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THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM ALEC HUNTER HUMANITIES COLLEGE 21 November 2008—Issue 11 Wk A

HEADLINES *from* ANDREW HUTCHINSON

Dear Family

This week we have held the first of our new look Awards Evenings. Students have been awarded certificates and new subject progress and attendance related blazer badges.

Students who have won awards are justifiably proud of their achievements and will be seen from today with their new badges, well done to them all and to all staff involved with this special evening, which was masterminded by Deputy Headteacher, Mr Lawn.

Heads of Departments and Pastoral Teams paid tribute to each award winner, whilst our invited guests were treated to a visual presentation which clearly displayed their achievements. Congratulations for an excellent evening.

Students who did not receive awards last night, can rightly ask what they need to do to ensure they receive a prize next year. Below are our 'secrets to success':

- Concentrate fully in every lesson, always being willing to participate in learning activities
- Ensure they complete homework on the night it is set, always working for the correct amount of time, as specified in the student planner
- Re-draft work to ensure their final piece is the best work they can produce
- Ensure they meet all deadlines for homework, class work and coursework
- Revise fully for any tests
- Present their work to the best of their ability
- Ensure they are organised and have brought the correct equipment and books to every lesson

SEE INSIDE THIS WEEK'S HERALD FOR A LIST OF OUR AWARD WINNERS.

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—Adam Benkerri

YEAR 8—Emily King

YEAR 9—Alex Jenkins
Ryan Sycamore

LISTENING CHAMPIONS

YEAR 7 Aaron Wainwright

YEAR 8 Sadie Glock

YEAR 9 Jamie Copus

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: Mrs Helen Stevens

POSITION: Head of Science

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION: Scotland, New Zealand or Thailand

FAVOURITE FOOD: Thai or Curry

FAVOURITE SPORT: Rugby

FAVOURITE MUSICIAN: Cortney Pine

INTERESTS: Travel, Food and Reading

DID YOU KNOW: Mrs Stevens has a cat that talks to her!!

HEADTEACHER'S SURGERY TIMES

Monday 24 November	9.30 am
Friday 28 November	3.00 pm

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PARENT KNOW HOW

Services for parents of teenagers

Web and social media:

Got a teenager?

An online 'school gate' community supporting
Parents of teenagers

www.gotateenager.org.uk
www.parentlineplus.org.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.

PFSA

**PFSA MEETING
MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2008
A3 AT ALEC HUNTER HUMANITIES COLLEGE
7.30—9.00 PM**

ALL WELCOME

****NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS URGENTLY NEEDED TO ENSURE
THAT THE PFSA CONTINUES TO RAISE FUNDS TO SUPPORT
THE COLLEGE AND STUDENTS****

CLASSROOM CODE OF CONDUCT

BE SAFE BE KIND BE RESPONSIBLE

YEAR 7 STUDENTS

Do you need help with computers or e-
folio, if so why not come to A5 on a Fri-
day 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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to **Cameron Ayling in 9H**
who recently won a national prize for
the fattest sunflower head—46 cm
wide.

He won two trees and £50 in Wyevale's
vouchers for the College. Congratula-
tions Cameron.

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**ABLE, GIFTED AND TALENTED
GEOGRAPHY WORKSHOP
SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2008**

On arrival in the classroom, Mrs Legg our teacher for the morning introduced herself to us.

The first task was to watch video clips of places that could be the most dangerous place to live.

Next we had to write on the whiteboard which one we thought was the most dangerous. Mrs Legg then told us the most dangerous of all of them was rivers or lakes because they flood. On a sheet we had to highlight the high, low and medium risk places in the world.

We watched a video about hurricanes and how they form. BREAKTIME I had Apple Crisps and a Tropical Drink yum!!

Then we made our own hurricane models to show how a hurricane forms. We then told each other how our model worked to show the teacher that we understood the task.

We looked at a GCSE paper and discussed what Geography covers eg Political, Social, Economical and Environmental. We were then told the answers to the GCSE paper (I thought the paper was okay).

Finally we watched a video with a song in it about hurricanes.

I thought the day was very good because I learnt lots more about hurricanes and geography than I used to know.

Aidan Franklin—7L

LOST

A student has lost a Navy Blue Hoody with 'Fall Out Boy' on the front.

If found please return to the College office.

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

LIBRARY

The following titles have recently been added to the Library stock:

Where's Wally
Sacher, L. Holes
Murray, P. Monkee Joe is coming
Glatshytyn, Y. Emil and KARL
Singleton, J. Angel Blood
Limb, S Zoe, Chloe on the Prowl
Arrigan, M. Chocolate Moon
Garnett, E. The family from one end street
McDonald, M. Judy Moody gets famous
Ahlberg, A. The boyhood of burglar bill
Gleitzman, M. Boy Overboard
Gleitzman, M. Two weeks with the queen
Wilkins, R. I Love Genie wishful thinking
Kuijjer, G. The book of everything
Hornby, N. About a Boy
Colfer, E. The legend of Spud/Murphy
Coleman, M. Squabbling Squads
Rabb, M.E. Missing Persons
Shan, D. Lord Loss
Breslin, T. Prisoner In Alcatraz
Rennison, L. Angus thongs and full frontal snogging

QUICK READERS: A selection of titles

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TRIDENT

We were thrilled when approached by Ian Poulter, Regional Director of Trident from Edexcel, asking us to take part in a promotional DVD which is to be launched in all schools nationwide!

As one of the first schools in Essex to go live with “Trident on line” last year, two of our current Year 11 students: **Antoinette Gilmartin** and **Adam Artus** along with Mrs Pipe were invited to be interviewed about their personal experiences of choosing work placements.

The film crew spent the day in college shooting interviews and corridor scenes. One of the crew recently worked on the new James Bond movie—what a comparison!

Everyone involved commented on the excellent behaviour and enthusiasm of our students, especially Antoinette, Adam and members of 7A.

Despite the excitement of the day, Mrs Pipe would rather keep her day job.

The following letter was received from Mr Ian Poulter:

Dear Margaret and Andrew, I am most grateful to you both for the support you and your schools has given recently to Trident from Edexcel finding time to be involved in the recent film making to support the rollout of the Trident on Line placement selection tool as piloted in Essex. I have now seen the promotional film and am glad to see your schools represented so positively. Please convey my thanks to all those staff involved and to those students who represent themselves and the two schools so well.

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4 STARS

On Wednesday 19th November 2008 Mrs Artus, **Maria Thomas and Abbie Pillet** attended a Young Essex Assembly Awards Ceremony.

While they were there they were awarded with 4 stars for all the hard work that the College have carried out with regard to recycling, compost and going forward in making Alec Hunter Humanities College a more environmentally friendlier place to be, since signing the 'Green Pledge' earlier in the year.

The Green Pledge was set up about 2 years ago by Essex County Council and a group of teenagers who were passionate about the environment. Since then they have worked hard to get schools, playgroups and youth clubs on board to support their cause. With this in mind they asked various organisations to sign The Green Pledge and go forward with taking part in their mission.

Throughout the day Abbie and Maria took part in a 'Junk' Fashion show, where they decided to use Mrs Artus as their guinea pig and dress her up in recycled materials, furthermore Abbie and Maria did such a good job that they won the event.

They also listened to a presentation on recycling plastic bottles and the Woodland Trust's work within Essex, took a tour of the stadium and planted Acorn trees with representatives from the Woodland Trust.

At the end of the day they were given more trees and bushes by the Woodland trust that could be planted around the College.

Well done to Mrs Artus, Maria and Abbie and well done to Alec Hunter!

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.

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.

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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 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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AWARDS EVENING

Congratulations to the following students who won awards at the recent Awards Evening:

YEAR 8

Kyle	Allen	8A	100% Attendance	
Charlie	Joy	8A	R.E.	
Joshua	Lam	8A	100% Attendance	
Marshall	Lanham	8A	Progress	
Samuel	Keeley	8E	Progress	
Jack	Morter	8E	Progress	
Jade	Murrell	8E	French	Progress
Lucy	Stanford-Eyre	8E	ICT	
Megan	Scott	8H	Progress	
Summer	Thompson	8H	100% Attendance	
Josh	Wright	8H	Music	
Jessica	Creane	8L	Science	
Emma	Norris	8L	Maths	
Nathan	Sage	8L	100% Attendance	
Tanya	Bedding	8N	100% Attendance	
Connor	Willis	8N	100% Attendance	
Naomi	Beadle	8R	100% Attendance	
Hannah	Burnitt	8R	English	
Samuel	Hardy	8R	Technology	
Jordan	Lowen	8R	P.E.	
Thomas	Bearman	8T	100% Attendance	
Natalie	Cox	8T	Drama	
Shannon	Cullen	8T	Progress	
Katie	Morley	8T	Citizenship	
Danielle	Sewell	8T	Geography	100% Attendance
Chloe	Taylor	8T	100% Attendance	
Heather	Hogan	8U	Progress	
Ewa	Maciag	8U	Art	
Brett	Nial	8U	100% Attendance	
Sydoni	Sands	8U	History	
Nikol	Valchanova	8U	100% Attendance	

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AWARDS EVENING

YEAR 9

Alexandra	Card	9A	German	
Megan	Craig	9A	Technology	Progress
Ashley	Elkington	9A	ICT	
Stephen	Lemon	9A	100% Attendance	
Christopher	Page	9A	100% Attendance	
Amy	Sherman	9A	Progress	
Sarah	Smith	9A	100% Attendance	
Alexandra	Jenkins	9E	R.E.	
Ella	Kathawick	9E	100% Attendance	
Dominika	Kiedrzynska	9E	Progress	
Charlie	Schofield	9E	Citizenship	
Suzanne	Taylor	9E	History	
Harry	Bedding	9H	Science	
Daniel	Donovan	9N	100% Attendance	
Bronwyn	Morley	9N	Maths	Progress
Emma	Nicholls	9N	100% Attendance	
Abigail	Ruggles	9N	Music	
Reece	Squire	9N	Drama	
Marc	Williams	9N	English	
Ryan	Allen	9R	100% Attendance	
Matthew	Gausden	9R	100% Attendance	
Thomas	Twin	9R	Progress	
Shaun	Whiteley	9R	French	Progress
Josh	Aylward	9T	P.E.	
Nicole	Hance	9T	100% Attendance	
Kieren	Scott	9T	100% Attendance	
Ivan	Shipulin	9T	100% Attendance	
Amy	Abram	9U	Art	
Jamie	Copus	9U	Geography	
Alex	Miller	9U	100% Attendance	
Ricardo	Santos	9U	Spanish	

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AWARDS EVENING

YEAR 10

Jody	Baxter	10A	Drama	
Martin	Lee	10A	Technology	
Amy	Read	10A	ICT	
Declan	Byrnes	10E	English	
Adam	Moody	10E	Progress	
Ruth	Osmond	10E	German	
Joshua	Wotton	10E	Progress	
Natalie	Miller	10H	100% Attendance	
James	Parkin	10H	100% Attendance	
James	Banks	10N	Science	
Thomas	Braybrook	10N	Progress	
Shane	Brown	10N	History	
Rebecca	Perrin	10N	Art	Progress
Roseann	Slater	10N	P.E.	
Lee	Bingham	10R	Progress	
Roxanne	Chan	10R	Music	
Asten	King	10R	100% Attendance	
Jemima	Paine	10R	French	
Christina	Rayner	10R	Progress	
Rebecca	Stone	10R	R.E.	
Mitchell	Childs	10T	Geography	

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AWARDS EVENING

YEAR 11

Paul	Farnell	11A	100% Attendance	
Luke	Simpson	11A	Art	Progress
Alexander	Stanford-Eyre	11A	ICT	
Amy	Bathe	11E	Leisure and Tourism	
Sian	Carroll	11E	Engineering	
James	Kelly	11E	Science	
Gabriella	Adams	11H	Business	
Cara	Murray	11H	Drama	
Lily	Nicholas	11H	English	
Kelly	Warren	11H	100% Attendance	
Damade	Alexander	11N	R.E.	
Cameron	Hope	11N	100% Attendance	
Kane	Morgan	11N	Graphics	
Kelly	Speller	11N	Applied History	Progress
Ross	Swann	11N	100% Attendance	
Kelly	Arkell	11R	Progress	
Emily	Dorrian	11R	Progress	
Rebekah	Ellis	11R	Geography	
Demi	Ison	11R	Progress	
Rosemary	Lemon	11R	Media Studies	
Nathan	Richardson	11R	100% Attendance	
Danielle	Anderson	11T	100% Attendance	
Tayler	Campbell	11T	French	
Jade	Carter	11T	History	
Elliot	Dingley	11T	100% Attendance	
Nicola	Fraser	11T	Textiles	
Karl	Narborough	11T	100% Attendance	
Tillie	Buckley	11U	Health & Social Care	Progress
Sarah	Burnitt	11U	Maths	
Jake	Elsdon	11U	Resistant Materials	Progress
Antoinette	Gilmartin	11U	Citizenship	Progress
Ben	Johnson	11U	P.E.	
James	Self	11U	Food Technology	
Laura	Stone	11U	Spanish	

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