



HERALD

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM ALEC HUNTER HUMANITIES COLLEGE 17 July 2009—Issue 36 Wk A

HEADLINES from ANDREW HUTCHINSON

Dear Family

This is the last Herald of this term and it has been a very successful time for the College, with some significant achievements by a wide range of members from our College community.

Last week saw an excellent Sports day with incredible participation from students, all taking part in the culmination of our termly healthy week. At Sports day some long standing records were broken. Well done to: **Martin Lee, Ricky Wiggins, Molly Lincoln, Chloe Beckett, Connor Chambers and Mark Draper**

We were delighted to welcome Mr Rosling who came and presented the prizes to this year's winners. Mr Rosling is the current holder of Boys 100m and Boys 200m from 1960.

Individual winning tutor groups were:

Year 8	8N
Year 9	9R
Year 10	10L
Year 11	11H

A reminder that our new term for Year 8-11 students starts on Monday 7 September at 8.45 am (Week A), all students should report to their tutor rooms. Our new Year 7 students will start with a Teambuilding Day on Friday 4 September (non uniform).

We wish all our families a safe and healthy Summer break.

STUDENT NAME

TERM DATES

AUTUMN TERM
7 September— 18 December
HALF TERM
26—30 October

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
jackie.jackson@alechunter.essex.sch.uk
Text: 07781474810

EARLY CLOSURE

**ON FRIDAY 17 JULY 2009 COLLEGE
WILL CLOSE AT
1.05 PM FOR THE SUMMER BREAK.**

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CLASSROOM CODE OF CONDUCT

COME PREPARED

LISTENING CHAMPIONS

YEAR 8 **Abigail Peevason**

YEAR 9 **Kirsty Luckin**

HEADTEACHER'S SURGERY TIMES

Tuesday 8 September 2009 3.30 pm

Friday 11 September 2009 9.00 am

MESSAGE FROM ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Let the English Department help you to de-clutter your cupboards this Summer!

As from September, the English Department is on a mission to actively promote and encourage reading within the College - that's for both students and teachers. We are looking to create a lively and varied book collection within the College suitable for all ages, interests and abilities. The collection will be used by everyone and in a variety of activities.

Please bring your unwanted books to your English teacher when we return in September.

UNIFORM STANDARDS

We are looking at ways to enhance our uniform standards further. We regularly receive praise and kind words from our visitors and members of the public, regarding how smart our students look. This Summer there have been two issues that have, we feel, let students' presentation down:

Skirt length for girls: In order to maintain our high standards of dress and reduce possible embarrassment, or problems, for female students, we plan to introduce guidance on the length of skirt that is acceptable as uniform.

Hair colours and designs: Our present uniform states that "hair colouring is restricted to natural colour only with no unnatural styles and no shorter than a No. 2".

We would like to include in this, that mixtures of hair colour or hair colour patterns that are unnatural are also not allowed.

Could parents please respond to these suggestions via the College, in writing, as part of the consultation process. We would appreciate you discussing these matters with your children.

BITE CARD SCHEME

As from the 1 July 2009, the BITE card will only be available through the application form process.

Changes can be found on the Essex County Council website for young people to read about the changes.

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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 Porter Pastoral Leader	Mrs Porter Pastoral Leader	Mr Deeks Pastoral Leader	Mr Deeks Pastoral Leader
	Mrs Ogilvie Achievement Co-ordinator	Mrs Stringer Achievement Co-ordinator	Miss Jones Achievement Co-ordinator	Mrs Stalker 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	Mr Hutchinson
Maths	Mr Govender	Mrs Hills
Science	Mrs Stevens	Miss Leack
Geography/History/RE	Mr Guilford	Mrs Hills
Technology and Art	Mr Todd	Miss Leack
French/German/Spanish	Mrs Bradley	Mr Lawn
ICT	Ms Walker	Mr Birley
PE/Drama/Music	Mr Edwards	Mr Lawn
Citizenship	Mrs Hewes	Mr Birley
Personal Development	Mrs Artus (Co-ordinator)	Mrs Richards

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COMMUNITY CARD

Remember you can collect a Chelmsford Star Community Card from the college, to help raise money for Alec Hunter and earn points for yourself

CHEERLEADERS IN NEED OF SPONSORSHIP

Alec Panthers have been running for about three months now with twelve student members, who attend every Wednesday on a regular basis.

To enable the team to attend events and competitions, they will need sponsorship for their uniforms.

If you are a business that would be willing to sponsor our Cheerleading team, the Alec Hunter Panthers, then please contact Mrs Artus on 01376 321813 or email lisa.artus@alechunter.essex.sch.uk

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

The College office will be closed from Friday 31 July 2009 to Friday 14 August and Friday 28 August to Tuesday 1 September 2009.

At other times, the office will be open from 9.00 am—3.00 pm.

COLLECTION OF UNIFORM ORDERS

If you have placed orders with the college office for uniform, they will be available to collect on the following dates during the Summer holidays:

Tuesday 18 August 9.00—12.00

Tuesday 25 August 9.00—12.00

Tuesday 1 September 2.00—4.00

The College uniform shop will be closed at other times during the Summer holidays and will reopen on Tuesday 8 September from 3.20—4.00 pm.

LOST PROPERTY

We have quite a lot of lost property in the College office: glasses, keys, watches and PE bags. The College office will be open for lost property enquiries on Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 July. Any items not claimed by the beginning of the Autumn term will be given to charity.

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ALEC HUNTER CONTINUES TO SUPPORT NATIONAL CHARITIES

Members of the community attended 'Afternoon Strawberry Tea', at Alec Hunter Humanities College on Monday 6th July, in support of Breast Cancer Care and raised over £80.

The afternoon was supported with refreshments from Starbucks at Freeport, cakes donated by parents and staff, a raffle and **Hazel Walker**, a student of Alec, gave a beautifully poignant singing performance, to end the event, bringing a tear to everyone's eyes.

In addition to this, students from Mrs Hewes' Citizenship class, **Charlotte Slater, Holly-Rose Scollard, Georgie Few and Courtney Lawrence** sold cakes all week to members of staff that they had baked themselves, to help raise additional money and **another student; Anna Marshall**, made a large chocolate cake which had "Cancer Research" written in silver cake decorations, as an additional raffle prize.

Mrs Artus; Community Development Co-ordinator for Alec Hunter said "She would like to thank Clare Pipe, Dawn Hewes, staff at Alec Hunter and Sarah Pearce; Manager of Starbucks, for supporting the event. "It's always a pleasure having our community visit the college, helping us to support events and projects, making our community unity stronger each time."

JUNIOR MASTERCHEF COMPETITION

On Saturday 27th June Tabor Science College hosted the first Braintree Junior Master Chef Competition for students in Year 5 to 8. Following heats in primary and secondary schools 12 students from across the town gathered to compete for the title of Junior Master Chef 2009. Alec Hunter Humanities College was represented by:

Year 5: Kristyn Taylor—Beckers Green

Year 6: Paige Elvin - Silver End

Year 7: Adan Benkerri

Year 8: Kirsty Luckin

The students had one hour to prepare a healthy dish of their own choice with ingredients costing less than £5. The standard was amazing and the judges took over half an hour to choose the winners.

Congratulations go to Adam who won the Year 7 prize.

ART EXHIBITION MONDAY 13 JULY 2009

Our first Year 12 Art Exhibition was an outstanding success on Monday. Guests and parents were able to view an incredible depth of talent that our students displayed.

Many thanks for the very many kind remarks that were left in our comments book and well done to Mrs Hilton and Claire Forster, our new Display Technician, for putting on such an excellent show.

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