



HERALD

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM ALEC HUNTER HUMANITIES COLLEGE 14 November 2008—Issue 10 Wk B

HEADLINES from ANDREW HUTCHINSON

Dear Family

This week's assemblies have been focused on Appearance Matters. Students have been reminded that what we look like says a lot about what we are like. Please see inside this week's edition of the Herald a reminder of our uniform and appearance codes.

On Tuesday this week we saw the launch of our Emergency Rest Centre Plan, with a large number of guests from the Community. Alec Hunter Humanities College proved its community cohesion when speakers, including our own **Jemima Paine, Elliot Boakes, Mrs Hewes** and Mrs Artus were joined by Braintree District Council's Chief Executive Alan Reid. Well done to everyone involved for a great evening.

Following a successful Parents' Evening on Wednesday for year 9, when attendance by parents was lower than at our normal Student Parent Teacher Consultation days, many families visited the new Braintree Sixth Form on Thursday. This evening was the first opportunity for parents and students to see first-hand the exciting opportunities to study at Braintree Sixth Form. Many thanks to **Megan Bowler, David Kemp, Roxanne Chan, Declan Byrnes** and **James Bruce**.



STUDENT NAME

TERM DATES

AUTUMN TERM

3 November—19 December 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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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

YEAR 7—Connie Slater

YEAR 8—Harriet Knight
Callum Ringer

YEAR 9—Laura Wiffen
Luci-Mae Jensen

LISTENING CHAMPIONS

YEAR 7 Sonal Singadia

YEAR 8 Tom Wells

YEAR 9 Daniel Flint

GOOD FOOD SHOW THURSDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2008

Could all Year 9 and Year 10 students who are going on the above trip please note the following:

Smart and Correct uniform to be worn. Coats etc can be left on the coach at the NEC.

Coach departs at 06.30 sharp.

VACANCY

**Catering Assistant / Midday Supervisor
10 Hours a Week**

**For further details please contact
Miss G Ashby at Alec Hunter Humanities College
01376 321813**

MEET THE TEAM



NAME: Mr Ben Ryder

POSITION: Trainee IT Technician

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION: Zante

FAVOURITE FOOD: Pizza

FAVOURITE SPORT: Football

FAVOURITE FOOTBALL TEAM: Manchester United

INTERESTS: Football, Formula 1 and Basketball

DID YOU KNOW: Ben is a quarter Portuguese.

HEADTEACHER'S SURGERY TIMES

Monday 17 November 11.00 am

Thursday 20 November 3.30 pm

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PARENT KNOW HOW

Services for all parents

Helpline: Parentline 0808 800 2222 (Open 24 hours a day 365 days a year)

Round the clock confidential help and advice for all parents and carers—www.parentlineplus.org.uk

Instant Messaging: Live Talk

Online Instant Messaging Service for parents, particularly fathers, to engage easily with relationship support services—www.relateforparents.org.uk

SMS Text Messaging: Relate SMS Service

An SMS service offering parents support from a trained consultant
Text **60616** www.relateforparents.org.uk

To be added to the *Parent Know How* E-Bulletin mailing list or to contact the *Parent Know How* team, please email:

Parent.know-how@dcsf.gsi.gov.uk

STUDENT MOTIVATION COURSE

Positively Mad Mastering Student Motivation Course on Monday 23 February 2009. All Yr 9 and Yr 10 students will take part in a 2-hour session during the College day.

HEALTHY SCHOOL WEEK POSTER COMPETITION

Congratulations to **Sam Cybichowski** from 7U who won the recent Poster Competition during Healthy School Week. See his poster elsewhere in the Herald.

YEAR 7 TEA PARTIES

Please be advised that due to circumstances beyond our control, we have had to cancel the Great Bradfords Tea Party which was due to be held on Monday 17 November 2008.

CLASSROOM CODE OF CONDUCT

FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS

YEAR 7 STUDENTS

Do you need help with computers or e-portfolio, if so why not come to A5 on a Friday lunchtime—1.05-1.50.

If you can't make Friday lunchtime the Library is open after college every day from 3.20-5.00 pm.

ANTI BULLYING COMPETITION

Well done to Lucy Stanford-Eyre 8E who won the anti-bullying poem competition.

A small extract is given below:

I blinked the tear from my eye,
Trying hard not to cry.
If you saw you'd make me hurt,
And act if I was no more than dirt.

I scream for you to stop, and then try to run,
You said not until the job is done,
You'd punch and jeer, kick and spit,
So that I couldn't throw even a tiny hit.

Now he is gone, because of his crime,
I am overjoyed, and at peace of mind.
So to help yourself and put your mind at rest,
Telling someone is the best.

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HUMANITIES STUDENT OF THE MONTH—OCTOBER 2008

- YEAR 11 - **Kelly Speller**
Outstanding Effort and Enthusiasm in History
- YEAR 10 - **Jack Dunne**
Effort and Enthusiasm in History
- YEAR 9 - **Dominic Wiseman**
Contributions to class discussion and work in History
- YEAR 8 - **Jack Jordan**
Good work in Geography
- YEAR 7 - **Lucy Carpenter**
Good work in Geography

REST CENTRE PRESENTATION

On Tuesday 11th November 2008 Alec Hunter Humanities College was presented with a 'Rest Centre Information' booklet by Allen Reid, Chief Executive of Braintree District Council.

The booklet was devised by Mrs Artus, Dawn Hewes and the following students; **Jemima Paine, Elliot Boakes, Tom Kendall, Bryony Collett, Stacey Dunlop, Fenton Rudkin, Danielle Sewell, Ellen Rose Franklin, Megan Vickers and Luke Durban**. It was commissioned by Braintree District Council Emergency Planning Department as Alec Hunter Humanities College is classed as a Rest Centre in the event of a disaster happening within the area and the booklet will be used by Braintree District Council and Emergency services in the event of a disaster or flood, where the Community of Braintree will congregate at Alec Hunter Humanities College ready to be supported by Braintree Council and the Emergency Services.

The evening was attended by members of our community, Braintree Council, students and their parents, members of staff, The Citizenship Foundation, Essex Curriculum Advisors, Primary School Heads and various VIPs within the Community, who all applauded Alec Hunter Humanities College's stance within the community and our students' hard work.

SCIENCE REVISION GUIDES

Year 10 and 11 students. Please ask your science teacher for a letter showing your choices in buying revision books. Return completed letter and money to your teacher to purchase the guides.

Year 7, 8 and 9 students please see Mr Booth.

Revision guides can be used to prepare for exams and to help with your homework.
Mrs Stevens

CHILDREN IN NEED

Well done to **Roxanne Fowler** who has raised £70 by selling Pudsey Bear biscuits to friends, family and around the College.

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Mr Moreno, who is Alec Hunter Humanities College own Strictly Come Dancing Champ!! Please see the article elsewhere in the Herald.

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PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES

We have vacancies on our Governing Body for parents who would like to get involved with the governance of our College.

As a Parent Governor the main qualification needed is to have a child of school age and a desire to get involved with a rapidly improving Specialist College.

You do not need to know a governor to be recommended and you do not need any previous experience. Excellent training and job satisfaction are the rewards for this great volunteering opportunity.

For more details contact Mrs Julia Harvey, Clerk to the Governors, at Alec Hunter Humanities College on 01376 321813.

VIDEO AND PHOTOGRAPHY

A reminder that students are not permitted to use mobile phone cameras or cameras in College without permission from staff. In order to protect all children from unwanted photo or video use, we ask that all students seek permission before using photographic equipment.

Students are aware of our clear rules regarding the use of mobile phones. If these are brought to College, which we do not recommend, they should only be used, or visible, in outside areas.

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COLLEGE UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Boys and Girls:

Black blazer with Alec Hunter badge
Plain white shirt—button up to collar
Black tailored trousers or skirt
Black socks or tights
Black low-heeled leather/leather look shoes
Round neck or v-neck black jumper (optional)
Clip on Alec Hunter tie

PE Kit (Outdoor):

Boys and Girls: Black and White striped rugby
Shirt
Black shorts
Black socks
Football Boots

Optional Extra: When cold—plain black
Jogging bottoms

PE Kit (Indoor):

Boys and Girls: White T Shirt
Black shorts
White socks
Training shoes

Jewellery is restricted to plain ear studs (a small nose stud is allowed) and a watch. No jewellery can be worn for PE lessons - this includes studs. Outside coats are requested to be in a dark, plain colour. Students are also not allowed to wear make up. The College has clear policies on mobile phones and electrical equipment which are not encouraged in college. Hair styles must be of a natural colour and in no way extreme. Short hair cuts should be no less than a No. 2.

All clothing items should be labelled with the student's name. The College cannot be held responsible for any loss.

APPEARANCE MATTERS

Hair

Whilst it is understood that fashionable hair is important to young people, certain styles will not be permitted in College. This includes the following:

- Severe spiking
- Extreme gelling
- Any colours that are not a natural hair colour
- Tram lines or any 'artwork' shaped into hair
- Crops shorter than a 'number 2'

Jewellery

Jewellery is not permitted, although students may wear a watch.

With regards to piercings, a single small nose stud and a single small stud in each ear is all that is permitted.

Other

Narrow width, plain black belts are all that is permitted.

Students wearing trainers for medical reasons will be expected to have a doctor's note. Students wearing trainers because shoes are broken, will be expected to have new shoes by the beginning of the following week.

Students who do not comply with uniform rules may:

- Have their Responsibility Card signed once, even if they have a note
- Be removed from lessons for serious uniform infringements
- Be given time to rectify

A member of the senior Leadership Group will make a decision based on each particular infringement. Their decision will be final

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Science Year 10 and 11 Revision program 3.30-4.30pm

Core Science Unit 2 B2,C2,P2—Year 11 resits—Exam 15 January

Wednesday 19th November -Keeping Healthy - Higher – Mrs Richards – F7

Thursday 20th November – Material Choices- Higher- Mr Booth –F6

Wednesday 26th November- Radiation and Life- Foundation- Mr Lee – F4

Thursday 27th November- Radiation and Life- Higher- Mr Lee – F4

Applied Science Year 10

Wednesday 26th November – Agriculture and Food- - Mrs Stevens- F5- *Exam 15th January*

Wednesday 26th November – Scientific Detection -Miss Large- F8- *Exam 19th January*

Thursday 27th November – Life Care- Mrs Hoenderkamp- F2- *Exam 21st January*

Core Science Unit 1- B1,C1,P1—Year 10 and Year 11 resits—Exam 12 January

Wednesday 3rd December – You and Your genes- Mrs Mackinnon-Dawson- F8

Thursday 4th December- Air Quality- Mrs Stalker- F3

Wednesday 10th December- The earth in the Universe- Mr Lee – F4

Core Science Unit 3- B3,C3,P3—Year 11 only—Exam 19 January

Wednesday 7th January – Food Matters – Mrs Stevens – F5

Thursday 8th January – Life On Earth – Mrs Richards –F8

Wednesday 14th January – Radioactive Materials – Mr Lee – F4

Additional Science unit 1- B4,C4,P4—Year 11 resits only—Exam 21 January

Monday 12th January- Chemical Patterns- Mrs Stalker- F3

Thursday 15th January- Homeostasis- Mrs Hoenderkamp- F2

Friday 16th January- Explaining Motion – Mr Booth – F6

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