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PRESS RELEASE

Sunday Times School of the Year Award for Hockerill

Hockerill Anglo-European College has been named the International Baccalaureate School of the Year 2011 in the Sunday Times Good Schools Guide, to be published on Sunday (Nov 13).

This is an exceptional achievement and comes after our 2011 IB cohort averaged an excellent 34.7 points in their IB Diploma, with 58% of university entrants going to prestigious Russell Groupⁱ universities. It is a great tribute to the hard work of students and the dedication of staff.

Alastair McCall, Editor of the Sunday Times Parent Power, commented:

"Hockerill has embraced the IB in the fullest possible way. A sense of internationalism pervades the whole institution, fostered by the academic programme in which the school excels and a student intake that sees one third of the students recruited overseas. Where languages are dying in many secondary schools, they thrive here and a walk down any corridor yields conversations in a host of different tongues. Hockerill is the first state school to win our IB School of the Year award. All its students (sixth form) take the broad-based examinations, not just the cleverest,

which makes the high-levels of attainment seen year in year out all the more exceptional. No wonder places here are so keenly contested."

Simon Dennis, Principal of Hockerill Anglo-European College, said: "We are delighted that the hard work of our students and staff has been publicly recognised, and that Hockerill Anglo-European College is considered an outstanding IB school. To be chosen as the first state school recipient of this award is a fantastic honour. We believe passionately in the IB Diploma programme and the fact that it offers our students such a first class preparation for university and employment through a broad and balanced curriculum which nurtures and develops individual talents."

Hockerill Anglo-European College offers exclusively the International Baccalaureate Diploma for Sixth Form study, which it introduced in 1998. The International Baccalaureate is taught in over 2,000 schools worldwide

The Sunday Times Good Schools Guide has been published annually for 20 years and, since 2004, is also online at www.sundaytimes.co.uk/parentpower.

ⁱ The Russell Group represents 20 leading UK universities which are committed to maintaining the very best research, an outstanding teaching and learning experience and unrivalled links with business and the public sector. Their members are: University of Birmingham, University of Bristol, University of Cambridge, Cardiff University, University of Edinburgh, University of Glasgow, Imperial College London, King's College London, University of Leeds, University of Liverpool, London School of Economics & Political Science, University of Manchester, Newcastle University, University of Nottingham, University of Oxford, Queen's University Belfast, University of Sheffield, University of Southampton, University College London, University of Warwick