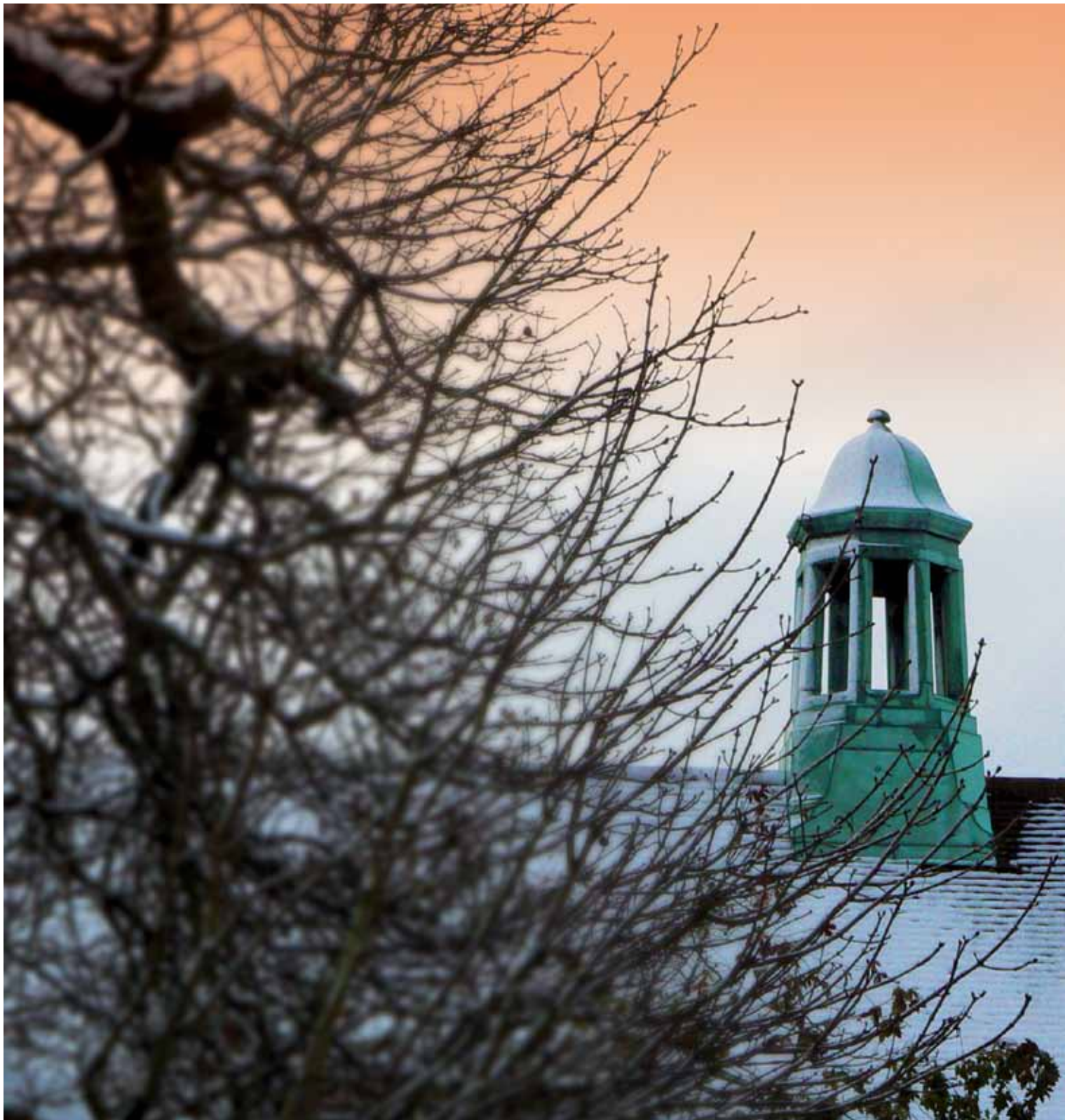


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Simon Dennis

Principal's Column

Dear Parents

As we draw towards the end of a long and successful term, I am always amazed by the sheer variety of opportunities our students have access to. I hope this bumper issue of our newsletter gives you an insight into some of the activities and events that have taken place this term.

Much of our work this term has been dominated by the proposed conversion to Academy status. Along with the governors I believe that, in becoming an Academy, the greater self determination and freedom will enable us to sustain much of what we do here in the College. Further details about this process can be found on our website.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure parents and students that the ethos, unique philosophy and curriculum which make Hockerill such an exciting place to learn will continue.

However, the negotiations with the DfE are still on-going and we are hoping to convert on the 1st January 2011 but it is more likely to be 1st February 2011 at this point in time.

I would like to remind our readers that, in the last few weeks, we have held a number of events. I hope that you were able to see our Christmas Show and shop at our Christmas Market, held during the successful Boarders' Open Weekend. We also have our Burns Night Supper and entertainment on Saturday 22nd January, tickets are selling fast and you need to be quick to avoid disappointment.

Finally, I would like to thank staff and students for all their hard work this term and wish all our readers a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

S Dennis

Science News

During the Summer Hockerill had several students spread around the country on Science related activities.

Ashley Dallas, now in Year 11 attended a Salters Chemistry camp at Nottingham University. This is aimed at Year 10 students who are perhaps contemplating studying Chemistry beyond GCSE level, and brings together many Year 10 students from all over Britain.

Nathan Streitberger and Jack Rowbottom, both now in Year 13 were on Headstart Engineering courses, spending a week at Edinburgh and Huddersfield Universities respectively.

Hockerill was fortunate to have three students selected for Nuffield Bursary projects during the summer. In the past we have only had a maximum of one. These involve working in nature, industry or in a university department for four or five weeks during the Summer holiday. They work on real research projects, often providing more than enough first hand data for their extended essays. The students are paid a small amount to cover out of pocket expenses such as travelling. All three students were awarded Gold Crest Awards for their research and these were presented at a ceremony at GSK Stevenage last month. Jennie Lowe worked on invertebrate research in Hatfield Forest, Zoë Hughes worked in Genetics research at GSK in Cambridge, and Anu Vibhakar reached for the stars with her astronomy research at the University of Hertfordshire.



Zoe Hughes and Anu Vibhakar

A large number of the present Year 12 students have applied for a week's work experience at GSK in Harlow during their February half-term. They should learn if they have been successful by the end of term.

I have information about all of these schemes for next year, and have distributed it to the students. If they require extra information, they should contact me. Further information can also be obtained from www.headstartcourses.org.uk, www.setpointherts.org.uk (and then follow link to Nuffield Bursaries), and camps@salters.co.uk.

At the beginning of November 15 students from Years 11 and 12 attended a very interesting afternoon at The Princess Alexandra Hospital in Harlow as part of National Pathology Day. They were introduced to many of the jobs vital to the functioning of a hospital from working as a pathologist to taking blood and a mockup of keyhole surgery.

S Chalmers

What do Hockerill students and Aung San Suu Kyi have in common?

Congratulations to Nat Burnett (12 JBl) and Oliver Sutherland (13 KBr) who were recently selected to represent Hockerill at the Amnesty International Youth Advisory Group. Each Amnesty International Youth Group can nominate two delegates, and it is a testimony to the talent of our students that both our delegates were chosen to attend. Not only does this raise the profile of Hockerill in important campaigning work, it has allowed the students to bring back brilliant new ideas to inform our activism at Hockerill. *Mrs S Rittman*



The Universal Declaration of Human Rights

A pretty significant role, considering that each year these resources inspire activism such as the work done by Hockerill's own Amnesty group, which can directly contribute towards headlining progression in human rights issues, for example the recent release of Aung San Suu Kyi in Burma. A political prisoner placed under house arrest because she spoke out against the Burmese dictatorship, Amnesty's members have campaigned on her behalf ceaselessly for over a decade. After having both submitted the required lengthy application form and being chosen, we headed off to Amnesty's central London headquarters, excited but slightly unsure of what was to come.

It turned out to be a fun, hectic but productive day. Once the group had assembled itself at the centre (by a mixture of plane, train and overnight coach journeys) we introduced ourselves and met those who coordinate Amnesty's educational role and oversee the group meetings. From there, we split into two groups. These alternated between two activities. The first of these involved evaluating some of the films

Amnesty uses to promote its work in schools, including one titled "Your Signature Matters" which our own Hockerill Amnesty branch showed in the recent assembly highlighting the death sentences given to minors, which breaches international law. The other activity was spent discussing ways to encourage more young people to get involved in Amnesty's work, in which we promoted the use of Facebook to enable non-members to casually access what Amnesty is about, as well as arguing for youth groups to adopt a more in-depth focus on the issues we campaign about. Finally, we made a photo message in support of the Columbian Peace Community (a group widely persecuted because of its policy of not siding with either faction in the ongoing civil war), discussed plans for the next AIYAG meeting and set off on our journeys home.

It's fair to say both of us found the experience to be rewarding and insightful, giving us a sense of the complex behind-the-scenes work involved in Amnesty as an organisation, which can be easy to take for granted as a member. It certainly reminded us that there is more involved in activism than simply writing letters and taking part in protests, when you have a chance to see firsthand the huge amount of research and planning done by Amnesty's volunteers on a daily basis. What was especially surprising to both of us, however, was the level of enthusiasm shown by the group as a whole when asked to put in a small proportion of this hard work, in complete contradiction to the media stereotype of Britain's uninterested youth culture. There was a genuine sense of empowerment, of coming together to contribute to something of real importance, which can best be described in the powerfully emotive words of Amnesty's founder, Peter Benenson: "Better to light a candle than curse the darkness".

Oliver Sutherland (Yr13), Nat Burnett (Yr12) & S Rittman



The Human Rights Action Centre, London

Development Committee

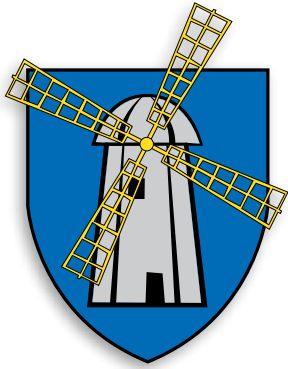
Last year, following a strategic review of the Governing Body and its Committee structures, the Governing Body elected to form a Development Committee, to reflect Hockerill's need to bring a new focus on raising funds and friends in today's challenging economic environment. The remit of the Development Committee is broad and strategic - ranging from investigating bids, grants and sponsors, to overseeing the plans of the Development Fund, Alumni, the Development Office and establishing new points of contact with all supporters of the College's development. The committee, which is chaired by parent governor Mrs Rachel Lawson, consists of the following governors (g) and representatives of the College's senior leadership team (slt): Mr David Boyd (g), Mr Simon Dennis (g & slt), Mr Peter Scarlett (g), Mr Simon Somerville (g) and Mrs Claire Waring (slt) plus Mrs Barbara Shellard as Alumni Officer.

Over the last 12 months, we have had the pleasure of meeting many enthusiastic parents and friends who have encouraged us to spread the word about the value of your contributions - regular or one offs - via the Hockerill Development Fund which has now been operating for 6 years and has raised over £150,000. As a special thank you to contributors, we held a drinks reception in September and our guests were given a tour of the refurbished library and technology rooms - the latest beneficiaries of the Fund. Guests also saw the next phase of planned development, once money has been raised to finance these :- a fitness centre, a library extension and an improved drama space in St Alban's Hall. If you would like to contribute to the Fund, to help move these projects forward, further information and forms are available at www.hockerill.herts.sch.uk/fundraising.html The Chapel Project has been able to start phase 1 of a 4 phase refurbishment project for the organ and liturgical artworks have been beautifully restored. A particular thank you goes to the Birchenough family, for a large 6 figure donation towards the development of Sport at Hockerill College.

A big focus for the Committee has been the creation of Hockerill Parents and Friends (HPF) - with over 60 enthusiastic members and growing. Thank you one and all! We are delighted that HPF has taken on the management of the Christmas Fair and has organised a Burns Night for the 22nd January, with lots more ideas in the pipeline.

R Lawson

An Introduction To Roding



I remember my first day at Roding. How scared I was, starting a new school in a new country, an experience many other boarders would have gone through. Change is always accompanied by some fear, and as valuable an experience boarding is, there were bound to be low points. But the aching sense of missing home was forgotten in the tumult that is unique to Roding. Amidst making noodles, talking late into the night (never on a school night, of course), learning new responsibilities, becoming accustomed to numerous cultures and becoming part of a community, the homesickness was forgotten as I made some of the best friends I have ever had.

The inhabitants of Roding originate from all over the world, from as far away as Hong Kong and Uganda, to as near as London and Colchester. Looking at the advantages in a wise way, it could easily be said that this widens our knowledge and appreciation of cultures that are so different to our own. Of course, the more instant benefits we see is how once a week someone cooks something delicious from their country. Sushi to tortillas, we at Roding like to appreciate the world on a more firsthand basis.

We're also a talented bunch – anything from opera singing to baking a three tiered cake. We have joined in – often organising – countless school discos (the Valentine Grease Themed Disco is one that will not be forgotten) as well as having to resolutely show the Thames boys that we can beat them any day in any talent competition.

Roding isn't perfect. But nothing is. It's the tears and the drama, the laughter and the hugs, is what brings us together and bonds us closer than anyone could imagine in such a relatively short space of time. The friends you make here are generally – whether you want it or not – friends for life. As cliché as it sounds, the community at Roding is a bit like a jigsaw puzzle in the sense that everyone – no matter how different – fits together. The difference is that when someone leaves, they take a piece of the jigsaw with them, and when someone new comes, they add something.

Amelia Rowan

Yr 10 GCSE Drama Trip to London

On Wednesday 16th November 49 Year 10 Drama students went to London for the day. They started in Covent Garden looking at the mime artists and enjoying the festive atmosphere and then went to see the spine chilling production of 'The Woman in Black'. Students were amazed by the ability of two actors to play so many roles and to tell such a complex story. The production is very sparse, which made the students see how they could achieve fantastic effects with very simple staging and lighting. At the end of the day they returned to write their theatrical review for their GCSE coursework and hopefully they did not have too many nightmares...

Coming up

In January Senior and Junior Drama Club will present an evening of comic entertainment. Tickets on sale soon...

V Marsh

Art Department

Make making, chewing gum under tables, photography, London buses and jam making; Just some of the activities that students have embarked upon in order to produce exciting, original and interesting work this term.



Fruit by Tessa Fish



Spicy Cake by Jess Quinn (Yr13)

The department continues to go from strength to strength. The GCSE students celebrated the best set of results to date: 76% A-A* and 100% A*-B. The IB students all achieved a Level 5 or greater. The department congratulates the artists from last year and thanks them for their hard work, dedication and impressive natural talent.

We have already had 4 trips to London galleries and with the Year 12 artists off to Barcelona soon, we hope that trips are allowed to continue at important times so that students benefit in terms of their coursework, motivation and knowledge.

Currently the department are looking to enhance the breadth of media that we offer to the students. Animation, textiles and screen printing are all recent additions to student projects. However, at the moment, photography is at the forefront of our development. If any of you have 'old' SLR cameras or darkroom /photographic equipment that you would be happy to donate to the department, it would be gratefully received by us and, especially, Miss K Dalby (teacher in charge of photography).

Thank you.

J James

Hockerill College CCF Remembrance Day Parade 14th November 2010

On Sunday 14th November 2010 Hockerill Anglo-European College Combined Cadet Force took part in the Remembrance Day parade in Bishop's Stortford. Over 30 cadets from the Contingent's Army and RAF section were in attendance along with Officers from the contingent. This is the 4th year the CCF at Hockerill has taken part in Remembrance day events and once again the cadets from Year 9 -13 represented the College and the CCF in an excellent manner. Corporal Ellen Dewhurst and Lance Corporal Charlie-Maud Munro were chosen to lay a wreath at the War Memorial on behalf of the CCF at Hockerill.



As the Michaelmas term draws to a close I would like to thank all of the cadets for their excellent progress this term, especially those in Year 9 who have 'survived' their first weekend exercise! Congratulations to all of the students who give 100% commitment to the CCF as well as to their studies. Many thanks go to the Officers and staff involved in the CCF, without their support, commitment and dedication the CCF would not continue to thrive.

On behalf of the Contingent I would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

N Ashlee-McCrae



CoPE

Six students in Year 10 are studying for the Certificate of Personal Effectiveness awarded by ASDAN. The students will gain a GCSE through working on a variety of challenges integrating key skills and a range of topic areas. The first of 12 credits was achieved by looking at Health and Fitness and examining topics such as diet, hygiene and personal makeovers! The next challenge was more time consuming and involved them working towards the Key Skill Working with Others. The students planned, arranged and reviewed a disco for Year 7 students. They raised money for the charity Heart Research UK and managed to make £300 profit from the event. Rebecca Vrylandt ensured a healthy contribution to this by negotiating the fee for the disco from £300 to £175! The evening was very enjoyable for all and the Year 7 students did not stop dancing all night. Well done to Rebecca, Jordan, Shannon, Harriet, Hollie and Lucy. Who knows which challenge they will choose next?

A McCulloch

Dance & Music Show

In the New Year, there will be a chance for parents to come and watch the Hockerill students perform in the Dance and Music show extravaganza. This year's title is 'Timeless' and will capture the audience, taking them back in time to caveman days. The audience will then move through time as they waltz through the 1920s, throw some shapes through the 50s and 60s, bop along through some 80s classics and finish with a futuristic twist. Past dance and music shows have been fantastic and I have great hopes that this year will be even better. The show dates are:

Thursday 10th February (Evening performance)

Friday 11th February (Evening performance)

Saturday 12th February (Matinee performance)

So keep these dates free in your diary! The students involved have worked really hard this term to ensure a good performance on the night. Next term, sees the Dance and Music department get even busier as we come together to finalise a great show for you, so I hope to see many of you there and thank you for your support.

A Calcasola



Trip to London Zoo

Year 13 Biologists spent the day at London Zoo on the 16th November. All students were looking forward to an exciting day out and Regents Park did not disappoint. A cold and foggy day gave way to some weak sunshine and the animals came out to see their human admirers. The students had some work to do as well as have fun. A classification exercise and a behaviour study was complemented by a talk from one of the Educational Zoologists on, 'Primate Evolution'; one of the aspects of their IB studies. Biology is the study of animals and plants and the day helps put classroom studies in context by looking at real animals, even if they are not in wild surroundings. Many students were armed with cameras and came away with many interesting animal photographs for the photo competition.

D Letter



C.T.

The Computer Technology department has been getting used to the new Windows 7 system this year. In the new year we are looking forward to some exciting developments including Scratch programming in Year 7, GameMaker in Year 8 and Alice animations in Year 9. We have also bought Adobe CS5 Design premium package and students will be using various elements from it, notably Dreamweaver, and in Years 9-11, Flash.

J Catchpole

Holocaust Memorial Day

On Tuesday 25th January, 2011 the whole of Year 9 will be visiting the Northwood Synagogue to mark the Holocaust Memorial day. Mrs Ashlee-McCrae will issue letters with all the details very soon.

From Nursery Rhymes to "What would you like to eat, sir?"

Students from Germany work in and around Bishop's Stortford

13 students from the Pascal Gymnasium in Muenster, our Partner School in Germany, immersed themselves in the British culture by working for four days in different schools or businesses around the area and by living in a Hockerill family for one week. From the 1st to the 8th October, our friends from Germany enjoyed their stay.

Our guests worked in Nursery and Primary Schools, restaurants or tea rooms. Even The Animal Rescue Centre, Fedex and The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine were places where the students were to be found. During their stay the pupils were involved in playing with children, helping to clear out stables, serving guests or experiencing what it is like to be a scientist.

The feedback from the students throughout was very positive for both the hosting families and the work placements. We are looking forward to February when our Hockerill students go over to Muenster to gain work experience and be totally immersed in the German language and culture.

T Kroeger

Friends of Hockerill

Promptly at 11.55 my mobile phone rang, oh not another person who is ill and cannot make our first official reunion of the Alumni! In all it rang six times and not one person could hear the caller. I later had a voice mail message from a very recent member of the Alumni – Peter Gillmore, he had been calling from Vietnam to wish us luck. He is doing well and enjoying his new job.

During the time that we had been trying to hear 'Vietnam calling' the Alumni had started to arrive, several from great distances, the USA and Germany as well as Scotland, South Yorkshire, Bournemouth and Nottingham.

We had a super day, it went far too quickly, giving me little time to catch up with everybody. We had numerous old photographs on display with the request that we needed to know the names of all of those appearing in them! An excellent lunch was provided by Mary Livingstone and her team, we had a tour of the College including the boarding houses and were entertained by Mr Bond and his volunteers

who had so generously given up their time and in several cases some of their half term holiday. Michael Hibbins took photographs of groups and individuals to order. We had a great raffle with many prizes donated by local businesses, I am still awaiting the lucky winner of lunch with me to arrange a date ! A great deal of hard work went into the organisation thanks to my wonderful committee, you will see who they are in the attached photograph. Also many, many thanks to all the staff and the friends who came along to help run the bar, take photo orders, sell raffle tickets etc., I am very grateful to all of them and to Mr Simon Dennis for helping to make it a very successful event.



B Shellard

Chapel Organ

You may have heard that we are trying to raise £40,000 to completely refurbish our Chapel organ. To help us to do this we are offering sponsorship of an organ pipe.

It is a one off payment of £25.00 per normal size pipe, there are 600 of them! In return your name will be entered in a memorial book and you will be issued with a certificate confirming your sponsorship. Mr Bond is going to organise a concert in the Chapel in the New Year during which there will be an auction for sponsorship of the larger pipes at the front of the organ and also the few special sounding ones, e.g. oboe and flute.



If you would like to sponsor a pipe for yourself, or give one as an unusual Christmas present/birthday/christening gift (lets face it not a lot of people would receive a present like this!), then please send your details plus a cheque or credit card details or we can issue you with the College's bank details for you to pay the money into:

To: Mrs Barbara Shellard, Alumni Officer at the College. Any questions you would like to ask you can contact me on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday on 01279 713980 and I will do my best to help you.

B Shellard

Library Wish List

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big 'thank you' to all the parents who have made generous donations through the Library Amazon Wish List. We have received over eighty items this term including fiction, non-fiction, reference

books and DVDs. With your help we are able to replace out of date books with new titles that will be popular with the students. If you want to check out the Wish List visit the Amazon website and click on Wish List, enter Hockerill Library and then click GO to see the current selection. If there is a title you wish to purchase for us, click on add to basket and the item will be sent to the Library. Thank you for your support.



J Ballard



Glass blowing in Murano: Emily Banjac



Sophie Gibson, Sally Clifford and Olivia Pettengell View from the Belltower



Waiting for a parking space!

Italian Exchange

This October we were lucky enough to have one of the sunniest Italian Exchanges I can remember. For most of the week the sky was blue and as you can see from the photos, the weather in Venice was just perfect.

The students had a wonderful time and all who went have remarked on how much their Italian has improved on their return.

As usual it was a pleasure to be with them and they were a credit to the College.

C Smith

Rwanda

Furthering our links with Rwanda we have been delighted to welcome staff from Inyemeramhigo College, Gisenyi and Greenhills School, Kigali. We continue to work collaboratively for the benefit of staff and students from both sides of the globe. Another group of enthusiastic youngsters are already looking forward to their trip to Rwanda next June. In the meanwhile, they will be supremely grateful for any support that you can lend to their fundraising activities. More details to be announced in the New Year.

J Chalmers

Hockerill trip to Tokyo, October 2010

This October a group of 20 Year 11 and Year 13 students took part in the 8th annual study visit to our partner school in Tokyo. Keio Chutobu Junior High School is one of Japan's oldest and most prestigious educational institutions and was founded with international education as one of its core principles. Throughout our 8 year relationship, staff and students at the school have always gone out of their way to make our students feel welcome, and this year was no exception. Everyone spent a week experiencing Japanese family life to the full and commuting to school on Tokyo's labyrinthine public transport network. School days were spent attending both normal and specially arranged lessons and everyone was given the opportunity to try out typically Japanese pursuits such as judo and calligraphy. Our visit also coincided with Sports Day and Mr Vernon would have been justifiably proud of our students' contributions in events as bizarre as the three-legged race and synchronised skipping. Another highlight of the trip was a specially organised tour of the Japanese parliament and a private audience with the ex-Prime Minister, who was suitably (and diplomatically) impressed by everyone's level of Japanese. At the end of the week we ventured into the mountains for a look at another side of Japan – a world of ancient temples, hot springs and stunning autumnal colours – which was just what everyone needed after such a frenetic week in the world's largest city. I greatly enjoyed the company of everyone in the group and not once did I hear a single moan or groan, which is quite something considering the demanding nature – both linguistically and culturally – of the trip. My sincere thanks also go to Miss Von Mering, whose contribution to the success of the trip was immeasurable.



E Gdula

Sixth Form Maths Challenges

The beginning of November presented two opportunities for sixth formers to participate in Maths Challenges organised by the UKMT (UK Mathematics Trust).

Firstly there was the Senior Maths Challenge on 4th November which was open to any able mathematician who was able to spare 90 minutes of their time just before lunch. 17 students came and puzzled over the questions to the best of their ability. Calculators are not allowed, only pencil, paper and brain power! We received the results 2 weeks later, there were some good scores. Congratulations to Sebastian Muraru who was "Best in school".

Then late afternoon a week later, on 11th November, four able mathematicians from Year 12 and 13, Sorin, Sebastian, Maciej and Jo went with Mrs. Spackman to the Centre of Mathematical Sciences at Cambridge University for the Eastern region Senior Team Maths Challenge. On the way they walked through Cambridge admiring the Chronophage Clock on the Corpus Christi Library as well as looking at a few Colleges and the Trinity Bridge over the river Cam. They continued past the famous University Library to reach the venue, where teams from 25 schools were gathering for an evening of maths.

The first event was to solve 10 questions in 45 minutes. Subsequent events involved splitting the team into two pairs. There was Cross Number where one pair had the Across clues while the other pair only had the Down clues. This was quite hard! Finally there was the Mini-Relay in which each pair needed the answer from the other pair to solve the next problem. If one answer was wrong, it made everything wrong!

Halfway through the evening the top schools were named and Hockerill Anglo-European College was called out first. The team was buzzing! However the competition was fierce and Hockerill did not win (the the Perse School came first, as they did last year!) but, we came a respectable 13th out of 25.



A Goldsmith

Hockerill's got the 'X'mas Factor

Only a few months into the new term and Hockerill's musical calendar has been busier than ever. The Big Band kicked off the term, performing a selection of jazz and pop classics at the College Open Morning in September. This was shortly followed by two evening concerts, showcasing both the talents of the current GCSE cohort and the talented voice and bass guitar students under the tutelage of Marke Colah. A group of our new Year 10 GCSE students were also given the opportunity to visit London in November's MYP Creativity Day, taking trips to a recording studio, Handel's House in Mayfair and The British Music Experience at the O2 Arena. Alongside these highly successful events, the talented new gap students, Conor and Tom, organised the first round of Hockerill's X Factor, presenting acts of both well-established and new musical talent from a wide range of styles and year groups. We look forward to the subsequent heats in the upcoming Lent Term! Before the screams of X factor fans had even begun to die away from St Alban's Hall, rehearsals had commenced for the popular Celebration of Christmas Show and Carol Service. This year's concerts promise an exciting array of musical numbers, both new and old, funky and formal that will undoubtedly cater for all festive musical tastes. On behalf of everybody in the Department – have yourselves a merry little Christmas!

O Bond

CAS

As part of their 6th form curriculum, IB students carry out a range of activities for their CAS programme. This provides them with opportunities to carry out placements in our local primary schools and charity shops. One of the charities with whom Hockerill has had a long association is Scope. Students who work in the Scope shop are able to gain many insights into the business of retailing, such as stock management, customer care, cash handling and shop display. Like all charity shops, Scope can only raise money if it has a plentiful supply of good merchandise to sell. In recognition of the support that Scope has given to the college over the years, we are asking Hockerill families to support Scope in return. Unwanted toys, games, books, clothes, household bric a brac, etc in good condition are always needed so that they can be turned into much needed money for a worthy cause. I must emphasise that items should NOT be brought to school as we simply don't have the facilities to arrange a collection. However, anything that you are able to donate over the Christmas period to help any of our charity shops in Bishop's Stortford would be most welcome. Thank you for your support.

R Davis

November



As you all know, 18 members of staff agreed to "grow a mo" for the month of Movember in order to raise money and awareness for Prostate Cancer charities. Despite protestations from wives and girlfriends, ridicule from friends and students alike the men bravely stuck together in their hirsuit pursuit of the common good as their team "The Hockerill Mo's" managed to raise around £1500. Top fund raiser was Mr Gdula with his wealthy and generous

donors, but special mention has to go to Dr Letten, who honourably agreed to shave his moustache of 40 years off at the end of the month. Incredibly, it will be the first time his wife and children have seen him with an exposed upper lip. What a gentleman and scholar! The team would like to thank everyone who kindly supported them. To find out more about Movember, please visit uk.movember.com

A Russell



2010 Rotary Technology Tournament

On November 9th four Year 8 students participated in the local Rotary Technology Tournament at Birchwood School. Competing in the Junior Category against Birchwood, Bishop's Stortford College, Herts and Essex, St Mary's and Bishop's Stortford High School the team received an honorable mention from the judges for the most interesting design. Given the brief of creating a flashing beacon with just a battery, wires, bulb and very basic materials, Miranda Wilson, George Parks, Robert Sparks and Conrad Leaton-Gray were the only team to devise a rotary switch rather than a pendulum.



A Russell



The Roaring 1920s and 1930s!

On Tuesday 16th November Year 9 spent their Creativity Day investigating whether the 1920s and 1930s were roaring or boring. After an introductory debate, the students split into form groups to take part in four different activities. In drama they used different stimuli to create freeze frames and dramatic movements. Particularly memorable were physical re-enactments of Henry Ford's Model T production line! In a History session students learnt about the life of Al Capone and how he has been portrayed. They produced eye-catching 'wanted' posters afterwards. Students learnt how to dance the Charleston in a dance session with some very creative results, and in an art session they produced sarsaparilla bottles with an art deco style label. The day culminated in a showcase in St Alban's Hall, featuring presentations of the artwork, drama productions and an exciting dance-off. The students all produced fantastic work, and special mention must go to the Goethe dance team who won the dance off, impressing judges Miss Calcasola, Mrs Yates and Mrs Fraser with their coordination and lifts. Many thanks to everyone involved in the day: Mrs Fraser, Mr Dinwiddy, Miss Calcasola, Miss Peel, Mrs Trimble, Mr Royal, Mr Mackenzie, and Mrs Yates, and of course, Year 9!

S Rittman



Oxbridge

On Wednesday 10th November Hockerill hosted a very successful event for aspiring Oxbridge applicants in the local community. As a graduate from Oxford and Admissions Tutor for Gonville and Caius, Cambridge, Dr Andrew Bell gave a very informative talk and answered a wealth of questions from an audience of approximately 150. In addition, our students were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to meet him after College in a much smaller gathering so that they could seek answers to more personalised questions. We are grateful for his generosity and look forward to fostering further links with him and Gonville and Caius in the future.

Magdalene College, Cambridge has kindly invited fifteen Year 12 students to spend a day shadowing undergraduates of different disciplines. On November 23rd they will attend lectures and supervisions, visit libraries and generally get a feel for life at Cambridge. The day will culminate in a formal dinner, a truly unique insight into the collegiate system which epitomises both Oxford and Cambridge.

On the 30th September a number of Hockerill students attended a public meeting on applying to Oxford where Dr Dominic O'Brien, admissions tutor from Balliol was the main speaker. More students from Hockerill attended the meeting than any other school in Hertfordshire.

J Chalmers

Hertfordshire Helps Save The Planet!

Did you know that nearly a quarter of Hertfordshire school children that live within one mile of their schools actually arrive by car? Well, at least that is what the data held in schools tells the statisticians!

With all of us sharing the burden of reducing greenhouse gases, and with the car being one of the major polluters, it is incumbent upon all of us to think about the consequences of jumping in and turning that key.

It could be that school data is wrong, of course. When the next annual Data Collection Sheet arrives from us, why not look carefully at the box that says Mode of Travel, and tell us if we have the wrong information in there. If they arrive by different routes on some days, we are looking for the usual mode of travel for students.

When the statisticians look next time, perhaps this shocking figure will have changed – for the better?

Thank you for helping to keep our important data up to date.

T Johnson

As a new member of staff at Hockerill I have got stuck into my role as School Sports Coordinator within the Birchwood Sports Partnership, and I love every minute of it.



Hockerill Cross Country Cluster Festival

It was a great turn out for the first EVER Hockerill KS1 cluster festival in Cross Country on 14th October and I am thrilled to say all the students were keen to run despite the threat of inclement weather ! Mr Coleman and myself took 14 Sports Leaders from Years 10 and 11 to help ensure the event ran smoothly and also to gain experience in the organisation and delivery of sporting festivals.

Over 50 pupils from Years 1, 2 and 3 at Albury, Hillmead and Spellbrook schools entered the competition.

The Sports Leaders helped with the organisation of the event and supported the students during the warm ups and the races.

All of the primary schools in the cluster were amazing and as the SCo I am so proud of all of those pupils who ran the cross country course. I am very grateful to the PLT's and other support teachers for their great support prior to the event and also on the day. I would like to give a special mention to my 14 Sports Leaders, who, without their dedication and team effort, none of this would have been possible. They are great ambassadors for the College.

S Davis

A Fun Run for Beattie

At the start of the school year, Hockerill received some upsetting news. After a long struggle fighting against a serious heart condition, Mr and Mrs Ayres, close friends of Hockerill, sadly lost their daughter, Beattie, this Summer. The news was devastating and brought much sadness to the community.

In an effort to raise awareness of Beattie's particular condition, the P.E. department, with the help of the student led Interact Club organised a Fun Run for all students. The run, held on 17th September, saw students and teachers alike come together in true Hockerill spirit to support the former Hockerill English teacher, Mrs Ayres, and her husband.

Throughout the course of the day, students from each year group ran for an hour around the Hockerill campus, after having collected sponsorships from their family and friends. Some teachers also joined in with the run, as well as purchasing 'Beattie T-Shirts' to promote the cause. Despite the sad reasons behind the Fun Run, it was an extremely enjoyable day and Mrs Ayres, who came to watch, was overwhelmed by the support and the enthusiasm which was evident in the students' and staff members' efforts.

Interact were very proud to hand Mrs Ayres a cheque for £5000 the following week. The money raised has been donated to the Royal Brompton and Hereford NHS National Trust and will be split between the Paediatric Unit and Paediatric Intensive Care Unit at the Royal Brompton Hospital, where Beattie was treated.

On behalf of Mr and Mrs Ayres, Interact wish to thank everyone who supported this cause either through sponsorship or by participating in a recent Hockerill event which has supported this cause. We feel that the Fun Run is one of the most worthwhile events organised this year and we will certainly continue supporting Mr and Mrs Ayres.

J Chalmers

Cross Country

Cross Country continues to be a developing sport at Hockerill. This year has seen an increase in the number of students participating in training and therefore our teams have achieved some improved performances in local races.

Training has become more structured; we have trained on Wednesday afternoons since half term allowing us to commit more time to training and therefore improve as runners. We had use of the College minibuses and have travelled to different locations for training. We have been able to run over varying terrain and have experienced differing underfoot conditions. Variety is very important to a runner as following the same route during each run can lead to a lowering of motivation. This term we have run along the banks of the River Stort, around farmers fields and over heath land which has enabled us to increase our stamina and run faster!

Mr Marshall and Mr Russell joined Mr Mackenzie and the greater numbers of staff ensured that all the club members were supported throughout their training sessions.

We trained twice over half term ensuring that the squad were well prepared for the district championships which took place at Bishop's Stortford Cricket Club and surrounding fields on 2nd November.

Our girls teams performed exceptionally well in the District Championships. We won at every age group (Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and Senior). Individual performances of note were:

Year 7	Charlotte Prowse 4th
Stephanie Courtney 3rd	Year 10
Year 8	Lili Pryer 3rd
Francesca Pettengell 1st	Poppy Walton 4th
Year 9	Olivia Pettengell 6th
Kate Willis 2nd	Senior Girls
Patricia Metcalfe-Jones 3rd	Eloise Perderson 6th

Our boys teams continue to improve, particularly amongst the younger runners where a large number of Year 7 and 8 boys train regularly. Rory Sale (Year 7) came 5th in his race.

Hockerill teams ran in the English Schools Championships at Queens School, Hatfield and although no teams qualified for the Regional final all our runners enjoyed the experience and improved greatly on last years performance.

Our final team race this year takes place in January when our junior teams will have an opportunity to run against some of the South of England's strongest schools at the Bedfordia Championships.

Oliver Wookey (Yr 12)

Michaelmas Term Sports Review

A vast number of sports fixtures have taken place this term for the three main Michaelmas term sports of Rugby, Hockey & Basketball so far we have Played 88 and won over 3/4's, a fantastic achievement for a College of our size and still more fixtures to be played this term. Main highlights of each sport are shown below. We have also seen the successful establishment of Girls Rugby Teams in Year 7 -10 and are aiming to develop a senior girls team next term. The Boys are also branching further into boys hockey for years 7 -9.

The main focus for Lent term fixtures include Football & Netball with County Cup Hockey and Regional & District Basketball competitions continuing, plus girls Rugby and boys Hockey.

The girls have trained hard this season and it has been disappointing that the U15's and U18's have had lots of matches cancelled by other local schools who have failed to get teams organized. The Year 8 team continues to perform very well and remain unbeaten in this years County Cup. We have all the Districts yet to play and wish the girls lots of success. A big thank you to Mr Menzies who for the 8th year running continues to coach the Hockerill students. The following students have been attending the Junior Development Centre for Hockey and have now all progressed onto the next level to the Junior Academy Centres: Izzy Budd, Francesca Pettengel, Daniel Hodder and Olivia Brookhouse.

Rugby is still a huge draw to students at Hockerill. Teams of every age group, some B team age groups and the emergence of two girls teams this year is outstanding. There have been many successes on the Rugby pitch against much larger schools such as Richard Hale, SWCHs and The Bishops Stortford College.

Hockerill Anglo European College have managed to retain two of the three District Rugby titles they won last year. Hockerill won the U14 and U16 tournaments held at Jobbers Wood earlier this term. A pleasing rugby season is well under way for the small language and music college that fields numerous high quality sports teams across all age groups for boys and girls.

The U14 team lead by Brandon Bowden and Teddy King reached the final of the tournament and faced TBSHS A's. This was a repeat of the final from the previous year. TBSHS scored an early try but were pressured with skilful rucking, gritty tackling and accurate passing to allow Hockerill to achieve a victory of 17-7. The coaching staff were very pleased for the students who have managed to win the title two years in a row and over the tournament scored 153 points with 24 against.

The U16 team lead by Joe Humphreys and Oliver Palierakis imposed themselves upon the local opponents. This team managed to win the District tournament last year and the County Emerging cup. Excellent passages of play and aggressive tackling saw Hockerill turn defence into attack on a number of occasions and rack up 68 points with none conceded. When looking at the cup, it is nice to see that of the six inscriptions, Hockerill is listed as the Champion for 4 years.



Hockey Summary

SUMMARY	U12 A	U12 B	U13	U14	U15	1stXI
PLAYED	4	4	6	3	2	2
WON	2	1	6	2	1	1
LOST	2	2	0	1	1	1
DRAW	0	1	0	0	0	0

Rugby Summary

SUMMARY	U12 A/B	U13	U14	U15	U16 XV	1stXV
PLAYED	4	3	5	6	6	6
WON	2	0	4	5	4	4
LOST	1	2	1	1	2	2
DRAW	1	1	0	0	0	0



Back Row: Alfie Tingey, Andy Gemmill, Jack Marsh, Brandon Bowden, Charlie Bratt, Finn Grant, Ifede Osiyemi

Front Row: Sam Ainsworth, Oladji Adagun, Joe O'Sullivan, Teddy King, Andrew Braithwaite, Roberto Spacey, Alex McKinnon



Back Row: George Greatrick, Alex Babb, Dan Pease-Watkin, Ed Rowbottom, Cameron Grant, Michael Frankcom, Callum Tse, Stephen Chu

Front Row: Mike Grant, Oliver Palierakis, Ewan McNaughton, Joe Humphreys, Tom Bridgewater, Titus Ogbannaya, Luke Davis.

Oliver Palierakis

Hockerill Anglo European College student Oliver Palierakis has been sailing Cadet dingies since the age of 8 at Fishers Green Sailing Club. The cadet dingy is the only double hander (three sails) dingy designed for youngsters under the age of 17.

Oliver was a member of the RYA Junior National Squad in 2007/2008 and 2008/2009. He was a member of the UKNCCA National Squad in 2009/2010 where he remains for the current season. Sailing with his younger brother William, Oliver ranked nationally 8th in 2009 and 3rd in 2010.

Oliver has engaged in other sailing competitions too, and in 2009 he was the National Junior Team Racing Champion.

Oliver is currently training for the 2011 season aiming to qualify for the Cadet World Championships of 2011 which will take place in Germany. This year Oliver took part in the Cadet World Championships of 2010 in Poland where he was Captain of the British team.