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HEADLINES *from* TREVOR LAWN—ACTING HEADTEACHER

Dear Family

Welcome to the start of a new academic year, an exciting time for everyone. It has been delightful to see the pride and maturity with which our young people are already carrying the mantle of their new year groups.

In my assemblies this week, I have been encouraging all our students to reflect on the year just ended, to plan for the year ahead and to set themselves some goals.

Many can reflect on a year full of successes and I must commend our Achievement Coordinators and Pastoral Leaders on a series of memorable Celebration Assemblies just prior to half-term. A huge amount of organisation goes into these occasions, but it is so worthwhile to see the smiles on the faces of all those receiving certificates and prizes. Well done to all involved in preparing and delivering these events.



We are pleased to welcome two new members of staff to the College this week. Mr Rob Bell joins us as Assistant Headteacher on secondment from another local secondary school. As Mr Hutchinson's treatment continues, Mr Bell provides additional capacity to our Leadership team and will be in College every Wednesday and Friday.

Mr Chris Peugniez joins us as a teacher of Music, following the departure of Mr Clifton to take up a teaching post in Tanzania. Mr Clifton made a considerable impact during his time with us, culminating in the memorable production of "We Will Rock You" in the Spring Term and I should like to express my thanks for his contribution to the College.

STUDENT NAME

TERM DATES

SUMMER TERM
19 April—22 July 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: 07598393348 (new no.)

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

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CLASSROOM CODE OF CONDUCT

LISTEN TO OTHERS AND THEIR VIEWS

TESCO / SAINSBURY VOUCHERS

TESCO VOUCHERS

Tesco vouchers finished on the 9 May 2010. Please send in your vouchers by Monday 24 June at the latest.

SAINSBURY VOUCHERS

Sainsbury vouchers finished on the 8 June 2010. Please send any vouchers in by Friday 23 July 2010.

SUMMER PE KIT



PLEASE NOTE

Now the Summer term is underway, students' PE kit should be Polo Shirt (Alec Hunter logo), Black Shorts, Black Football Socks and suitable trainers.



As the weather gets warmer, Rugby Shirts, Sweatshirts and Tracksuit Bottoms are making the students too hot and this could cause heat stroke.



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CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

Creative Writing Club

Wednesdays in L5 from 1.15-1.45

bring a pen, some paper and your imagination

Make sure that you see Ms. Adams for a club pass and get writing some ideas over the holidays ready to share.

WATER BOTTLES



Could parents please ensure that during the warm weather students bring in a bottle for water. This can be filled up from the fountains at break and lunchtime. Students

will not be allowed out of lessons to get water from either the office or the fountains.

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**YEAR 9 THORPE PARK TRIP
THURSDAY 27 MAY 2010**

Year 9 had an excellent day out at Thorpe Park. They were very well-behaved and were a credit to the College.

Lots of people got very wet, including staff, on the water rides, but this did not ruin our day!

Below is a selection of photographs from our very enjoyable day:

FACEBOOK

Due to the ever increasing use of Facebook, we would like to make parents aware that it is illegal for children under the age of 13 to register with this site.

The Facebook rules state the following:

From children under age 13. If you are under age 13, please do not attempt to register for Facebook or provide any personal information about yourself to us. If we learn that we have collected personal information from a child under age 13, we will delete that information as quickly as possible.

We strongly recommend that minors 13 years of age or older ask their parents for permission before sending any information about themselves to anyone over the Internet and we encourage parents to teach their children about safe internet use practices.

If parents need any advice on the above, access the 'Think U Know' site for further information:

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

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MASTERCHEF

On the 26 June 2010 one of our students will be representing Alec Hunter Humanities College in the Masterchef competition, along with students from Notley High School and Tabor Science College.

Three students are busy with their preparation at the moment, with the assistance and guidance of Mrs Bartlett—Food Technology teacher, and we wish them all the best of luck with the competition.

The students are:

Zoe Morris 9N
Emily Stone 9L
Lucy Carpenter 9H

KINGS OF THE CASTLE

Well done to Year 7 students who produced some fantastic reconstructions of Medieval Castles this term.

The whole of Year 7 had the opportunity to vote on which ones they liked the best and Lesley Killin from Braintree Museum came down to choose ten of the best ones for display at Braintree Museum.

The winners were:

1. **Dean Anderson**
2. **Christopher Bagwell**
3. **Sophie Jones**

Mr Guilford, Head of Humanities, Lesley Killin, Braintree Museum, Melissa Bates and Thomas Boot

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