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HEADLINES *from* ANDREW HUTCHINSON

Dear Family

This week our Year 9 students have been hard at work sitting their annual SATS exams, we have very high hopes for their results, as they have worked hard in lessons, at after school booster classes and at our SATS on Saturday Seminars that we have run this year for the first time, in partnership with Notley High School. Well done to all students for their perfect behaviour during exams and to our dedicated, well-qualified and hard working team of teachers who have prepared them for their exams.

SATS RESULTS!



We already have one result from our SATS, when Examination Inspector, Sema Ford, attended the exams to check our procedures. We received the highest praise of "VERY GOOD" from our Inspector who was impressed with our exam organisation, invigilators and the behaviour and conduct of our students. A special thanks to Mrs Eve Govender, our Examinations Officer, who co-ordinates all of our exams so well, well

done!

UNIFORM

In view of students wearing their uniform so well and being so proud of their smart appearance, we are relaxing one part of our uniform in light of increasing temperatures.



Please see inside for details.

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

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

LISTENING CHAMPIONS

YEAR 7: Ellen Rose Franklin - 7N

YEAR 8: Ryan Sycamore - 8T

YEAR 9: Aimee Townsend - 9T

YEAR 10: Charlotte Foy - 10U

YEAR 11: Joe Hurley - 11E

CLASSROOM CODE OF CONDUCT

LISTEN TO OTHERS AND THEIR
VIEWS

MEET THE TEAM



NAME: Mr Matthew Russell

POSITION: Teacher of Music/Drama

FAVOURITE MUSIC: Film Scores

BEST HOLIDAY DESTINATION:
Essex

HOBBY: Hide 'n' Seek and Thumb War

FAVOURITE FOOD: Coleslaw

DID YOU KNOW? Mr Russell works voluntarily at the oldest cinema in the country as a Cinema Projectionist and once produced a film for Channel 4.

Mr Russell once got very upset when his gerbil, Jenny, died suddenly overnight.

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STAFF NEWS

MR ADAMS

We would like to confirm that **Mr Adams**, formerly of our Maths team, is no longer employed at the College following a long period of illness.

MISS GOODRUM

We were sad to hear that **Miss Goodrum**, who left us at Easter, has been rather ill and is in hospital at present. Our thoughts are with her and her family.

NEWSDAY 2008 - HIGHLY COMMENDED

Fantastic results for this year's Newsday competition. Well done to all our KS3 Newsday students. The Highly Commended award is equivalent to a second position and an improvement on last year's results of Commended.

Judges comments were complimentary, "I like the variety of topics and the layout of page 4. I also like the enthusiasm which comes through the whole newspaper".

You can view this year's entry and 2007 entry on the college website.

Participating students were:

Year 7: Lauren Sanders, Lucy Stanford-Eyre, Thomas Bearman

Year 8: Alexandra Card, Megan Craig, Alexandra Jenkins, Bronwyn Morley, Ben Phillips, Riannon King, Abigail Ruggles

Year 9: Jody Baxter, Katie Yeulett, Elliot Boakes, James Bruce, Declan Byrnes, Culzean Tate, James Pipe, Rebecca Perrin, Martin Lee, Catherine Millross, Amy Graham, Kirsty Collet

Well done to all involved.

HEADTEACHER'S SURGERY TIMES

Tuesday 13 May 2008 10.00 am
Thursday 15 May 2008 5.00 pm

JACK PETCHEY AWARD

The Jack Petchey award winner for April is Charlie Schofield. Well done Charlie.

He has not yet decided how to spend his prize money.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

YEAR 7 Nathan Sage
YEAR 8 Rosie Irons

ICE HOCKEY



Well done to **Rory Watson** in 11A who was awarded The Jack Petchey Achievement Award at Chelmsford last week and gained £300.00 for his Ice

Hockey club.

Also, over Easter Rory went to Scotland for an Ice Hockey Tournament with his team, Chelmsford Tomahawks. There were five teams competing and Chelmsford won overall.

The last game of the season was at Romford, which unfortunately was not a win but an excellent game.

Well done to Rory and his team.

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CITIZENSHIP NEWS

The school has been recognised for its outstanding efforts to work with the community and promote additional educational and recreational activities for the local community. The Citizenship department has been involved in many extra curricular activities with community links, Mrs Hewes and Mr. Khaliq have led on activities like the mock trial competition, the Essex law student visits for year 10 and the 'I'm a Councillor get me out of here' competition to name but a few.

Lisa Artus has also been very busy organising and running a series of events, such as the Christmas dinner, the rest centre project, the babysitting course and British Red Cross steering along with many others.

The award was given to local organisations that had been recognised as 'Community Champions'. The organisations selected ranged from church groups to community centres but Alec Hunter Humanities College was the only school there. The award certificate was given alongside £60 vouchers at Causeway House, Braintree on Tuesday evening. To receive the award and represent the school Elliot Boakes and Jemima Paine attended who have been very active in many of the extra curricular activities. They were accompanied by Mr Khaliq and Miss Dookhi.

A big well done to all staff and students who have worked hard to keep the school as a community champion, keep up the good work!

YEAR 7 - 2 SMART 4 DRUGS

On 25 April 2008, Year 7 went to Tabor Science College for a 2 Smart 4 Drugs Roadshow. We all enjoyed it very much and some lucky people got to go up on stage. The people that went up on stage got a prize of a Goodie Bag and in the bags there were mugs, DVDs and some people got basket balls!!

"We learnt about not using knives and the Comic Mike Gunn told us about his addiction to drugs and how he recovered. Bold MC, the DJ, advised us about bullying. We learnt a lot but it was fun".

Rhianna Cain and Tanya Bedding

Mrs Barnes and Mr Moreno were very proud of the Year 7's. Their behaviour was exemplary. They all looked very smart and participated on stage with great maturity.

One of the PCSO's said the "the Year 7's from Alec Hunter was the best behaved of the schools he had seen arrive at the Roadshow, their behaviour from arriving on the coaches, lining up waiting to enter and behaviour in the hall, was something to be proud of".

Miss Gulyas, Tutor of 7L, also participated on stage and won "the best dancer" award. What a lovely mover !! Well done Miss Gulyas.

PARENT/GOVERNOR VACANCY

We have a vacancy for a Parent/Governor at the College. If you are interested please contact the Office for more information.

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BritishRedCross



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SUMMER UNIFORM – 8 MAY 2008 – 18 JULY 2008

As a result of our students wearing their uniform with such pride and looking very well dressed, we want to acknowledge that for some it may get harder to comply to our high standard of uniform as the temperature rises.

All students must continue to wear full uniform to college and for Periods 1 and 2

From the end of Period 2 students can opt to remove their blazer without risk of having their Responsibility Card signed. This option is to enable students to be more comfortable on the hotter days. It is not compulsory for students to remove their blazers

All other uniform rules apply and students must continue to be correctly dressed with tie on and shirts tucked in. (During sporting activities outside and in some technology lessons ties may be removed for Health and Safety reasons)

Students on the field at lunch and break are expected to wear uniform at all times, failure to comply will result in their Responsibility Card being signed and repeat offenders may need to spend break/lunchtime inside College

Blazers must be taken home each day as students arriving for College in the morning, without blazers, will have their Responsibility Card signed and given a detention if they haven't got their card

No other coats, jackets or tops may be worn instead of the blazer

Sunglasses are not to be worn inside the College buildings.

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