



HERALD

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HEADLINES *from* ANDREW HUTCHINSON

Dear Family

Welcome to our final Herald of this academic year. As students and parents will know, when students return at normal time on the 2 June, each year group will have moved up a year. This means that our Year 7 will become Year 8, Year 8 will become Year 9, Year 9 will become Year 10 and Year 10 will become Year 11.

This new initiative has two main benefits. Firstly, our Year 9 into Year 10 students will start their options courses now that SATs are over and will have an additional 7 weeks of GCSE study. Secondly our Year 7 teachers will be able to meet their new students whilst they are still in Year 6 at their primary school.

Our Celebration Assemblies this week have been a great success with large numbers of students achieving high levels of achievement, progress and attendance. Well done to them all.

On Wednesday 11 June we are hosting an opportunity for parents, students, staff and governors to be involved in reviewing our College vision and direction. Please contact Mr Hutchinson at the College if you would like to attend.

New to our foyer, over the last week, have been three new letter boxes. These are for Governor suggestions, CYO Prayer Requests and our Bully Box! The first suggestion in the Governors Box was discussed by all Governors at their meeting on Wednesday this week, so thank you for the suggestion - more details inside the Herald.

May I take this opportunity to say well done for an excellent half term, with excellent progress, behaviour and attendance. Have a safe and relaxing half term.

STUDENT NAME

TERM DATES

SUMMER TERM - 2ND HALF

2 June - 18 July 2008

INSET DAYS

21, 22, 23 July 2008

HALF TERM

26 - 30 May 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 Miss Jones	Achievement Co-ordinator Mr Long	Achievement Co-ordinator Mrs Ogilvie	Achievement Co-ordinator Mrs Fletcher
KS3 DIRECTOR Mrs Richards			KS4 DIRECTOR Mrs Forster	
Learning Leader Mr Birley	Learning Leader Mr Hutchinson	Learning Leader Mrs Richards	Learning Leader Mr Large	Learning Leaders Mr Lawn and Mrs Forster

ARE YOU A BUILDER?

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.

This is as a result of the sad loss of Peter Goddard, who passed away recently, and led our Premises Governors Committee. All enquiries via the College office please.

CLASSROOM CODE OF CONDUCT

FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS

MEET THE TEAM



NAME: Miss C Birrell

POSITION: Teacher of Food Technology/Health and Social Care

FAVOURITE MUSIC: Anything Modern

BEST HOLIDAY DESTINATION: Turkey

HOBBY: Exercise and Fitness

FAVOURITE FOOD: Ice Cream

DID YOU KNOW? Miss Birrell works as a Personal Fitness Instructor.

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NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

On Monday 2 June students will start the new academic year with their tutors in their tutor rooms and they will be issued with their new timetables. New student organisers have been order for this date but students will need to bring in their current organisers to enable them to copy over any key information.

CITIZENSHIP COURSEWORK 'A' DEADLINE

All students / parents please note that Coursework A needs to be completed by 2 June 2008. Coursework makes up a total of 40% of the total GCSE so it is crucial that these are done to a good standard.

During the course the Year 10 students have been working on Coursework A in Citizenship. All students should be working on their final drafts over half term and bring in their final draft to their first lesson after half term in June.

If there are any problems or issues please see a member of staff from the Citizenship Department.

HEADTEACHER'S SURGERY TIMES

Tuesday 3 June 2008	3.00 pm
Thursday 5 June 2008	9.00 am

RSPCA FUND RAISING

A group of Year 7 students took part in a fund raising project for the RSPCA raising £20.00

We asked students to guess how many sweets were in the jar and the lucky winner was **Vicky Turner - 9R**

YEAR 9 SATS DISCO

Year 9 SATS Disco went very well and all students thoroughly enjoyed themselves .

'Nitetrain', as always, were brilliant and got everyone up and dancing.

A big thank you to Paula Humphries and her family for helping organise this event.

£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.

YEAR 8 CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

The following students received prizes at the Year 8 Celebration Assembly for:

- Clean Responsibility Card - **Lucy Allen and Maria Thomas - 8H**
- Most Pink Slips - **Daniel Norfolk - 8A and James King - 8T**

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GOVERNORS SUGGESTION BOX

Thank you to the student who made the suggestion regarding improving the Girls Toilets. Governors are very interested in this matter.

The Student Matters Committee visited all the toilets in the College on the 15 April and have been working with members of the College Council.

Any further suggestions regarding College improvements are welcome.

PRIDE IN YOUR WORK

We expect all students to continue to take pride in their work.

Leaders at the College, during recent lesson monitoring, have commented that some students have taken real pride in their exercise books / folders, whilst a few others have written or drawn over the covers.

From 2 June 2008, teachers will no longer tolerate new books or folders being defaced. Students who do this will be expected to cover books / folders or purchase new ones.

All students please remember to carry on taking pride in your work.

JACK PETCHEY AWARD

Well done to **Sarah Burnitt - Year 10**, who has won the Jack Petchey Award for May.

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