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THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM ALEC HUNTER HUMANITIES COLLEGE 10 October 2008—Issue 6 Wk B

HEADLINES from ANDREW HUTCHINSON

Dear Family

We have this week welcomed many visitors to our College, who have taken part in our Open Evening and Open Morning activities for Year 6 students and their parents.

Well done to everyone involved in our excellent Open Evening, when over 500 guests toured the College. The first of our 'Special Features' in the Herald gives photographs and comments from the evening. Our evaluation sheets from our guests gave a very positive feel for the evening.

The winners of the best displayed department, a highly competitive challenge for each area, was won by our Science Department, closely followed by PE and Technology. The winners receive a financial prize for additional equipment in their area.

My special thanks to those who helped deliver our presentation to the guests over 2 sessions: **Rebecca Kooyman and Kieran Wheeler**—7E, **Charlotte Foy** (Head Girl) , **Jordan Miller** (Head Boy), **Luke Simpson** (Deputy Head Boy), **Gabriella Adams** (Deputy Head Girl) and **Mr Lawn**. Well done to everyone for an excellent event!

STUDENT NAME

TERM DATES

AUTUMN TERM

3 September - 19 December 2008

HALF TERM

27 - 31 October 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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LINE MANAGEMENT

Please find below our line management arrangements for students. The first point of call for enquiries should be your child's tutor and then their Pastoral Manager. Our Achievement Co-ordinators focus on your child's progress in lessons. Also included are the Leadership Group responsibilities for each Curriculum Area to help parents in knowing who to approach for assistance.

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
Form Tutors				
Mrs Barnes Pastoral Leader	Mrs Porter Pastoral Leader	Mrs Porter Pastoral Leader	Mr Deeks Pastoral Leader	Mr Deeks Pastoral Leader
Mr Moreno Achievement Co-ordinator	Mrs Stringer Achievement Co- ordinator	Miss Jones Achievement Co- ordinator	Mrs Stalker Achievement Co -ordinator	Mrs Ogilvie Achievement Co- ordinator
Mrs Richards Assistant Headteacher – KS3 Director			Mrs Forster Assistant Headteacher – KS4 Director	

Should you have a subject-related query, for example, homework, e-folio, the first port of contact should be with the class teacher. Listed below are the Heads of each Curriculum Area.

Subject	Head of Curriculum Area	Senior Leader
English	Mrs Mitchell	Mrs Forster
Maths	Mr Govender	Mrs Hills
Science	Mrs Stevens	Mrs Richards
Geography/History/RE	Mr Guilford	Mr Birley
Technology and Art	Mr Todd	Mr Hutchinson
French/German/Spanish	Mrs Bradley	Mr Lawn
ICT	Ms Walker	Mr Birley
PE/Drama/Music	Mr Edwards	Mrs Hills
Citizenship	Mrs Hewes	Mr Birley
Personal Development	Mrs Artus (Co-ordinator)	Mrs Richards

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

YEAR 7
Matthew Culham—7H

YEAR 8
Ashley Solomon—8A

YEAR 9
Daniel Grist—9H

LISTENING CHAMPIONS

YEAR 7
Lauren Seaman—7E

YEAR 8
Laura Rose—8T

YEAR 9
Ryan Sycamore—9T

COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN

CAD/CAM at Alec Hunter.

Pro Desk Top 3D Design V8 is now available for loan from the Library.

You can borrow a disc just like a book and return it after you have loaded it on to your computer.

Please see Mrs Pipe in the Library, or if you have any problems please speak to Mr Todd in Technology.

MEET THE TEAM



NAME: Mrs Lisa Forster

POSITION: Assistant Headteacher
(Director of KS4)

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION: Turkey

FAVOURITE MUSIC: Michael Bublé

FAVOURITE FOOD: Italian

FAVOURITE SPORT: Watching West Ham United

INTERESTS: Family, Reading and Music

DID YOU KNOW: Mrs Forster helped Billy Connolly when his car broke down.

HEADTEACHER'S SURGERY TIMES

13 October 2008 3.00 pm

16 October 2008 2.00 pm

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50TH AT ALEC

Are you a past student or member of staff from Alec Hunter Humanities College?

Would you like to celebrate your past achievements?

Have you any old photographs or other memorabilia from your time at Alec Hunter Humanities College or Alec Hunter High School?

Would you like to join us in commemorating 50 years of achievements from 1959 to 2009 with a host of celebrations throughout 2009?

Then if so and, if you haven't already contacted the College, please contact Mrs Artus on 01376 321813 or email

lisa.artus@alechunter.essex.sch.uk

RECYCLING

During break time on Thursday **Katie Ansett** 11N and **Jemma Bingham** 11R emptied their first batch of food for our compost bins from their Food Technology practical lesson.

The compost will be used on the produce that will be grown in the garden next year.

REMEMBER!

- To recycle plastics, paper and any other recyclable packaging
- Switch off light switches and use natural light whenever possible
- Turn off computers when not in use
- Turn off printers when not in use

ECO THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Buy low energy bulbs and save cash, carbon and inconvenience!

CLASSROOM CODE OF CONDUCT

COME PREPARED

YEAR 9 / YEAR 10 FOOD STUDENTS



Students wishing to attend the Good Food Show at the NEC on 27 November 2008, **MUST** get the £30 fee to Mr McColl / Miss Birrell by Monday 13 October latest.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Calling all parents/guardians and relatives of Alec Hunter students!

We are hoping to get together a Christmas Fayre for our community in December and would like to know if anybody makes Christmas arts and crafts and would like to set up a stall at our Fayre, help out on the day or even be one of Santa's little helpers?

The Fayre will be on Saturday 13th December inside Alec Hunter College with a Santa's Grotto, hot refreshments, student stalls, Alec Hunter choir, raffle, Fair Trade, Little Havens, Starbucks and much more.

If you are interested then please contact Mrs Artus - 01376 321813 or lisa.artus@alechunter.essex.sch.uk

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OPEN EVENING

On Tuesday 7 October 2008 we held our Open Evening where many of our prospective parents had a chance to visit the College and speak to students and staff and over 250 students gave up their evening to help out. At the end of the evening, parents were asked to complete a questionnaire, please find below some of the comments made:

“Good school—nice friendly helpful students”

“It is getting a lot better”

“A brilliant evening”

“I thought it was well-organised . The staff and pupils were very approachable and friendly”

“Amazed at how far the school has come forward in the past two years”

“Excellent—Well done”

“Very helpful”

“Pupils excellent at answering questions and giving tour—well done”

“Excellent—All the students were very friendly”

“I now have no worries sending my child here”

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CLIC SARGENT CANCER CHARITY

On Thursday 9 October 2008, Karen from the CLIC Sargent Cancer Charity came into College to accept a cheque for £500 which was raised at the Wellbeing Fayre.

Thank you to everyone who helped raise this tremendous amount.

In Citizenship our Year 7 students have decided that they would like to put together a hamper for Harvest Festival, to donate to members of the Community.

Donations are already coming in from students and if any parents/guardians have any spare cans, rice, noodles, pasta etc, please give them to Mrs Hewes or Mrs Artus in the Citizenship office by Friday 17 October 2008.

Thank you in advance!

HARVEST FESTIVAL

FIRE DRILL

On Monday 6 October 2008 we had a fire drill which subsequently led to a temporary fault in our fire bell system. This meant that students needed to remain outside on the Tennis Courts for slightly longer than normal.

The staff were very impressed with the behaviour and conduct of students who remained so perfectly behaved and silent.

WELL DONE EVERYONE

ALEC HUNTER HUMANITIES COLLEGE FLEECE

A number of students have asked if they can purchase the new Alec Hunter fleece that our Office team are wearing.

They are available in black with gold Alec Hunter Humanities College logo in a range of sizes and at a cost of £15.00.

If you would like to purchase a fleece, please request an order form from the Office or visit the downloads section of our website.

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FREE CLASSES FOR THE COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY BOOK CLUB

Have you ever wanted to discuss a book or ask questions about specific themes in a novel?

Perhaps you would like to explore different points of view?

If so contact Linda Whitaker on 01376 321813 or come along to Alec Hunter Humanities College on the first Thursday of every month (except during school holidays) from 7pm

Refreshments will be provided



LOCAL HISTORY CLASSES

Weekly classes
10 week course
Alec Hunter Humanities College

We are looking to start on
Wednesday 8 October 2008
7.30 - 8.50pm

ALL WELCOME

*Email: Lisa Artus at
lisa.artus@alechunter.essex.sch.uk
for more details or to register*



ICT CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS

WEEKLY CLASSES
6 WEEK COURSE

ALEC HUNTER HUMANITIES COLLEGE

WEDNESDAY 7.30 - 8.30 PM
STARTS 5 NOVEMBER 2008

*Email: Mark Hammond at
Mark.hammond@alechunter.essex.sch.uk*

For more details



FREE ENGLISH CLASSES

*Is English your second language?
Do you want to improve your
English language skills?*

If so, Alec Hunter Humanities College will be holding free classes from 7 - 8 pm every Wednesday from 1 October 2008

*To enrol, please contact Mrs Lisa Artus at
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Tel: 01376 321813 or
Email on
lisa.artus@alechunter.essex.sch.uk*

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