



# HERALD

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM ALEC HUNTER HUMANITIES COLLEGE 16 July 2010—Issue 33 Wk B

## HEADLINES from TREVOR LAWN— ACTING HEADTEACHER

Dear Family

Welcome to the final Herald of this term. Staff and students have been very busy over the last week with various events taking place:

**PROM**—On Friday 9 July our Year 11 leavers enjoyed their Prom at the Colne Valley Golf Club. It was a wonderful evening and was enjoyed by everyone who attended (more details can be found inside).

**AWARDS EVENING**—On Thursday 8 July students and staff joined together for our annual Awards Evening. They were entertained by **Harmony Platt**, who played the piano, **Ben Ruggles**, playing saxophone and **Abigail Ruggles** on the flute. Students received awards for progress, 100% attendance, as well as awards from specific curriculum areas. This year we also introduced a new award ‘the Extra Mile Award’. Congratulations to all our award winners.

Also held this week, on Saturday 10 July, was the Health and Wellbeing Fayre. The day consisted of various stalls run by different organisations promoting the wellbeing of the Alec Hunter community (further details inside).

We would like to wish you all a happy and safe summer holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back in College on **Monday 6 September 2010**—Years 8 - 11 and Year 7 on the **Friday 3 September 2010** for their Team Building Day.

### UNIFORM SHOP—SUMMER OPENING

19 July—22 July	3.20 pm—4.00 pm
26 July—29 July	12.00 pm—2.00 pm
18 August—20 August	10.00 am—12.00 pm
1 September—3 September	10.00 am—12.00 pm

### EARLY CLOSURE

On the 22 July 2010 College will finish at 1.05 pm, with Silver End buses leaving at 1.30, for the Summer break.

## STUDENT NAME

## TERM DATES

**SUMMER TERM**  
19 April—22 July 2010  
**AUTUMN TERM**  
**6 September—17 December 2010**  
**New Year 7 Team Building Day**  
3 September 2010  
**HALF TERM**  
25 October—29 October 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
<b>Form Tutors</b>				
<b>Mrs Barnes Pastoral Leader</b>	<b>Mrs Truscott Pastoral Leader</b>	<b>Mrs Porter Pastoral Leader</b>	<b>Mr Deeks Pastoral Leader</b>	<b>Mr Deeks Pastoral Leader</b>
<b>Mrs McKinnon Achievement Co-ordinator</b>	<b>Mr Moreno Achievement Co-ordinator</b>	<b>Mrs Ogilvie Achievement Co-ordinator</b>	<b>Mrs Stringer Achievement Co-ordinator</b>	<b>Miss Jones Achievement Co-ordinator</b>
<b>Mrs Richards Assistant Headteacher – KS3 Director</b>			<b>Mrs Hills Assistant Headteacher – KS4 Director</b>	

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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## YEAR 12 PROM

I wanted to thank you all, Year 12, for the lovely Prom. It was a pleasure and a privilege to be there and see you all again. You all looked so grown up and created such a friendly atmosphere that I know it will be an evening I will always cherish. For those of you who are concerned about Bob, he will be rescued and returned to me in the near future!

Please remember you can still purchase a Year Book for £8, cheque or cash, brought to the office addressed to Mrs Stalker. The Year Book will come with a free DVD of all the videos we made of you including the Prom. If you have any photos of the Prom that you would like to be considered for inclusion on the DVD, please email them to:

Mark.hammond@alechunter.essex.sch.uk

Have a great Summer and I will see you all on the 24 August for your results.

Mrs Stalker

## HERALD ONLINE

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**[www.alechunter.com](http://www.alechunter.com)**

Then enter your email address into the box on the left, it's very simple.

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

YEAR 8 **Danielle Holloway**

YEAR 9 **Beth Sichi**

## 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.

## CLASSROOM CODE OF CONDUCT

**ACCEPT AND INCLUDE OTHERS**

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## STOCK EXCHANGE 2010

On the 1 July 2010, three teams from Alec Hunter travelled to Duxford for a Stock Market Challenge. They competed against teams from other schools and Sixth Forms from the whole of East Anglia.

After a nervous start, all our teams performed well and ended the day in profit.

A good time was had by all and our students benefited from the chance to work as a team, under pressure, managing their risks.

Congratulations to everyone who took part.

## GCSE RESULTS DAY THURSDAY 24 AUGUST 2010

Year 12 students will be able to collect their results between 10.00 am and 11.30 am from the main hall. If students are unable to collect results, they can either advise us in writing that someone else will be picking them up, supply a self-addressed envelope or collect them from the main office on Wednesday 25 August 2010 or Thursday 26 August 2010 from 9.30 am—3.00 pm or during normal hours from Thursday 2 September 2010.

Year 11 students will be able to collect their results between 11.00 am and 11.30 am. If students are unable to collect results, they can either collect them from the main office on Wednesday 25 August 2010 or Thursday 26 August 2010 from 9.30 am—3.00 pm or collect them when they return for the new term.

## LISTENING CHAMPIONS

YEAR 8                    **Megan Allen**

YEAR 9                    **Kirsty-Louise Ratliff**

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**THE NATIONAL STUDENTS'  
ART EXHIBITION  
TUESDAY 13 JULY 2010**

On Tuesday 13 July 2010, two Year 11 students had their work exhibited in the Mall Galleries in London. The exhibition was opened by James Horton, Artist and President of the Royal Society of British Artists.

The students' work was selected from hundreds of different schools around the country and, out of the six pieces entered, five were accepted and one highly commended.

Mrs Hilton also attended the exhibition and was amazed and honoured to see Alec Hunter students' work on display, alongside some of the country's finest young artists.

Well done to **Rebecca Perrin, Charlotte Bywaters and Bethan Woollvin.**

**RSPCA FUNDRAISING**

On Saturday 10 July 2010, **Lauren Seaman, Rebecca Kooyman, Deanna Starckey and Christine Nelson** raised £36.27 for the RSPCA, by setting up a stall at the Wellbeing Fayre.

Deanna generously donated a fluffy toy unicorn which was the prize for the "Guess the name". Mrs Artus chose three names and the winner was the person who named the unicorn correctly.

As you can see from the picture below the winner of the unicorn was Mr Hutchinson, who guessed the name 'Raymond'. Congratulations Mr Hutchinson.

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## MISUSE OF SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES

During the last few months there has been an increase in the misuse of social networking sites outside of college. In many cases the impact of this misuse comes into college and our pastoral team have spent numerous hours this year resolving issues which we have little control over. Naturally over the Summer holidays students will use these sites so we would like to offer some guidance for on-line safety and explain what happens should there be any impact of misuse back in college.

On our college website we have a link to the 'Think U Know' website, this is an informative site for both students and parents regarding on-line safety.

CEOP - Child Exploitation and On-line Protection is a trained Police run on-line service accessible via the CEOP icon, this looks like an 'eye on a stand' and is usually red. Students are aware of this facility and the icon, it appears on most sites as is shown and explained to students regularly in e-safety assemblies.

If you click on the icon you are immediately linked with a trained Police officer who can offer support and advice. On line bullying can be reported this way too.

Unfortunately it is quite common for students to use inappropriate language on-line, language they wouldn't use in face-to-face conversations. This can often lead to upset and intimidation. On occasion the impact in college detracts from learning and we have had parents seeking our support in dealing with this sort of bullying this year. Our position in these matters is very clear. On-line matters which happen outside of college are dealt with by our Safer Schools Officer PC Clare Ralls with the support of a member of staff. PC Ralls is in our college almost daily, she takes lessons, assemblies and is well known by our students. Our staff deal with the *impact* of the issue in college. Our staff and PC Ralls refer students to the Misuse of Telecommunications Act. Students involved will be interviewed as a matter of course to ascertain the source and in order to stop the upset and intimidation as quickly as possible so that learning can resume with students feeling safe. The consequences vary dependent on the case details. Parents of any student interviewed, regarding an issue relating to the Misuse of Telecommunications Act, will be informed the same day.

We respectfully ask parents to monitor their child's use of Facebook, MSN and other similar sites and also to note that it is in fact illegal to use Facebook if you are under the age of 13. Thank you for your support in this matter, it will enable our staff to focus on their primary role of teaching.

## SPORTS DAY

Thanks to all competitors, tutors and parents for sports day.

We had a great day with an excellent turn out from all tutor groups.

Some events ran close and we had a thrilling afternoon with all of the sprints and the relay races.

The day was finished with the tug of war finals, see results below.

Once again thanks to all of those who helped and participated in the day, without the helpers and the athletes sports day would not be as great as it was.

### Sports Day Results

Year 8: 1<sup>st</sup> - E, 2<sup>nd</sup> - R, 3<sup>rd</sup> - A, 4<sup>th</sup> - N, 5<sup>th</sup> - T, 6<sup>th</sup> - L, 7<sup>th</sup> - H & C, 8<sup>th</sup> - U

Year 9: 1<sup>st</sup> - E, 2<sup>nd</sup> - N, 3<sup>rd</sup> - U, 4<sup>th</sup> - R, 5<sup>th</sup> - T, 6<sup>th</sup> - L, 7<sup>th</sup> - A, 8<sup>th</sup> - C, 9<sup>th</sup> - H

Year 10: 1<sup>st</sup> - R, 2<sup>nd</sup> - E, 3<sup>rd</sup> - N, 4<sup>th</sup> - T, 5<sup>th</sup> - A, 6<sup>th</sup> - H, 7<sup>th</sup> - U, 8<sup>th</sup> - L

Year 11: 1<sup>st</sup> - L, 2<sup>nd</sup> - U, 3<sup>rd</sup> - A, 4<sup>th</sup> - T, 5<sup>th</sup> - E, 6<sup>th</sup> - N, 7<sup>th</sup> - H, 8<sup>th</sup> - R

### Tug of War Results

Winners: 8U - 9T - 10H - 11H

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## HEALTH AND WELLBEING FAYRE

Sunshine greeted the people that joined Alec Hunter at this year's community health event, held on Saturday 10 July 2010. Businesses and other community groups joined in promoting an event to target the community's health. Stalls ranged from Elegance Beauty to the Army, as well as Xpect Gym and Diabetes UK. Adults and children were entertained throughout the day by a DJ and various activities, such as rugby and football, took place. The day was organised by Mrs Artus and there were guest appearances from Miss Teen East Anglia Galaxy 2010/11, an Alec Hunter student, as well as 2tone, an R&B duo, soon to be signed!

The aim of the event was to promote and support health and wellbeing to the community of Braintree, as well as raising community spirit. Everyone enjoyed the event, and it was a chance for people to interact with organisations and clubs to see what was on offer around Braintree and the surrounding areas.

Along with local organisations, bouncy castles and other fun activities were at the event for children, as well as consultants providing spray tans, reflexology and sports massages for the adults. Many Alec Hunter students arrived and welcomed guests to the college. They also assisted by setting up and running stalls and events.

One of the main sporting events that took place was the tug of war, three members of the army teamed up with Mr McColl, Mr Edwards and Head Boy: Shaun Whiteley to create one team, they took on a karate team, a rugby team and a tug of war team headed by Mr Wilson.

The day was a huge success enjoyed by all that attended. Many thanks go out to those that helped on the day, as it couldn't have been run without them. The fantastic support given by staff and students helped with the day's success.

After speaking to the staff of Alec Hunter they said how proud they were of the students that helped and how well they thought the college had been portrayed. One member of staff said " all the students were great ambassadors for the college, we are lucky to have them".

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