



# HERALD

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM ALEC HUNTER HUMANITIES COLLEGE 21 May 2010—Issue 26 Wk A

## HEADLINES *from* TREVOR LAWN—ACTING HEADTEACHER

Dear Family

As we prepare ourselves for the Year 11 Leavers' Assembly on Monday and celebrate their five years with us, it seems an appropriate moment to reflect on their impressive approach to preparing for the GCSE exams. We have witnessed a huge amount of hard work from students and staff in attempting to secure the grades which will give them access to the next stage of their careers, and, whatever the outcomes in August, we know that almost all can feel satisfied that they have been "the best they can be".

I have also been delighted to note that this maturity is evident in our younger students too. During recent interviews for teaching positions, numerous candidates have commented on how friendly and courteous the students are. They have remarked on how our students treat each other with respect, take pride in their appearance, open doors for adults and take the initiative in offering assistance. These small gestures make a big impression, so well done to everyone for making Alec Hunter a welcoming environment for visitors.

On a more disappointing note, we have had several incidents over the past few weeks in which parents have been abusive, aggressive and intimidating to college staff. This has been directed towards teaching and support staff, both in person and over the telephone. Could I respectfully request all parents to take their cue from the exemplary behaviour of our students and communicate with our staff in a calm, polite and appropriate manner. We always welcome the opportunity to discuss your concerns or listen to your views, but only if these are expressed with courtesy, tolerance and respect. Staff are trained to terminate conversations with parents if they become aggressive or abusive, so this is unlikely to produce a satisfactory resolution in any case.

Many thanks for your support and particularly to the vast majority of parents who continue to work in close partnership with us.

## ABSENCE LINE

**PLEASE NOTE THE NEW ABSENCE LINE TEXT NUMBER 07598393348**

## STUDENT NAME

## TERM DATES

SUMMER TERM  
19 April—22 July 2010  
HALF TERM  
31 May-4 June 2010  
**INSET DAY**  
**7 June 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@alehunter.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 Porter Pastoral Leader</b>	<b>Mrs Porter Pastoral Leader</b>	<b>Mr Deeks Pastoral Leader</b>	<b>Mr Deeks Pastoral Leader</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 Stalker Achievement Co-ordinator</b>
<b>Mrs Richards Assistant Headteacher – KS3 Director</b>			<b>Mrs Hills Assistant Headteacher – KS4 Director</b>	

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**

**SIT SENSIBLY ON CHAIRS**

**TESCO / SAINSBURY VOUCHERS**

**TESCO VOUCHERS**

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

**SAINSBURY VOUCHERS**

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

**GOVERNORS' SUGGESTION BOX**



We have, in our foyer, a Governors' Suggestion Box. Governors have asked that students please use this for their suggestions and they say that they are very keen to hear students' views.

**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.**

**HERALD ONLINE**

If you want to receive the Herald online, visit our website:

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

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

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

<b>Connor Barton</b>	<b>Year 7</b>
<b>Kyle Ellis</b>	<b>Year 8</b>
<b>Lucy Stanford-Eyre</b>	<b>Year 9</b>

**LISTENING CHAMPIONS**

<b>Hannah Denson</b>	<b>Year 7</b>
<b>Luke Allen</b>	<b>Year 8</b>
<b>Joshua Lam</b>	<b>Year 9</b>

**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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## CALLING ALL GARDEN ENTHUSIASTS!



ECO Crew needs more students to join the group.

If you enjoy learning new skills?  
Working as part of a group?  
Working outdoors?  
Enjoy gardening?  
Taking on responsibility for your environment?

Then this is the group is for you.

Contact Mrs Artus as soon as possible.

### Attention arents, grandparents, aunts and uncles!!

Are you green fingered?  
Do you enjoy gardening?  
Would you like the chance to teach students new skills?  
Have you spare time, one day a week after school?  
If so, you may be the person we are looking for.

Our resident ECO Crew is in need of more adults to support their gardening skills. They currently have one member of the community who leads them on this activity but need more support, to maintain our garden and the produce that we grow.

If you would like to help, please contact Mrs Artus on 01376 321813 or email [lisa.artus@alechunter.essex.sch.uk](mailto:lisa.artus@alechunter.essex.sch.uk)

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following students who cashed in their page of merits recently with Mrs Jackson.

**Ben McLean**  
**Zeb Goodes**  
**Bradley Connew**  
**Emma Ashton**  
**Jade Skinner**  
**Sian Hayden**  
**Ellie Anslow-Clare**  
**Olivia Pike**  
**Jay Whatley**  
**Rhys Allen**

Special congratulations to **Adam Benkerri** who cashed in four pages of merits and collected his £5 Freeport Voucher.

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## SPRING FAYRE

A huge thank you to all staff, Governors, members of the PFSA and students that supported the Spring Fayre on Saturday 15 May 2010.

The day was a great success with a wide range of stalls and activities.

Newly appointed Councillor Shelton and his wife attended the day. They complimented students and staff of Alec Hunter and commented on how wonderful they thought the college was.

The funds raised will go towards the following:

The Red Cross Groups' Kenya Project, ECO Crew, The upkeep of the Memorial Garden and CLIK, Cancer Charity for Children.



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