

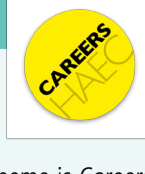


CAREERS NEWS

Hertfordshire Opportunity Portal

As mentioned in previous editions of the Hub the Hertfordshire Opportunity Portal provides a wealth of information to aid students in their careers exploration, in particular their virtual encounters with employers which provides around 40 recorded webinars covering a wide range of industries. The next live webinar will be Thursday the 18th November at 4.30 and the theme is Careers in Engineering, in conjunction with AECOM, a global engineering company based in St Albans. We will be joining the webinar in College and any students interested can come to UC1 at 4.30 to watch it. Alternatively, students can register to join from home (and also see the previous webinars) using the following link.

<https://www.hopinto.co.uk/explore/careers/webinars/virtual-employer-encounters/>



HOCKERILL PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Grant update and match-funding

Thank you so much to all the students and teachers who sent in applications for the first round of the HPF '250 Club' Grant - there are some wonderful projects in the making in the Hockerill community! Look out in the Hub in the next couple of weeks for news on how the grants have been awarded.

Match-funding

What is it? A fantastic scheme, whereby employers provide funding for organisations such as schools. Many companies throughout the UK offer employees the chance to boost their fundraising efforts by 'matching' the money they raise.

How can it help Hockerill? Any money raised by HPF at an event can be given an added boost if a company agrees to match fund it. There is usually an upper limit set by the company.

How do I know if the company I work for will match fund? Ask your HR department. Even if they don't match fund already, some companies will agree to set up such a scheme. It's always worth asking!

Thank you for your support - we really appreciate it!

