



# HERALD

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

## HEADLINES *from* TREVOR LAWN

Dear Family

As this term finishes we say goodbye to members of our staff:

**Miss Glen Ashby**—HR Manager  
**Miss Marta Gulyas**—Teacher of Geography  
**Mr Jamie Mackenzie**—Teacher of Art  
**Mrs Barbara Pigot**—Science Technician

We would like to thank them for their commitment during their time at Alec Hunter Humanities College and wish them good luck for the future.

We are also welcoming a new member of staff:

**Mrs Jill Cochrane**—who will be joining us as HR Officer

Two members of our staff at present will be taking up full time posts at the College as from next term:

**Mrs Dominika Koper**—Teacher of Art  
**Miss Louise Birke**—Teacher of MFL

## NEW CHAIR OF GOVERNORS



After a very successful Governors' meeting on Wednesday 24 March 2010, we would like to introduce our new Chair of Governors, Mr Martin Fee. Mr Fee can be contacted via the College Office.

We would like to wish all our Year 10 students good luck with their work experience placements which commences the first two weeks after Easter.

Finally a reminder to parents that the new term starts at 8.45 am on the 19 April 2010, except for Year 10, who return back to College on Tuesday 4 May and we wish all students a safe and happy Easter.



## 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
<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

RESPECT OTHERS AND THEIR BELONGINGS

## FOUNDATION AND TRUST STATUS

In the Herald of the 5 March 2010 there was a letter and questionnaire regarding Alec Hunter Humanities College becoming a Foundation School and gaining Trust status. If you have not seen the letter please check our website and follow the link 'CABLE Consultation letter'.

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.

## Y8 LONDON OLYMPICS GEOGRAPHY TRIP

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 42 Year 8 students visited the Olympics site in Stratford, London. This was a great opportunity for them to see how the area is developing in preparation for the 2012 Olympics. With the help of tour guide Andy Rashleigh, students were able to explore the site, including the main 80,000 seated stadium, velodrome and the swimming arena. Students were surprised by the size of the development and how much had already been completed. They also learnt about the "green" vision of the games and got to see the already visible impact on the surrounding Stratford area.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the day and were a credit to the College with their excellent behaviour. Thank you to Mr Fletcher, Mrs Warrington and Mrs Kirk who also came along to help on the trip.

## HERALD ONLINE

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

**[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

Michael Wareing	Year 7
Felicity Lam	Year 8
Brian Wills	Year 9

## LISTENING CHAMPIONS

Jaime Hobson	Year 7
Danielle Lincoln	Year 7
Abigail Prior	Year 8
Megan Scott	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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## HOMEWORK

Parents can be a great support to students with their homework. The following tried and tested tips will help your child to settle to work and then become organised for the future.

- Attempt work on the night it is set, you will still remember the context of the lesson and you will not be able to ask for help before it is due in if you do not understand it
- Use e-folio, our online Virtual Learning Environment, to help you with your homework tasks—most homework is repeated on our special learning website for students' benefit
- Always draft your work out before creating your best effort. This can help you to reduce silly mistakes and increase your marks
- Try to work during the early part of the evening, when you are less tired and you can then enjoy and relax later
- Have a special place to do homework where you will not be disturbed by TV, radio or others
- If you have access to a computer this may be a helpful tool to completing homework, but do not copy large bits of text from the internet, this is often considered as cheating and the likelihood is the teacher will know. If you are using a computer, avoid the distraction of email and other social type websites which will slow your learning down.

## 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.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

## APOLOGIES

Last week's Herald had special congratulations to Thom Scotting, this should have read:

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

Apologies and well done Joseph.

## 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](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

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## YEAR 9 DISCO—FRIDAY 19 MARCH 2010

The Year 9 Disco was a great success and all the Year 9 students who attended had a very enjoyable time. The disco, Nitetrain, commented on how polite and well-behaved our students were and that they had enjoyed their evening with us.

Best girl dancer was **Lauren Sanders in 9E**  
Best boy dancer was **Robbie Addison in 9E**

Well done to those students!!

Below are some of the comments from the students about their evening:

“The disco was actually good. The music was all up-to-date which everyone knew! All the teachers dancing was soo funny especially Mark slow dancing with Mr Barber. It was a great night” **Vicki Prior and Chloe Lane**

“The disco was surprisingly pretty good! The music was great and everyone was dancing! The teachers were raving it especially Mr Barber and Mrs Porter! We would definitely go again and so should everyone else!” **Mollie Archard and Chloe Boorman**

“On Friday 19 March there was a disco for Year 9. It was really really good and we should definitely have some more! It was such a good night because from the minute it started and ended, everyone was dancing, including the teachers! Mr Barber and Mrs Porter were dancing with all of us and it was fab!” **Aimee Smith**

“I thought the Year 9 disco was great! Everyone had loads of fun, the music was really good and the teachers were also really enjoying themselves. I can't wait for the next one” **Amber Schormans**

## ASTRONOMY EVENING



WEDNESDAY 31 MARCH 2010  
AT  
COLCHESTER ROYAL GRAMMAR  
SCHOOL

DOORS OPEN 7.00 PM

FREE ENTRY

- Presentation by popular Science Writer—Dr Stuart Clark
- See the night sky through a telescope
- Astrophotography display
- Ask an Astronomer  
<http://www.neas.me.uk>

## 'HAVE YOUR SAY' COMPETITION

Thirty-two students took part in the North Essex heat of the 'Have your Say' competition. They prepared conversations in French, Spanish and German and competed against 12 other schools in the area. They all made a fantastic effort when performing the role plays.

The following students have made it through to the finals on Wednesday 12 May in Colchester:

Year 7 French	<b>Olivia Bartlett Charlotte Read</b>
Year 8 Spanish	<b>Aline Groom Reece Codd Charlie Milton Chloe Beckwith</b>
Year 9 French	<b>Ashley Solomon Bryony Collet</b>
Year 10 French	<b>Chris Page Sophie Miller</b>
Year 9 Spanish	<b>Catarine Santos Elysia Anthony</b>
Year 10 Spanish	<b>Roxanne Fowler Abigail Barker</b>

Good luck to all of them.

## 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 10 STUDENTS

March 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians of Year 10 students

For your information:

Please note that your son/daughter should have completed four pieces of GCSE English and English Literature coursework and is now working on the fifth piece.

Students are now working on a piece entitled *Response to Shakespeare* which counts as 5% towards their final English mark and 5% towards their English Literature mark. The deadline for first draft submission is Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 and they will receive a grade score and comments concerning improvement, if relevant, no later than Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April. Whilst they have been given quite a lot of class time to complete the piece, their class teacher will encourage them to work on the piece at home and would be grateful if you could also encourage them.

If you have any issues regarding Coursework within English please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Mr Jonathan Ellams  
HOCA English and Media

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