



HERALD

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HEADLINES *from* ANDREW HUTCHINSON

Dear Family

In our second full week of our new academic year, students have now completed a full timetable cycle and our new Year 10 students have experienced the full range of their chosen option courses. This we expect to be of great benefit, as these students have a full seven weeks longer on GCSE than before.



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This week has brought visitors from the Local Authority (Essex) and the Government (DCSF). Both sets of visitors left us knowing that we are making very good progress. They met staff and students and were very complimentary about everything they saw. Well done to everyone!

I want to remind students that hard work and effort equals good results, there is no secret to doing well, below are some tips:

We expect all students to:

- Concentrate fully in every lesson, always being willing to participate in learning activities
- Ensure they complete homework on the night it is set, always working for the correct amount of time, as specified in the student planner
- Re-draft work to ensure their final piece is the best work they can produce
- Ensure they meet all deadlines for homework, class work and coursework
- Revise fully for any tests
- Present their work to the best of their ability
- Ensure they are organised and have brought the correct equipment and books to every lesson

All the best to Year 9 for their trip to Paris next week.

STUDENT NAME

TERM DATES

SUMMER TERM - 2ND HALF
2 June - 18 July 2008

INSET DAYS
21, 22, 23 July 2008

COLLEGE OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Visitors Reception

8.15 am - 4.15 pm Mon-Thurs
8.15 am - 3.45 pm Friday
Student Reception
8.30 am - 3.25 pm Mon-Fri

STUDENT ABSENCE HOTLINE AND E-MAIL

We would be grateful if parents reporting absence would use our new service:

Tel: 01376 559356
Email:
jackie.jackson@alechunter.essex.sch.uk

Please note this telephone number does **not** receive text messages.

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KEY STAFF IN THE PASTORAL STRUCTURE

Please find below our new line management arrangements for students. The first point of call for enquiries should be your child's form tutor and then their Pastoral Manager, which all year groups now have. Our Achievement Co-ordinators focus on your child's progress in lessons. I have included the Leadership group responsibilities for each year group, to help parents in knowing who to approach for assistance.

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
FORM TUTORS				
Pastoral Leader Mrs Barnes	Pastoral Leader Mrs Porter	Pastoral Leader Mrs Porter	Pastoral Leader Mr Deeks	Pastoral Leader Mr Deeks
Achievement Co-ordinator Mr Moreno	Achievement Co-ordinator Mr Moreno	Achievement Co-ordinator Miss Jones	Achievement Co-ordinator Mr Long	Achievement Co-ordinator Mrs Ogilvie
KS3 DIRECTOR Mrs Richards			KS4 DIRECTOR Mrs Forster	
Learning Leader	Learning Leader Mr Birley	Learning Leader Mrs Richards	Learning Leader Mr Hutchinson	Learning Leaders Mr Lawn and Mrs Forster

PARENT/GOVERNOR

Whilst we would welcome applications from any parent to become a Parent Governor, we would be particularly interested in any parents involved in construction or building.

All enquiries via the College Office.

CLASSROOM CODE OF CONDUCT

ACCEPT AND INCLUDE OTHERS

MEET THE TEAM



NAME: Mrs C Ruth

POSITION: Modern Foreign Languages Assistant / LSA

BEST HOLIDAY DESTINATION: Austria

FAVOURITE BAND: Take That

HOBBY: Gym

FAVOURITE FOOD: German Food

DID YOU KNOW? Mrs Ruth originally came from Berlin and was Head Girl for her School

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JOY, JOY, JOY

If these words are familiar to you then please come to our

PRAM SERVICE 30TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Join us in

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BRAINTREE

On

SATURDAY 5 JULY 2008

At

2.30 PM

RSVP: June Kirk - 01376 328541 or
Janet Bamforth - 01376 328406

TESCO COMPUTERS FOR SCHOOLS

Thank you all for collecting in a massive 19,800 vouchers. With the amount of vouchers that we collected last year the PE, Music and Drama Department have been able to get a new computer, 2 Xylophones and 4 Head Mounted Cameras. These items will enrich your child's education and mean that some lessons will have a new twist. We are now handling the collection duties to Mrs Bradley in the Languages Department!!!

Once again thanks for all of your collection duties.

Mr Edwards
Head of PE, Music & Drama

APOLOGIES

APOLOGIES - Last week's choir should have included **ELLIOT BOAKES** - Sorry Elliot

£100 PER WEEK

On the 21 June - 19 July, we have the opportunity to host four Chinese teachers, who will be part of a larger team.

All families involved will receive £400 for hosting each teacher.

Please contact the College if you are interested.

HEADTEACHER'S SURGERY TIMES

Monday 16 June 2008	2.00 pm
Thursday 19 June 2008	9.00 am

SCHOOL SHOES

A number of students have been coming to College in black canvas plimsoll type shoes.

Could parents/carers please note these are **not** part of the College's uniform code and that students need to wear **plain black leather shoes**.

Thank you for your support.

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THE MAKING OF THE PERFECT PREFECT

Now our year groups have moved up, we have appointed new Prefects from our new year 11. Students applied last term and were interviewed by a senior staff member (all good experience in itself), and 44 new Prefects were appointed. Each now have their new look badges, have been given their specified duties and have signed a contract agreeing to lead by example and behave as we would want any Prefect to behave. They have a considerable responsibility to support the raising of standards in College, and we feel confident they will do a great job.

As part of the induction process, Prefects took part in a Development Day on the 10th June, when some trainers from Team Thinking, supported by some College staff, took them through team building, leadership and problem solving skills, as well as getting them to reflect on their own measured personality profiles in order that they can better understand those with whom they will come into contact. As a follow up from the day, they each will receive their own resource pack very soon.

How was it for you? (some quotes)

“...the prefect training day was well organised and has enabled me to gain skills for the future”

“I felt at the end of the training day I was really part of the Prefect team – overall a good day”

“... it made people realise they need to work as a team and that everyone has strengths and weaknesses”

“... It helped develop speaking and listening skills ...I hope to use these later in life”

“... it was fun!... it helped me build my courage....my confidence”

Over the next few weeks a Head Boy and Girl, together with Deputies, will be chosen by nomination from within the Prefect Body and by staff recommendation.

We look forward to an exciting and challenging year working with our new Prefects and hope that all students will support them in their role.

Mrs Forster, Mrs Ogilvie and Mr Deeks

WELLBEING FAYRE 12 JULY 2008

Just a reminder to Parents/Guardians about the things we need for the Wellbeing Fayre!

Cake donations
Plant donations
Uniform
Books
Toys
Raffle prizes

Please note the cake and plant donations will not be required until the day before or on the morning of the fayre.

If any Parents/Guardians would like to help out at the fayre, then please contact Mrs Artus at the College.

All of the above can be sent to the College for the attention of Mrs Artus.

READING CHAMPIONS CLUB



In September the Boys' and Girls' (yes, the girls have not missed out this time!) Book Club will be launched, when the library has had its major refurbishment.

We will be holding a meeting on Wednesday 18 June in A5 at 1.25 pm. This will give us the opportunity to select books, and write reviews for the library. We also need to discuss future meeting times and the structure of the two groups (boys and girls).

So, if you would like to have a say about our new Book Club and the way the library can benefit the pupils of the college do come along. We look forward to seeing you there on the 18th.

Ms Whitaker - KS3 English Coordinator

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SNOWDON TREK

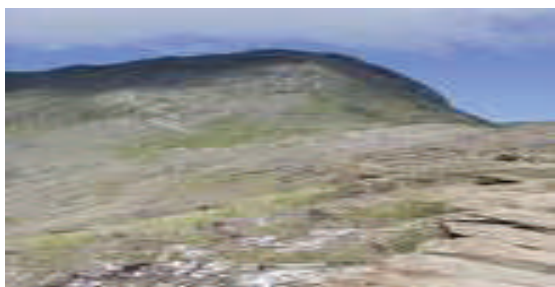
You may be aware that 20 members of staff and governors will be trekking up Snowdon on Saturday 21st June, to raise money for a College mini bus on behalf of our students.

We will leave Alec Hunter on Friday 20th at around 4pm and will return on Sunday 22nd; weather-beaten and bruised after our Trek up the mountain.

If any parent/guardian would like to sponsor the 20 brave members of staff/governors then please contact Mrs Artus at the College.

Below are names of the staff/governors who will be taking on this fantastic expedition:

Mrs L Artus, Mrs D Hewes, Mrs S Blackburn - Governor, Mr B Large, Mrs D Sewell - Governor, Mrs P Kirk, Mrs S Warrington, Miss M Potgeiter, Mr M Khaliq, Mr A Barber, Mrs E Govender, Mrs L Aylward, Mrs N Ogilvie, Mrs L Forster, Mrs V Porter, Mr A Hutchinson, Mr T Lawn, Miss A Dean, Mr H Birley, Mr I Griffiths



Route to be taken
'Watkins Path'



YR 11 MOCK EXAMS

Please note that mock exams for Year 11 are from the 23 to 27 June 2008.

Students should only attend school if they have an examination on that day. If not they will be off-timetable on study leave unless they have been asked to assist with Year 6 visits.

All students have been issued a copy of the exam timetable, but a copy is attached to this week's Herald.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Yr 8 Mitchell Miller
Yr 9 Dominick Wiseman

LISTENING CHAMPIONS

Yr 8 Marshall Lanham 8A

Yr 9 Sarah Smith 9A

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