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HEADLINES *from* ANDREW HUTCHINSON

Dear Family

Our first week of this new half term has been full of events for students. As a specialist Humanities College we take Remembrance Week very seriously and have provided our College Community with the opportunity to reflect on the sacrifices that have been made by our Armed Forces in the past. This year, the event has had great significance following the publicity of the 'X' Factor single, Hero.

The following is a piece by **Sophie Boorman and Abbie Pillet**:

All this week in the Media Centre, members of the History Club have been commemorating Remembrance Week.

The various activities they have put on are writing messages about remembrance and sticking them on the "post a message" poppy. Also tracing family names back and seeing if family members were involved in any of the wars and what they were, for example a Gunner! They also had the most important part of Remembrance week, the selling of the poppy.

Everybody found the experience interesting and cannot wait for next year's Remembrance week.

Stuart King with model of Trench

REMINDER: Year 9 Parents Evening next Wednesday 12 November 2008.

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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VISIT TO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

On Monday 20 October some Year 9 students went to the Science Museum in London. We were all really excited and couldn't wait to get there. Finally after two hours of being on the coach we got to the museum. We all got off the coach and admired the amazing architecture of the building. When we got inside it was nothing like I expected, it was better!

My group went through the Dinosaur and Earth Department. It was amazing especially the moving dinosaur. It was so incredibly life like!! We then went round all of the Science Department and through the Hall and Corridors where there was more exciting and amazing stuff.

We finally got to go to the gift shop! It was massive!! We got back on the coach and it took another two hours or so to get home, and I think everybody was exhausted and tired by the end of the day. Overall we all had fun and took something away from it.

Sophie Boorman—9E

BATTLEFIELDS TRIP

On Friday 24th October 55 students went to the Battlefields of Ypres. An early start was had by all as the coach departed Alec Hunter at 5.30 am, luckily everyone had remembered to set the alarm.

The first stop in Ypres was the "In Flanders Fields" museum. The museum tells the story of the First World War through photographs etc. The museum offers a very personal experience as upon arrival the pupils were given a card; once the pupil puts the card into a computer it tells the story of a character in the war. A short stop away was Hill 62 where the pupils experienced life in trenches. As part of the trip we visited two cemeteries, Tyne Cot and Langemark. Tyne Cot is the British cemetery that remembers over 40,000 soldiers. This memorial really hit home the reality of the war with students trying to find relatives. The trip ends with a visit to a chocolate shop in Ypres where the pupils filled the bags with goodies. I'm still waiting for my present. Thanks to Mr Guilford, Mr Fletcher, Mr Birley, Miss McEvoy and Miss Jones for all their help.

Mr Box

MEET THE TEAM



NAME: Mrs Zoe Stoney

POSITION: Admin/Medical Assistant

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION: New York

FAVOURITE FOOD: Indian

FAVOURITE SPORT: Rugby

FAVOURITE SINGER: James Morrison

INTERESTS: Travelling, Gardening and Indian Cookery

DID YOU KNOW: Mrs Stoney is a triplet and has recently got married.

HEADTEACHER'S SURGERY TIMES

Monday 10 November 9.00 am

Thursday 13 November 3.30 pm

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FIELD

Could parents/guardians please make students aware that the college field is out of bounds with immediate effect.

PARENT KNOW HOW

Parent Know How is a programme from the Department for Children, Schools and Families.

It comprises a suite of free services designed to serve everyone in a parenting role—mothers, fathers, carers and other adults with parental responsibility—by ensuring access to expert advice through existing telephone helplines or a new generation of services, delivered online and to mobile phones.

Parent Know How reaches parents by following ways:

- 7 telephone helplines
- 10 services using emerging technologies, such as web and social media, SMS and instant messaging
- Syndicated print content in newspapers and magazines
- Online information (the Information System for Parents and Providers or ISPP) using Directgov and possibly other websites as interfaces.

Although these services all receive funding from the DCSF, they are delivered by third and private sector organisations.

To download a directory of *Parent Know How* services or to find out more information on the programme, visit:
www.dcsf.gov.uk/parentknowhow.

See the Parent Know How video on YouTube! www.youtube.com/dcsf

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.

CLASSROOM CODE OF CONDUCT

RESPECT OTHERS AND THEIR
VIEWS

MODEL MAKING / WAR HAMMER CLUB

The Model Making and War Hammer Club has begun. It is held on a Wednesday from 3.20—4.30. Please see Mr Todd or Mr Clark for more details.

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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ESSEX STREET LAW

On Wednesday 5 November, Essex Street Law visited Year 11 classes. Essex Street Law is made up of students from Essex University. They provided the students with lots of information on criminal law and answered their questions. They then embarked on a mock trial.

Students took on the role of the prosecution and the defence. Some were barristers, witnesses and jurors. The case was based on a real trial and centred on cannibalism at sea!

This led to a great deal of discussion and debate with the defence team winning in the end.

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

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.

FARMING AT ALEC HUNTER

Local Arable farmer, Nick Cousins, inspired and enthused students in Science with his interesting presentation and discussion on farming. Mr Cousins arrived carrying bags of wheat, barley, fertilizer and manure and was an instant hit.

The students asked Mr Cousins a succession of well thought out questions. They were clearly motivated to find out more about all aspects of farming which forms the cornerstone of one of the units of GCSE Science.

Adam Gray was particularly interested in the economics of farming and through devils questions tried to figure out how much a farmer earns.

Mr Cousins was particularly impressed with the behaviour and maturity of the students and said it "was like talking to adults". Mr Cousins has agreed to continue to support Alec Hunter Humanities College both with the Science course and with our ECO Project.

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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 12th November – Keeping Healthy - Foundation – Mrs Richards – F7

Thursday 13th November – Material Choices- Foundation- Mr Booth –F6

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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