



# HERALD

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM ALEC HUNTER HUMANITIES COLLEGE 29 January 2010—Issue 14 Wk B

## HEADLINES *from* TREVOR LAWN

Dear Family

Firstly, I'd like to extend my thanks for the many kind messages and comments we have received since sharing the news of Mr Hutchinson's illness with you last week. We pride ourselves on being a College with a strong sense of community spirit and it is at times like these that we see the greatest evidence of the unity between ourselves and our parents and partners.

### NIKKI GRAHAME VISITS ALEC HUNTER

This week saw Nikki Graham from Big Brother visit Alec Hunter. She was working with our Year 9 students to raise awareness of Eating Disorders (more information will be in next week's Herald).

### YEAR 9 OPTIONS

Well done to Year 9 students, the vast majority of whom submitted their options forms on time. The process of planning subject blocks and organising groups now begins, and several students will be spoken to over the coming weeks with regard to courses which are over or undersubscribed. We can get on with this right away due to the fact that we have a complete return, so many thanks to parents, tutors and the Year 9 team for your support with this. The students also deserve great credit for approaching the options process in a mature and reflective manner.

### SPTC DAY

Students should have come home with a letter for SPTC day on 11 February 2010. This day is for appointments only, so College will not be open for normal lessons. Students do not have to wear uniform. If you need to change your appointment time please contact the tutor via the College.

### INSET DAY

Friday 12 February is a non-pupil day.

## STUDENT NAME

## TERM DATES

SPRING TERM  
4 January—1 April 2010  
HALF TERM  
15—19 February 2010  
INSET DAY  
12 February 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

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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 Manager. 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>	

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 Hutchinson
Maths	Mr Govender	Mrs Hills
Science	Mrs Stevens	Miss Leack
Geography/History/RE	Mr Guilford	Mrs Hills
Technology and Art	Mr Todd	Miss Leack
French/German/Spanish	Mrs Bradley	Mr Lawn
ICT	Ms Walker	Mr Birley
PE/Drama/Music	Mr Edwards	Mr Lawn
Citizenship	Mrs Hewes	Mr Birley
Personal Development	Mrs Artus (Co-ordinator)	Mrs Richards

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## CLASSROOM CODE OF CONDUCT

FOLLOW THE SAFETY RULES

## JACK PETCHEY FOUNDATION

COMPETITION: Win £15 itunes/Topshop/Book Vouchers

Who has inspired you?

JPF is celebrating our 10th birthday this year. Looking back over the last ten years, we've been thinking about the idea of inspiration.

To enter our competition, we want you to tell us about the person who has most inspired you. Whether it's Barack Obama, a teacher or one of your relatives, just tell us who they are and WHY they inspire you by posting on our Facebook fanpage. (If you're not on Facebook, email your entry to mail@jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk and we'll add it there for you).

We'll pick one entrant at random to win £15 worth of vouchers (you choose from iTunes, Topshop or book tokens).

Closing date: Friday 12 February 2010

## SPRING FAYRE

We will be hosting a Spring Fayre at Alec Hunter on Saturday 15 May 2010 and wondered if anyone would like to support by either donating toys, white elephant items, cakes (nearer the time), bottles for our bottle stall or a raffle prize.

Additionally, if anyone is interested in holding a stall then please contact Mrs Artus on 01376 321813 or email at lisa.artus@alechunter.essex.sch.uk.

Please note advertisements regarding the Fayre will be issued nearer the date.

## HEADTEACHER'S SURGERY TIMES

There will be no surgery with Mr Hutchinson for the foreseeable future. If parents would like to speak to a senior member of staff please contact Mrs Bootle in the College Office who will arrange an appointment.

## HERALD ONLINE

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

**www.alechunter.com**

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

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

<b>Oliver Evans</b>	Year 7
<b>Lauren Hockley</b>	Year 8
<b>Charlie Joy</b>	Year 9
<b>Brian Wills</b>	Year 9

## LISTENING CHAMPIONS

<b>Omolara Walker</b>	Year 7
<b>Aidan Franklin</b>	Year 8
<b>Nicole Dorrington</b>	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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### FREE COMPUTERS FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES

The Government has made grants available for low income families to enable them to buy a computer and get internet access. The total amount of the grant is £528. The eligibility criteria is on the web-link below. There are two sections and you have to meet all three points from the first section and one from the second.

If you think you are entitled to claim please ring Home Access Grant Helpline on 0333 200 1004 to get an application form.

<http://www.homeaccess.org.uk/information-for-parents>

### FREE ENGLISH CLASSES

**Is English your second language?  
Do you want to improve your English  
Language skills?**

If so, Alec Hunter Humanities College  
Will be holding **Free** classes from 5.30—6.30 pm  
Every Thursday  
Starting 28 January 2010  
(Except school holidays)

To enrol, please contact Mrs Lisa Artus  
Alec Hunter Humanities College  
01376 321813  
Email [lisa.artus@alechunter.essex.sch.uk](mailto:lisa.artus@alechunter.essex.sch.uk)

### POTTY MOO SALE



Monday 8 February 2010  
7—9.00 pm  
Elim Church Hall,  
Manor Street,  
Braintree



### BABYSITTING COURSE

Babysitting Club is held every Monday after College starting on Monday 22 March 2010 in A3

The course covers:

- Introduction to babysitting, rights of the babysitter and the employer and the law on child employment
- Accident prevention and fire and safety
- Looking after babies and children
- First aid and knowledge of infections that young children and babies may incur
- Dealing with challenging babysitting situations

If you would like to attend the course, please contact Mrs Artus by the end of half term.

### CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

***Come along with a pad, pen and  
imagination***

***Thursday's 1.15 - 1.45***

***Alec Creative Writing Club  
L5***

***The chance to write and develop  
your writing for fun and  
competitions***

### HAITI

On behalf of the Red Cross Partnership, Alec Hunter Humanities College will be forwarding donations for Haiti.

If you would like to donate please forward your donations to the College by 12 February.

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