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HEADLINES *from* ANDREW HUTCHINSON

Dear Family

This week we have been continuing our celebration of being 50 years old!

Our special Cross Curricular day took students back 50 years in the context of their lessons, although the teaching methods were right up-to-date! Lessons included:

1959 Cookery; Art – Jasper John's Numbers; Racism in the 1950's; Capital Punishment or Murder?; Forensic Science in the 1950's; Fashion 1950's style; 1950's Discoveries: DNA.

In Science, celebrating the discovery of DNA, students investigated the alleged kidnapping of the Headteacher Find out who did it?

FRIDAY 18 DECEMBER 2009

On the last day of term, 18 December 2009, the College will be closing at 1.05 pm. The Silver End bus has been arranged to leave Alec Hunter at 1.30 pm.

STUDENT NAME

TERM DATES

AUTUMN TERM
7 September— 18 December
CHRISTMAS BREAK
21 December 2009—1 January 2010
SPRING TERM
4 January—1 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

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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
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	

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	Mrs Mitchell	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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STRANGER DANGER

Further to our assemblies this week, Essex Police have issued the following Press Release:

“Detectives in Braintree are seeking the public’s help in identifying and locating a man who approached a 12-year-old girl in Rayne Road, Braintree about 1pm on Saturday November 28, 2009. The girl was walking near the Queens Head public house when the man approached her and grabbed her arm. The girl broke free and the man ran off towards Somerfields. The girl was upset by the incident but suffered no serious harm. Police were informed and carried out a large scale search, including the use of the force helicopter, in an effort to trace the man, but without success.

The man responsible is described as being of Asian appearance, about 50 years, thinning grey hair, grey stubble and with stained and smelly hands and nails that suggested he was a heavy smoker. He was wearing a dark top and black jogging bottoms. Anyone who saw the incident or recognises the man, or who have any other information is asked to contact police at Braintree on 0300 333 4444 or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111”.

In order that students travel to and from school safely we suggest the following:

Try not to walk alone
Stay in well lit areas
Avoid alleyways or shortcuts in the dark
Using Ipods or Mobile phones, whilst walking, can be distracting, so try to avoid this too

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

YEAR 7	Michael Loring
YEAR 8	Rebecca Skingley
YEAR 9	Lauren Fletcher Gemma Plank

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

If students have not returned their Christmas lunch letter the deadline has been extended until Thursday 10 December 2009.

LISTENING CHAMPIONS

YEAR 7	Steven Warren
YEAR 8	Megan Day
YEAR 9	Jack Putt

CHEERLEADING



Calling all wannabe Cheerleaders!

Alec Panther's Cheerleading started again on Wednesday 2nd December from 3.30pm-4.30pm in the main hall with Sophie, our qualified cheerleader.

If you are interested in joining the group then you can get a parental acceptance letter from Mrs Artus.

CLASSROOM CODE OF CONDUCT

FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS

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CITIZENSHIP NEWS

In Citizenship we are very proud to announce that we have four College winners of the Council's Design an 18th Birthday Card competition.

A few months ago we were invited to participate in a competition as part of Local Democracy week to design a new card to remind all 18 years olds in the district that they are eligible to vote.

The entire Year 7 and 8 year groups participated in this competition and I am proud to announce the results:

Runners up were:	Hayleigh Truscott	7E
	Sam Bartrop	8T
	Kye Anderson	8R
	Lillie Monro	7N
	Emily Parker	8H

The winners for the entire competition were:

Megan Day	8U
Emily Rose	7E
Eric Brain	8L
Zeb Goodes	7L

The winners and runners up all receive additional prizes with the main winners receiving a prize of a tour around Parliament with MP Brooks Newmark early next year.

The winners will all be invited to a formal presentation to congratulate them on their achievements at Causeway House on the 14 December 2009.

Well done to everyone who participated in this competition, this is active Citizenship in its fullest terms!

Mrs Hewes

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



**ALEC HUNTER HUMANITIES COLLEGE
INVITE YOU TO THEIR
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER 2009
7.00 PM IN MAIN HALL**

**TICKETS ARE £3.00 ADULTS, £2.00 STUDENTS
ON SALE FROM
MONDAY 7 DECEMBER 2009
FROM THE COLLEGE OFFICE OR
MR CLIFTON**



HEADTEACHER'S SURGERY TIMES

Tuesday 8 December	11.00 am
Thursday 10 December	4.00 pm

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YEAR 9 ROAD SAFETY

On Wednesday 25 November 2009 the whole of Year 9 was involved in the Year 9 Road Safety activity.

The activity was about the safety aspects of wearing seat belts and our students did the College proud with their excellent behaviour.

Below are some of the students' comments about the play:

"I think the roadshow was superb because from the start to the end everyone was laughing the whole way through. Overall I think it is a really good experience and I would like another roadshow like that again".

Kyle Allen

"I think the roadshow was very good. I would love to see one like it again. I think there was some points in the play that were very touching and does make you realise is it really worth it, not wearing a seatbelt. They were very good actors".

Carlena Buckley

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ESSEX CARRYING THE FLAME

On Friday 23 October 2009, myself, **Marc Williams and Rebecca Hollyoak** visited Ramsey School to represent Alec Hunter Humanities College at the Essex Carrying the Flame event.

There were both secondary schools, including Notley High School and Honywood Community Science School, and primary schools, so varied opinions / ideas were given from a variety of age groups.

Our job, being children and teenagers, was to help the organisers of the event, by giving our opinions on what Essex can do for sport and activities leading up to and during the London 2012 Olympic Games.

After doing many small activities to get us into gear, we soon got into four small groups and focused on our main objective; a power-point presentation about what Essex can do in it's communities leading up to 2012.

Once we had created our presentations, we then had to present them to the Essex Carrying the Flag team. All teams produced great powerpoints and expressed their views well!

I thoroughly enjoyed the day and I hope our views helped the Essex Carrying the Flag team! - **Shaun Whiteley (Year 10)**

TEA PARTIES

Yes, it's that time again, when we invited our Primary Feeder Schools to visit our Year 7 students.

Representatives from Lyons Hall, Beckers Green, Cressing, Silver End, Stisted and Rayne Primary Schools enjoyed time with students, looking at their work, catching up and having tea and cake!

Primary School staff commented on how smart they looked. They were impressed with the work in their exercise books and how they had matured in such a short time.

WELL DONE

Congratulations to **Aline Groom** who recently handed in 4 pages of merits and collected her £5 Freeport Voucher from Mrs Jackson. Well done.

Congratulations to the following students who all handed in one page of merits recently:

**George Jones
Ryan Everitt
James Hammond
John Dooley
Molly Asplin
Alysia Gerhartz
Katie Skingley**

ADVANCED NOTICE

Mock Results day is on Friday 15 January 2010, when only Year 11 students will attend College for Periods 1 and 2, along with their parents if they wish, to receive their mock results and for many students the final results from their early entry of Maths and English GCSE exams taken in November.

CONGRATULATIONS



We would like to congratulate **Connie Saunders**, who was a student at Alec Hunter Humanities College from 1999—2004, on passing her exams and qualifying as a nurse.

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