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HEADLINES *from* ANDREW HUTCHINSON— HEADTEACHER

Dear Family

It has been a while since I have had the opportunity to write headlines for the Herald and I am delighted to do so today.

I would like to thank everyone for their best wishes regarding my health and can confirm that the treatment my doctors have arranged for me should enable me to continue to be in College a little more often towards the end of term, so I look forward to seeing everyone, which is encouraging.

Sports Day last week was a great event, with some excellent performances from students. More information will appear in next week's Herald.

Finally I would encourage everyone to focus their efforts on these final few weeks of term, when we continue with our normal hard work and being the best we can each day, making the most of every opportunity.

UNIFORM SHOP—SUMMER OPENING

19 July—22 July	3.20 pm—4.00 pm
26 July—29 July	12.00 pm—2.00 pm
18 August—20 August	10.00 am—12.00 pm
1 September—3 September	10.00 am—12.00 pm

EARLY CLOSURE

On the 22 July 2010 College will finish at 1.05 pm, with Silver End buses leaving at 1.30, for the Summer break.

STUDENT NAME

TERM DATES

SUMMER TERM

19 April—22 July 2010

AUTUMN TERM

7 September—17 December 2010

New Year 7 Team Building Day

3 September 2010

HALF TERM

25 October—29 October 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: 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
Form Tutors				
Mrs Barnes Pastoral Leader	Mrs Truscott Pastoral Leader	Mrs Porter Pastoral Leader	Mr Deeks Pastoral Leader	Mr Deeks Pastoral Leader
Mrs McKinnon Achievement Co-ordinator	Mr Moreno Achievement Co-ordinator	Mrs Ogilvie Achievement Co-ordinator	Mrs Stringer Achievement Co-ordinator	Miss Jones 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	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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LYONS HALL TECHNOLOGY ENTERPRISE PROJECT

Over the past few weeks, Year 6 groups have been working with Mrs Powell and Mr Igoe in Technology to produce a motorised car/truck model, based on a current Lyons Hall project. In these sessions, students were able to familiarise themselves with a workshop environment and learnt a variety of skills, such as sawing, drilling, soldering etc., which they were able to use in constructing their models.

It was great to see the students' confidence and enthusiasm grow quickly when using the relevant tools and equipment, and seeing them being applied to their team's vehicles.

Lyons Hall staff were delighted with what the students were able to learn from these sessions, as well as improving the overall quality and pace of the project.

Well done to all those involved.

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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.

WATER BOTTLES



Could parents please ensure that during the warm weather students bring in a bottle for water. This can be filled up from the fountains at break and lunchtime. Students will not be allowed out of lessons to get water from either the office or the fountains.

CLASSROOM CODE OF CONDUCT

BE SAFE BE KIND BE RESPONSIBLE

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PAUL COOKSON

On Thursday 1 July 2010 Alec Hunter welcomed the return of the poet Paul Cookson. However, this time he had a couple of new tricks up his sleeve!

During the morning, Year 9 students gathered in the hall for an hour's assembly with Paul. Paul read out some of his poems, adding a musical element with his talent on a ukulele. But just when everybody had thought they had seen everything Paul plugged in the amplifier and pulled out a custom made Superyob ukulele - made in the style of Dave Hill's Superyob guitar from the 70's rock band, Slade. He rocked and rolled the place, involving all students, with the poem, 'Granddad! Put your trousers on!'

Later on that day, Paul took a small class of Year 8 and 9 students to answer questions in more detail and discuss how best to approach the art of writing poetry. Many first drafts were completed and Paul read them out with tone and expression.

We are sure that Paul's input will have a lasting effect on our students' creative and poetic skills.

COMMUNITY HEALTH EVENT

Come along to Alec Hunter's Community Health Event, a day of information and advice, to help support the community with all aspects of Health and Wellbeing.

The day will be filled with stalls, activities, sports and music.

Saturday 10 July 2010

11.00 am—4.00 pm
at

Alec Hunter Humanities College
Stubbs Lane
Braintree

Admission:

Adults—50p
Under 16's & OAP's Free

MY MUM

Hazel eyes, long brown hair,
That's my Mum,
Always trying to improve her appearance,
That's my Mum,
Although she is as good as can be,
That's my Mum,
In her boots, high or flat,
That's my Mum
Don't moan just do it she'll say,
That's my Mum
Always with her paperwork,
That's my Mum,
Day after day after day after day,
That's my Mum

Blake Edge—8A

LISTENING CHAMPIONS

YEAR 8 Connor Dudley

YEAR 9 Anna Marshall

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

YEAR 8 Kelsey Shirley

YEAR 9 Sonal Singadia

STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS

We would like to congratulate Tasha Saunders, who attended Alec Hunter from 2001—2006. Tasha has just passed her Animal Management FDSC Degree, with merit, at Writtle University.

Well done Tasha.

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