



HERALD

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HEADLINES *from* TREVOR LAWN

Dear Family

This has been a week of exciting experiences and pleasing successes for many of our students, with trips to the Olympic Site, the Globe Theatre, a brilliant display in the 'Have Your Say' competition. and a Year 10 District Football title secured against Tabor Science College.

We also performed superbly in the Mock Trial Competition in Chelmsford. Mr Barber explains:

Mock Trial Competition

On Saturday 13th March students from Years 8 and 9 took part in the Regional Heat of the Mock Trial Competition.

This year's case was about a boy that was found in a public place with a knife. Students had to take on various different roles including, magistrates, lawyers, witnesses, court staff and of course the defendant. Over the last few weeks the group have been mentored by an actual magistrate, John Hopkins. The students did really well on the day and won both their prosecution and defence of the case. They were the only students that successfully prosecuted the case. However, we were not in the top two out of the ten schools that entered and unfortunately did not get through to the next round.

The students involved were a real credit to themselves and the college and should take real pride in this. Throughout the day they received lots of positive comments about their attitude, manners and smart uniform. I am sure we will have some barristers and solicitors in the future from this group.

The team: **Shannon Cullen, Ashley Howard, Vicki Prior, Ashley Solomon, Sarah Solomon, Kirsty Luckin, Hannah Burnitt, Isabela Rotaru, Joseph Scotting, Dominic Sharp and Chloe Lane.**

Also a big thank you to Mr Box and Miss Thurston for all their help.

STUDENT NAME

TERM DATES

SPRING TERM
4 January—1 April 2010
EASTER HOLIDAY
2—16 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

EARLY CLOSURE

On the last day of the Spring term, 1 April 2010, the College will close at 1.05 pm. The Silver End bus has been informed and will leave at 1.30 pm.

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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 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	

Mrs C Truscott	Pastoral Leader / AfA
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

CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

Creative Writing Club

Starts again in the Summer Term

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.

FOUNDATION AND TRUST STATUS

In last week's Herald there was a letter and questionnaire regarding Alec Hunter Humanities College becoming a Foundation School.

If you have any thoughts or comments on this, could you please return the questionnaire to either your child's form tutor or Donna Bootle in the College Office by 1 April 2010.

WELL DONE

Congratulations to the following students who recently cashed in their pages of merits to Mrs Jackson :

**Chelsea Breach, Kayleigh Smith, Michelle Ellis
Rhiannon Stevens, Courtney Ayling, Kian Steward
Sarah Hodgkinson, Charlotte Truman, Marya Sleemy
Tyra Irvine**

Special congratulations goes to **Thom Scotting** who cashed in 4 pages of merits to Mrs Jackson and collected his £5 Freeport Voucher.

HERALD ONLINE

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www.alechunter.com

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

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Sophie King	Year 7
Victoria Nolan	Year 8
Jade Murrell	Year 9

LISTENING CHAMPIONS

Harrison Bartlett	Year 7
Deanna Starckey	Year 8
Ashleigh Gava	Year 9

LIBRARY / MEDIA SUITE

The Media Suite is open for students every morning from 8.00 am—8.45 am and the Library is open every evening for students from 3.20 pm—5.00 pm.

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GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND



For Citizenship, 7T have been raising money for Guide Dogs for the Blind. Everyone had tried their very best to raise as much money as they could.

There were a variety of fund raising ideas that have taken place over the last few weeks, like loose change, raffles, a sponsored silence and selling sweets.

We raised way over £90.00. We all did a very good job!

7T would like to thank Mr Lawley especially for encouraging the whole of 7T to raise as much money as we could. We would also like to thank everyone who donated money from all the fund raisers. Guide Dogs for the Blind will be very pleased with 7T and everyone in Year 7.

Written by Charlotte Read

BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION



7R are raising money for the British Heart Foundation.

We will be doing a spare change bucket for all children in Year 7 and all staff. Also for all those busy teachers we are offering our services at lunch and break (teachers only) and will ask for a minimal donation of £1.00 per task.

We will come round in the week with the spare change bucket during tutorial. This will start on Monday 15 until Monday 22 March 2010 and is connected with our Citizenship work.

The British Heart Foundation charity is very important to us because one of our class mates has a heart condition and may need their services in the future.

Thank you for reading this and we hope you will be able to contribute to our chosen charity.

ONE GIRL

I stood alone,
With no one to hold,
The outside world,
Was so bitter and cold.
I looked at the girls,
Pointing and spying,
I looked in the mirror,
Upset and crying.
Then came a girl,
So skinny and tall,
Asked if we could meet up
I said about the pool.
Instead we went shopping,
And I felt like such a charm
But then she done something,
She linked my bony arm.
These feelings I felt,
They felt like no other,
The only best friend I had,
Was my dear sweet mother.
She told me I would make a friend,
That my day would soon come,
I said it wasn't that easy,
But it was for some.
Yet now I have a friend,
One that is real,
She listens and is kind,
And cares how I feel,
I now have a best friend,
And I don't have any strife,
With the one question she asked me,
I now my life.

**BY
Vicky Nolan
8C**

VISITORS' CAR PARK

We would like to remind parents that the Visitors' Car Park is closed between 3.10 pm and 3.30 pm to enable the safe departure of our students.

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GLOBE THEATRE TRIP

Seventy year 10 students arrived on a very bright but cold Monday morning ready to take in a new experience. After a smooth journey into London, we arrived at The Embankment and wandered along to see the re-born Globe Theatre. The students were taken into the open roof theatre and given a talk about how it originated, how it was destroyed and how it is now rebuilt and welcoming in audiences to see Shakespeare's plays as close to how the original audiences would have experienced them. A group of primary school children were acting out A Midsummer Night's Dream on the stage which we watched. We then had the opportunity to walk around the Globe Exhibition to see costumes, original printing machines and record our voices alongside some of the famous actors that have taken the roles.

In the afternoon students participated in some active drama workshops, working through characters, story plots and the language of the plays that they are currently studying for their GCSE coursework. Despite the day starting so early, many students wanted to continue with the workshops or even stop and see a performance – so hopefully we now have a few more thespians amongst us at Alec.

Staff at the Globe commented on the good behaviour and engagement of Alec Hunter students and their willingness to participate in all the activities.

On the journey home a number of students commented on their experience and thoughts about the day.

'I thought it was a really good trip. I learnt a lot about the Globe and Shakespeare's plays. I particularly enjoyed looking around the theatre.' **Simon Thompson**

'I thought today was good. We learnt about the Globe Theatre and I especially enjoyed being a Montague!'

'It was fun and I liked the tour.' **Ian Farnell**

'The building is amazing'

'...next time I would love to see a play.'

'truly wonderful is the fact that the purity of Shakespeare's art can be reborn.' **Ivan Shipulin**

'Today was good, the workshop was the best.'

'I really enjoyed the acting.'

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

100% ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to 7H who had hot chocolate and cookies with Mr Lawn and Mrs Jackson yesterday to celebrate 100% attendance for last week.

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