



HERALD

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HEADLINES *from* ANDREW HUTCHINSON

Dear Family

Welcome to the last Herald of this term, during next week we will be celebrating the achievement of students along with the festive season. Our Celebration Assemblies are a special time for our students to be rewarded for their recent hard work. We all know how important hard work is to achieve our best work at Alec Hunter Humanities College.

We have been delighted to hear recently that applications from our Year 11 students (currently working on their mock examinations) to Sixth Form are at an all time high, with five times the number of applications to the Braintree Sixth Form this year. I know that hard work, study and determination, from each of our students, will lead to them having the greatest choice of further and higher education choices for their future.

Advanced Warning

- Last day of term, 18 December 2009, we will be closing at 1.05 pm. The Silver End bus will leave the College at 1.30 pm.
- First day back is Monday 4 January on a Week A
- On 15 January 2009, the Year 11 students will receive their mock results. As per last year, Years 7-10 will start at 10.45 am and Year 11 (along with parents if they wish) start at 9.00 am to collect their results.

Wishing the whole college community a very Happy Christmas and a safe and successful new year.

FAREWELL

We would like to wish Mrs Mitchell good luck when she takes up her new post in January as Head of English at St Marys School in Colchester and would like to thank her for her contribution to the College over the past two years. Next term we welcome Mr Ellams as our new Head of English. Mr Ellams is currently a leader at the Lakes School, Windermere.



STUDENT NAME

TERM DATES

AUTUMN TERM
7 September— 18 December
CHRISTMAS BREAK
21 December 2009—1 January 2010
SPRING TERM
4 January—1 April 2010

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

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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 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 Hills Assistant Headteacher – KS4 Director	

Miss T Leack	Child Protection
Mrs J Jackson	Attendance Officer

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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SATURDAY AGT WORKSHOPS

On Saturday 5th December 30 students from Secondary & Primary Schools took part in AGT Workshops here at Alec Hunter.

Students were 'Making Shakespeare Relevant Today...' using drama, improvisation and close study of some key scenes. They looked at Romeo and Juliet, Macbeth, A Midsummer's Night Dream and The Tempest, developing an understanding of the plays language through acting and gaining empathy with the characters situations. The session was led by Miss Adams who said 'It was great to see them enjoying Shakespeare!'

Quotes from students were: "I loved acting out the rival scenes"
"It was fun learning about the Shakespeare plays".
"I enjoyed the activity because it showed a different side to Shakespeare".

Up in Science students were getting an introduction to seismology looking at what causes earthquakes, the effects of earthquakes and coping with the threat of earthquakes. They took part in a number of practical activities and demonstrations to help them better understand the causes of earthquakes.

Our Media Suite was turned into a radio news room with teams of primary students studying morning news and creating their own 90 second news reports. The children were under pressure to create the news out of oncoming headlines throughout the morning, working as a team to prioritise and expand on information for the listeners. They experienced the difficulties of teamwork as well as the joy of completing a challenging task!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Reminder that Christmas lunch is on the following dates:

Year 7 and 9	16 December 2009
Year 8 and 10	17 December 2009
Year 11	16/17 December 2009

LISTENER OF THE WEEK

YEAR 7 **Harvey Walker-Everton**

YEAR 8 **Chloe Blayney**

YEAR 9 **Mitchell Overton**

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

YEAR 7 **Emma Ashton**

YEAR 8 **Chloe Bolton**

YEAR 9 **Sam Collinson**

CINEWORLD TRIP

On Thursday 10 December Year 7, 8 and 9 enjoyed a Rewards Trip to Cineworld at Freeport to see 'Christmas Carol'.

Many thanks to students and staff for making the visit a huge success.

CLASSROOM CODE OF CONDUCT

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT



**ALEC HUNTER HUMANITIES COLLEGE
INVITE YOU TO THEIR
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER 2009
7.00 PM IN MAIN HALL**

**TICKETS ARE £3.00 ADULTS, £2.00 STUDENTS
ON SALE FROM
MONDAY 7 DECEMBER 2009
FROM THE COLLEGE OFFICE OR
MR CLIFTON**



LETTER FROM MEMBER OF PUBLIC

The College has received a very complimentary letter from a member of public about our students on the Freeport Shuttle Bus.

The letter said:

“A group of your pupils, approx 10 in total of all ages, were on the bus. I would like to say how impressed I was with them, they waited for others to get on and sat and chatted pleasantly to themselves.

Two young lads had waited for the bus to stop before the bus park and asked the driver if he would stop for them and then thanked the driver when they got off, as did all the other pupils when they got to the bus park”.

It also went on to say:

“I had to write in praise of this little group who were certainly a credit to themselves and of course to their school, which I was able to identify by their uniform”.

POPPY APPEAL



Thank you to everybody who contributed to this year's Poppy Appeal. Alec Hunter Humanities College raised £63.36.

HEADTEACHER'S SURGERY TIMES

Monday 14 December 8.45 am
Friday 18 December 8.45 am

HERALD ONLINE

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www.alechunter.com

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WELL DONE

Congratulations to **Sarah Solomon, Matthew Self and Purush Ravi** who cashed in 4 pages of merit stickers and received their £5 Freeport Voucher from Mrs Jackson. Well done.

Congratulations also go to the following students who cashed in 1 page of merit stickers:

**Chloe Baker
Rhys Panting
Ebony Dring
Kayleigh Hart
Bethan Reading
Megan Kelly
Ellyse Wright
Christine Nelson
Ellie Phillips-Huxley
Sophie Buckley
Alex Wicks**

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JACK PETCHEY PRESENTATION EVENING

On Monday 7th December, a selection of the Jack Petchey Award winners attended a Presentation Evening at the Institute, Bocking End, where they received a Gold Medal, presented to them by Councillor Galione.

Guests were treated to entertainment from Honywood School and Jemima Paine, our very own songstress, who sang 'In the Bleak Mid Winter' to an exceptional standard, accompanied by Mr Russell and a dance display by Alex Peters from Dynamic Groove. Alex gave an inspiring speech about reaching for your dreams and having aspirations. Alex also had volunteers from the audience partake in a dance routine, which Charlie Schofield and Jack Morter managed with ease, as they both demonstrated their 'body popping' skills on stage.

Mrs Artus would like to thank all the students and their families for attending the evening, Mr Russell and Jemima for their rendition, 'In the Bleak Mid Winter', as this was a wonderful evening to embrace the hard work and ambition our students possess.

GCSE TIMETABLE

Please find attached the GCSE timetable for Year 10 and Year 11 exams in January. All students involved in this exam will receive their own personal timetable which will indicate the time and date of all their exams. This timetable will be issued to students on Monday 14 December 2009. This timetable along with the list of students sitting each exam is available on the college website under examinations.

Please contact Mrs Govender if you have any queries with regard to the exams.

Thank you

YEAR 11 EXAMS

On Monday 14 December 2009, students not taking the English literature exam will be sent home at lunchtime.

On Friday 18 December 2009, students not taking PE or Health & Social Care will be allowed home after their Maths exam. This is due to the low number of students who will be in lessons.



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