

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Flu Immunisation for Years 7-11 (catch-up session) – Friday 3rd December

You will be aware that all students from Years 7 to 11 were offered a flu immunisation at school recently. A catch-up session for those who missed this session will take place on Friday 3rd December.

If you have not already completed a Consent Form, please find the link below. This must be returned to the College office by Thursday 2nd December.

[Flu Immunisation Consent Form](#)

### Covid-19 Vaccinations return visit - Wednesday 8th December

The School Immunisation Team will be returning to Hockerill to vaccinate those students who were not seen at the first visit. Please find further [information here](#).

Please be aware that you only need to complete the form included in the link if:

- You did not complete a consent form for the first session, and you now wish to give consent
- Your child has turned 12 since the first visit and you wish to consent
- You wish to change your original consent

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Friday 3rd December**

Carol Service

All Saints' Church  
(1930hrs)

**Wednesday 8th December**

Year 13 Parent/Teacher  
Online Consultation

**Saturday 11th December**

Christmas Show (1900hrs)

**Monday 13th December**

Christmas Show (1900hrs)

**Tuesday 14th December**

Christmas Show (boarding community only)

**Wednesday 15th December**

End of term (students depart at 1240)

**CONTACT US:**

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**Absence**

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## HOCKERILL NEWS

### Christmas concert tickets - Saturday 11th, Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th December

Christmas concert tickets are now on sale. Tickets cost £8/£6 concessions.

Tickets for Day students can be purchased from Reception at break or lunchtime. Payment is by cash only. Boarding parents should contact Julie Lindley ([LindleyJ@hockerill.com](mailto:LindleyJ@hockerill.com)).

Please retain your ticket as, in the event of the concert being cancelled due to Covid, you will need to produce it to obtain a refund.

We look forward to seeing you!

**Music Department**



## BOARDING NEWS

### Boarders' Open Week

A reminder to parents of the [letter](#) that was sent to all boarding parents this week which details the scheduled events towards the end of this term.

### International Boarders

With the Christmas holidays looming the College's advice remains that flights and travel plans should be as flexible as possible. Whilst the rates of Covid in College remain low, I would be grateful if parents could consider back up plans if their child is not able to travel as planned. It would be wise to have discussions with UK based Guardians in the event that travel home for the holidays is interrupted.

If testing is necessary for your child to travel home, please begin to organise this in good time of their scheduled departure. The website found [here](#) may be of some use to parents when booking tests. Please also be aware of the information below which was sent to parents via the Hub last week.

I would encourage parents to start making plans for international boarders travelling home over Christmas. Ensuring that you are aware of and understand the requirements for testing and/or vaccination. A reminder that it is the responsibility of parents to ensure they are aware of these requirements. For specific information regarding travel from England, I would recommend checking the specific details of the country your child is travelling to via the FCO website:

[Foreign travel advice - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

### Post for Boarders

The College Reception are receiving lots of post and parcels for Boarders which have predominantly been ordered online (with Black Friday and Christmas coming up this is likely to increase). Please can we ask that **full names and the boarding house name** are displayed on all post and parcels. Any that arrive without this information will be kept at Reception until students come to collect them.

## YEAR 11

### GCSE examinations

Please follow the links below to find information from JCQ for candidates regarding written examinations, social media and how they use your data.

[JCQ Information regarding Written Examinations](#)

[JCQ Privacy Notice](#)

[JCQ Information regarding Social Media](#)

## 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:
Lent - end of first half of term 2022 (February)	Friday 03 December 2021
End of Lent Term 2022 (March)	Friday 4 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](mailto:musicadmin@hockerill.com) if you have any queries.

**Mr O Bond**  
**Director of Music**

## EQUIPE NEWS

This week saw the second round of Equipe Assemblies, ably led by our excellent team of Year 13 Heads and Deputy Heads of Equipe. The assemblies were varied and the students enjoyed a variety of Kahoot quizzes and even a happiness-themed bingo game, all with edible prizes to be won! One a serious note, they we all presented with the charity that each Equipe was going to support this year and are also ready for the next big Equipe competition, that of reducing food waste in the Refectory. On Monday 6th December, the Equipe with the least waste from their trays will win.

Friday also saw the first Equipe Event: a Mandela Celebration, kindly hosted in the Drama Studio and organised by Head of Mandela Eleanor Hewins and Deputy Head Jake Elmer. A small cake sale brought the students in, but they stayed for a variety of performances, including singing from Harriet Dunne, a self-penned piece on the 'cello by Milan Carroll, and some some beat-boxing from 'Beat Box' Ben. The salsa dance lesson with Dr Millan, Ms Lamb, and Mr Orlando certainly proved very popular. Interact had also agreed to sell candy-canes to delivered to a person of your choice later in the term. The whole event was a spectacular success and I look forward to more over the next half term. £150 were raised for SARI (Stand Against Racism and Inequality).

Events such as this go to show that the Equipes are more than just points or winning, but about a celebration of community. However, there is still a Vine Cup to be won at the end of the Summer and the standing are as follows:

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## STUDENT NEWS

### Child of Courage Award

Aaron in Year 9 had been shortlisted for a local community award 'Child of Courage' run by the Bishop's Stortford Independent newspaper. Last Thursday he was announced as the winner and accepted his prize in a ceremony held at South Mills Art Centre.

Aaron received the award for overcoming a challenging few years when he unexpectedly suffered a stroke at the age of 10. He had to undergo an operation which resulted in him being paralysed on the right side of his body. Aaron had to go through rehabilitation and physiotherapy to train himself how to use his hand, write and walk again. This impacted his ability to do things but slowly over time he regained movement over his body. He is still not back to where he was but throughout his rehabilitation, he maintained his academics and passion for playing the drums. In addition, Aaron did some fundraising the following year after his stroke to help buy presents for other child patients in hospital over the Christmas period.

We are delighted to celebrate in Aaron's success on a true reflection on how to overcome hardship and give back to the community. Well done Aaron!

[Read more here](#)

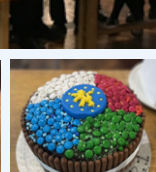
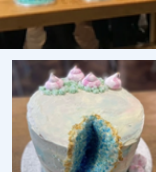
### Young Enterprise

On Friday 19th November at breaktime, one of Hockerill's Young Enterprise teams, T2, accepted over 30 showstopping cakes and tray bakes into the Hockerill Bake Off Competition in the Refectory. Judging was very difficult decision due the standard of the entries. However, after lots of careful tasting and decision making, we chose two winners. The winners' cakes are pictured below, and the students who made them will receive a £25 Just Eat voucher. Congratulations!

By the end of lunchtime, we had sold all the cakes to very hungry students and staff and we raised a total of £423.38 which will go to the Bishop's Stortford Food Bank, once our other ventures are complete.

Advance notice: T2 will be selling their "Food of Bishop's Stortford" Recipe Book, showcasing recipes from local restaurants and some discount codes. There is a link to a form below where you can express your interest in purchasing one of these as a present for family members or for yourself.

<https://forms.office.com/r/pHbFVw559r>



## GENERAL NEWS

### Services and Support for Young People in East Herts

Children Services in Hertfordshire is pleased to provide you with details of our projects, services and opportunities for young people, which will commence in January 2022. Please find details below:

[Supporting Young People in East Herts](#)

[Pathways to Success](#)

### Invitation for Parents: Success Beyond School

Find details below of free-of-charge, live online evening seminars designed to help parents supercharge their children's career potential. Parents can register now for:

[Wednesday 1st Dec: Building a Future in Finance](#)

How your child can break into the finance industry

[Wednesday 8th Dec: Level up with Law](#)

Support your child on their journey to becoming a top lawyer

These events are for parents of students aged 12-18 and free to attend.



### Speakers for Schools

**Monday 29th November – 4.30pm start**

**Finding Your Stride with Chris Robshaw and Camilla Kerslake**

Hear from International Rugby star Chris Robshaw and Brit-nominated opera singer Camilla Kerslake on finding your feet and stepping into leadership. Follow [this link](#) to hear the talk on Zoom.

**Tuesday 7th December 4.00pm start**

**Women in Industry with Mehreen Baig**

Join Mehreen Baig, TV presenter, podcast host, writer, activist and ex-teacher, on navigating the working world as a woman. Follow this [link](#) to hear the talk on Zoom.