



HERALD

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HEADLINES *from* TREVOR LAWN

Dear Family

Welcome back to a new term.

Towards the end of last term Ivan Town visited the College to take part in Study Skills Sessions with our Year 11 students. Ivan was very complimentary towards our students and below is an extract from the letter that he sent in:

“On both occasions, for the Study Skills programme and the Year 11 Revision Session, your students were a real pleasure to work with. Their ability to remain focused throughout the day deserves special recognition. They were a pleasure to teach and a credit to the school. I enjoyed their sense of humour, politeness and willingness to do their very best throughout the day. They all need to be congratulated and I would like you to pass on my very best wishes to them all for the forthcoming examination period. They are all worth it”.

Easter Holiday Revision Sessions

A huge thank you to all parents, staff and students for ensuring that this year's revision programme was the best attended ever. The aggregate of attendance, across the whole year group, amounted to 765 hours, and this can only have a huge benefit when the exams arrive.

Special thanks to Mrs Stalker for her daily presence and support, as well as to parents for “encouraging” their youngsters to come along.

Year 10 Work Experience

Our Year 10 students have just finished their first week of work experience and more information will follow in the next few editions of the Herald.

STUDENT NAME

TERM DATES

SUMMER TERM
19 April—22 July 2010
HALF TERM
31-4 May 2010
INSET DAY
7 May 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: 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 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

BE SAFE BE KIND BE RESPONSIBLE

YEAR 9 PD STUDENTS SUPPORT DRUG AWARENESS

Miss Miller's Year 9 PD students have been pro-active in their views against the drug Mephedrone, by writing a letter to our Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, with their views and concerns. The letter has asked for the drug to be banned.

You will find elsewhere in the Herald the Prime Minister's response.

STUDENTS FROM 9T

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

Brooke Stevens **Year 7**

LISTENING CHAMPIONS

Emily Pilgrim **Year 7**

Abbie Marshall **Year 8**

Xaime Goodes **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.

YEAR 8, 9 AND 10 PHOTOGRAPHS

Could we remind parents that all photographs should be returned to the College by Friday 7 May 2010 at the latest.

UNIFORM

As the warmer weather approaches, could we please remind parents that students' skirts should be knee length.

If the need arises to relax our rules regarding other aspects of the uniform on hotter days, we will inform parents and students. Until such time, all normal regulations apply.

Thank you for your support in maintaining our high standards.

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CONGRATULATIONS

The following students cashed in their merits with Mrs Jackson recently:

Paige Benham	Amelia Snow
Brooke Stevens	Rhiannon Stevens
Zoe Hollingsworth	Chloe Mackay
Michelle Ellis	Leif-Camron Saunders
Kimberlie Miller	Summer Coombs
Chloe Georghiou	Ellie Dodds
Harvey Walker-Everton	Reice Thornhill
Tanya Bedding	Isabelle Collins
Olivia Dobney	Chelsea Halkett
Charlie Lucas	Emine Ibrahim
Riannon Stevens	Matt Bywaters
Connor Willis	Daniel Perry
Shane Parker	

Special congratulations goes to the following students who cashed in four pages of merits to collect their £5 Freeport Voucher:

Lee Spooner	Holly Roffey
Lewis Drew	Jamie Walker-Drake
Harmony Platt	Shaun Kinsella-Ilott

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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

COULD PARENTS PLEASE NOTE THAT WITH EFFECT FROM 19 APRIL 2010 TUTORIAL TIME FOR ALL STUDENTS WILL FINISH AT 3.20 PM.

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

GOVERNORS' SUGGESTION BOX



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

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YEAR 7 2 SMART

On the 25 March 2010 Year 7 went to Towerlands Park and saw the 2 Smart Roadshow. We had a great morning and learnt lots about drugs, alcohol, knives, bullying, smoking etc.

There was entertainment, such as London Bus Theatre Company which acted out scenes about drugs, alcohol etc. There was also Kayzar Dance who kicked off the show to a great start.

The radio show Heart was also there playing games. We learnt what bullying and knives etc can do to you. It was great to hear about their stories and how it affected their lives.

It was a fantastic morning and we would definitely go again.

Chelsea Clark, Hannah Denson and Holly Roffey

AFA LIBRARY

We are pleased to announce that students involved with the 'Achievement for All' project are taking lunch times seriously by reading and reviewing books in their own specialised library.

A former store room has been decorated and furnished to provide a calm, comfortable environment in which they can further their learning independently. Students have shown enthusiasm for the new resource, and are making the most of this opportunity, financed by the Achievement for All funds.

The library was the brainchild of Mrs Truscott, who is leading the AfA project at the College.

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