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HEADLINES *from* ANDREW HUTCHINSON

Dear Family

This week we welcome back our Year 10 students who have, by all reports, had an excellent work experience. I continue to receive letters of praise from employers from around the Braintree district, who cannot speak highly enough about the commitment and hardworking nature of our Year 10 group. Well done to them all. Further on in this Herald you will find comments and pictures from Year 10 work experience.



Following the May Day Bank Holiday our Year 9 students will go directly into SATs week. We have extremely

high expectations of this year group and expect some of our best ever results. Last minute support and details of the exam process are available on our website. Our SAM Learning website has past papers and exam questions available for each student at various levels.

We would remind all Year 9 students to double check that they know the level of exam they are entered for and come to exams fully prepared - for maths this includes a calculator and maths set.

We wish all our year 9 students a very successful exam period, where each of them can display their considerable talent.

We are preparing to send out our annual independently administered survey to parents and staff. This is important for us as we begin our next stage of improvement planning. Your response will help us to know where our next improvements should be. **PLEASE RETURN YOUR SURVEY.** We will publish the results in a future edition of the Herald.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT MONDAY 5 MAY IS A BANK HOLIDAY.

STUDENT NAME

TERM DATES

SUMMER TERM - 1ST HALF
14 April - 23 May 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

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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

CLASSROOM CODE OF CONDUCT

CONCENTRATE AND STAY ON THE TASK SET

MEET THE TEAM



NAME: Mrs Marina Mitchell

POSITION: Head of English

FAVOURITE MUSIC: Snow Patrol

BEST HOLIDAY DESTINATION: Maldives

HOBBY: Shopping / Spending money

FAVOURITE FOOD: Italian

DID YOU KNOW? Mrs Mitchell once represented England U18 at Netball.

LISTENING CHAMPIONS

YEAR 7: Yasmine Smith - 7H
Heather Hogan - 7U

YEAR 8: Callum Javens - 8N

YEAR 9: James Banks - 9N

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YEAR 11 STUDENTS - POST 16 EDUCATION

Are you going to college when you leave school? If so, you may be eligible for an allowance of up to £30.00 a week.

Visit www.getonthemove.org.uk for information about EMA, help with transport costs and other financial assistance eligibility, or ring 0845 603 2200. You can also get useful information about other aspects of continuing education.

Don't forget Frances and Amanda from Connexions are around in school on Tuesdays and Fridays for further advice.

Also Amanda is available for any YEAR 11 students on Tuesday 29 April on a 'drop in' basis.

YEAR 8 FRENCH THEATRE

On Monday 28 April, Year 8 were treated to a French production by the Daniel Roro Theatre Company.

Starting off outside a bistro, we were transported to a castle inhabited by an elf and met a puppet who called the pupils' monkeys! We also saw a dancing statue before being transported back to the bistro.

There was plenty of audience participation, especially when it came to making omelettes, although Perry Martin literally ended up with egg on his face!

A good time was had by all and we now know a bit more French.

PFSA

PARENTS, FRIENDS AND STAFF ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY 6 MAY 2008

7.30 - 9.00 PM

**CONFERENCE ROOM AT
ALEC HUNTER HUMANITIES COLLEGE**

**PLEASE COME ALONG AND GIVE YOUR
SUPPORT AND HELP TO RAISE FUNDS
FOR THE COLLEGE**

NEXT PFSA EVENT

YEAR 9 POST SATS DISCO

16 MAY 7.30 - 10.00 PM

TICKETS - £3.00

SEE MRS PORTER FOR DETAILS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

YEAR 7	Catarine Santos
YEAR 8	Amy Sherman
YEAR 9	Kaston Wakeling

HEADTEACHER'S SURGERY TIMES

Wednesday 7 May 2008	10.00 am
Friday 9 May 2008	2.00 pm

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Marc Latchford
Vets Practice at
Millennium Way

Bobby Pike
Goldingham Drive Pre-School

Kirsty Kemp (Benson)
PH20 Photography Ltd (Quadrant)

COMMENTS FROM WORK EXPERIENCE

'I didn't want work experience to end, they said they wanted me to stay. This has really helped me with my future careers and confidence'

'I really enjoyed it and have decided to go into accountancy and work in London'

I believe my experience at Woolworths was really enjoyable and worthwhile. Staff complimented me on my hard work and said I was the best ever student and guaranteed me a weekend job when I am 16'

'I enjoyed what I did, I had to edit people's photo to make them better looking!'

I gained a good experience of fabrics and customer service. I like window dressing and making a mannequin'

'Very tiring, will encourage me to work extra hard in school now so I only have to sit in an office when I am older!! Although I did get offered a Saturday job'

I think this work experience was excellent, I learnt loads and enjoyed every minute of it. I learnt about different disabilities and how to react to things'

'My work experience at the veterinary practice was fantastic, I learned so much. I am hopefully going back in the Summer and I am definitely going to try my best to become a veterinary nurse'

'I loved my placement and really didn't want to leave and cried when I left'

I have gained a lot of experience seeing the jobs and roles of everyone in a veterinary practice; I have decided that I still want to be a vet'

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BIRD FEEDERS

Dear Alec Hunter Community

Year 7 are making Bird Feeders as part of their active citizen project and every bird feeder sold will cost £1.00 each.

We have sold them to all of the teachers and are now targeting our local and further community. We have written to the Queen and Gordon Brown to see if they would like to purchase some. All of this money will go to the NSPCC.

We need certain equipment to make these bird feeders, such as string, lard, plastic bottles and bird seeds.

If you would like to purchase a bird feeder, or donate any of the above materials, please contact Mrs Hewes in the Citizenship Office.

GREEN, GREEN BINS EVERYWHERE

Danny Downes - 8T and Kieren Scott - 8T using the green recycling bins for the first time.

There are three bins designated around College on the three main playgrounds. Remember to put all your plastic and cans into these bins and not the other rubbish bins.

A CHANCE FOR STUDENTS TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FOR ALEC HUNTER HUMANITIES COLLEGE

The George Courtauld Educational Trust has provided us with application forms to provide grants for financial support for the purchase of books, tools or instruments to assist in the pursuit of education or training.

If you would like to apply for a grant for your school then visit Mrs Artus in the Citizenship Office.

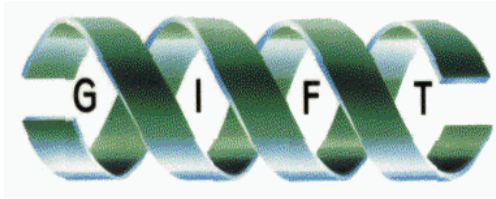
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GIFT, the leading European agency in the education of, and in provision for, the exceptionally able, presents courses for those who enjoy learning, argument, debate, opportunities for creativity and revelling in an academic challenge. The quality of the course is maintained by using lecturers with over 20 years of experience and an international reputation, all of whom are (post-)graduates with qualified teacher status specifically trained to work with highly able students.

The GIFT team run a number of course and event through out the year. Selected students from Alec Hunter Humanities College attend a weekend event in year 7 and always have a fantastic time. Details about Masterclasses and weekend residentials can be found on the notice board outside Mrs Hills' office or on the agency's website www.giftltd.co.uk. A list of future local events is given below:

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| 9-11 May | Residential Weekend Course for Years 7-9 in Hatfield Peverel, Essex. |
| 17 May | Masterclass for Years 7-11 at the Tate Britain Gallery, London. |
| 5 June | Masterclasses for Years 1-6 at Colchester, Essex. Contact (via CSN Ltd.) Graham Rushby 01206 241556. |
| 6-8 June | Residential Weekend Course for Years 7/8 in Hatfield Peverel, Essex. |
| 7 June | Masterclass for Years 7-11 at the Tate Britain Gallery, London. |
| 14 June | Masterclass for Years 7-11 at the Tate Britain Gallery, London. |
| 14 June | Masterclasses for Years 3-5 at Buttsbury School, Billericay, Essex. Contact (via school): Vaughan Collier 01277 623217. |
| 21 June | Masterclass for Years 7-11 at the Tate Britain Gallery, London. |
| 27-29 June | Residential Weekend Course for Years 7/8 in Ringwould, Kent. |
| 18-20 July | Residential Weekend Course for Years 8-11 in Hatfield Peverel, Essex. |
| 3-8 August | GIFT Summer School for Years 7-13 at Ringwould, Kent. |
| 10-15 August | GIFT Summer School for Years 7-13 at Ringwould, Kent. |
| 17-22 August | GIFT Summer School for Years 7-13 at Ringwould, Kent. |
| 17-19 October | Residential Weekend Course for Years 7/8 in Hatfield Peverel, Essex. |
| 14-16 November | Residential Weekend Course for Years 9-11 in Hatfield Peverel, Essex. |
| 5-7 December | Residential Weekend Course for Years 7/8 in Hatfield Peverel, Essex. |
| 4/5-9/10 April 2009 to be confirmed | GIFT's Fairy Tale Residential Easter School for Years 7-13 in Reinhausen Forest Castle, Germany. |

SPONSORSHIP (including assistance with travel costs) is available to those in financial hardship. Please contact Gabbitas Tomorrow's Achievers (Patricia Morse 0207 734 0161) or The Potential Trust (Anna Comino-James 01844 351666) for more details.

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