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HEADLINES from ANDREW HUTCHINSON

Dear Family

This week we have welcomed large numbers of prospective parents to visit lessons at Alec Hunter Humanities College, enabling Year 6 pupils to see learning at our College.

Families have been very positive about what they have seen in College, so well done to everyone involved in these events. The follow up to our Open Evening has been superb and comments, particularly aimed at students who took part, were very pleasing.



Congratulations to the Braintree Sixth Form when it was officially opened this week. The Sixth Form is jointly managed by Notley High School, Alec Hunter Humanities College, Honywood Community Science School and Tabor Science College and is open for all students from these schools to attend. The 'State of Art' facilities provide an excellent opportunity for our students to study at 'A' level in Brain-

tree.

A record number of students have continued their education to a higher level this year, with students studying a wide range of academic and professional qualifications.



INTERNET SAFETY

This is a timely reminder to parents, to ensure they are vigilant regarding keeping their children safe whilst using the internet.

Parents will be aware that at Alec Hunter Humanities College, we take these matters very seriously and are proud that our standards are more stringent than others. One area where this is the case is our online edition of the Herald, in which we do not publish student pictures. Any parent requesting an online version with pictures should access our online learning environment 'efolio'.

For archive on internet security, see the CEOPS section of our website.

STUDENT NAME

TERM DATES

AUTUMN TERM
7 September— 18 December
HALF TERM
26—30 October

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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**BRAINTREE 6TH FORM
OPEN EVENING**

THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER

7.00 PM

SEE THE STUNNING NEW SIXTH FORM CENTRE

MEETING TEACHING STAFF AND STUDENTS

**FIND OUT ABOUT COURSES AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR AC-
TIVITIES**

**The Sixth Form is a collaboration between local schools:
Notley High School, Tabor Science College, Alec Hunter Hu-
manities College and Honywood Community Science School**

PFSA

Alec Hunter PFSA

OUR NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING IS ON:

Monday 12th October 2009

7.30PM – 9.00PM
ALL WELCOME!

GO-KARTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

If you are interested in Karting, please see Mr Edwards in the PE Department.

**HEADTEACHER'S
SURGERY TIMES**

Tuesday 13 October 9.00 am

Friday 16 October 10.00 am

**CLASSROOM
CODE OF CONDUCT**

**WORK WITHOUT DISTRACTING
OTHERS**

HERALD ONLINE

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www.alechunter.com

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

WELL DONE

Congratulations to :

**Charlie Joy
Jordan Thomas
Joe Frisby
Emily Stone**

who collected their £5 Freeport Vouchers from Mrs Jackson for collecting 4 pages of merits. Well done!

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Following various consultations on the following issues, I can confirm the following changes to our policies:

Inappropriate Hair Styles:

Students are not permitted to have extreme hair cuts or styles . This would include unnatural colours or unnatural combinations of colours, patterns or lines being cut into the hair and any cutting of the hair to a length shorter than a number 2 cut. The decision on what constitutes an extreme hairstyle is at the discretion of the college and students may be sent home to moderate the style or have it changed so that it is in keeping with the expectations of the working environment of the college.

If parents are in any doubt as to whether a certain hairstyle is acceptable, we would advise that they contact the college before visiting the hairdresser

Smoking:

Smoking is an offence on the college site. Being caught smoking will lead to a two day fixed term exclusion, being caught equipped to smoke will lead to an internal exclusion and a letter home, all items will be confiscated regarding smoking and only returned to parents.

Race related incidents:

Definitions:

Conduct or words or practices which disadvantage or advantage people because of their colour, culture or ethnic origin. A racist incident is any incident which is perceived to be racist by the victim or any other person. DFES Search using the ref: 0000-2006DOC-XX 2006

Procedure:

On the first instance of a racial incident, the student will be:

- Counselled
- Reprimanded by the Headteacher
- Be reported to the governors
- The Headteacher will speak to parents
- Reported to Essex County Council

On the second instance of a racial incident, the student will be:

- Counselled by a member of Essex Council EMAS
- Receive a fixed term exclusion of 2 days
- Further sanctions may be imposed to limit the freedom in college of the student
- Be reported to the governors
- Parents will be required to attend a meeting with the Headteacher
- Reported to Essex County Council

On the third instance of a racial incident, the student will be:

- Counselled a member of Essex Council EMAS
- Receive a fixed term exclusion of 5 days
- Parents will be required to meet with the college board of Governors to consider future options for the student
- Reported to Essex County Council

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UNIFORM

Following consultation it has been agreed that girls skirts should be of knee length.

College Uniform Requirements as from September 2009

Listed below are the uniform and PE Kit requirements. There will be no variations on the uniform as stated.

Uniform – Boys and Girls

BLACK BLAZER WITH ALEC HUNTER BADGE
PLAIN WHITE SHIRT – BUTTON UP TO COLLAR
BLACK TAILORED TROUSERS OR KNEE LENGTH SKIRT
BLACK SOCKS OR TIGHTS
BLACK LOW-HEELED LEATHER/LEATHER LOOK SHOES
V-NECK BLACK JUMPER (OPTIONAL)
CLIP ON ALEC HUNTER TIE (THE TIE HAS BEEN DESIGNED BY STUDENTS, PARENTS AND STAFF AND IS BASED ON A FABRIC DESIGNED BY ALEC HUNTER CALLED 'CRESSING')

PE Kit (Outdoor):

A new PE kit has been introduced from September 2009 for Year 7 students onwards and details are available on our website. PE kit is as follows:

BOYS RUGBY SHIRT
POLO SHIRT (logo)
BLACK SHORTS (PLAIN)
FOOTBALL SOCKS
OPTIONAL EXTRA: When cold - plain Black Jogging Bottoms

PE Kit (Indoor):

BOYS & GIRLS POLO SHIRT (logo)
BLACK SHORTS (PLAIN)
FOOTBALL SOCKS
TRAINING SHOES

All PE kit is available from the College Uniform Shop which is open on Tuesdays between 3.20 - 4.00 p.m. term time only.

SAM LEARNING



'using the service leads to better exam results'

SAM Learning is available via the College website. The service, which is accessible to all students, covers a wide range of subjects across the curriculum and can be used both in school and at home. Students can log in (details of this simple process are on page 14 of the Organiser) and complete interactive tests, exam practice questions and exam papers. SAM has a proven track record: studies have shown that using the service leads to better exam results.

BE RESPONSIBLE BE SAFE SELLING ITEMS IN COLLEGE

In order that we can keep all students **Safe and Healthy**, we must ensure that all food and drink sales in College are from our catering outlets. Water is available free of charge from the water coolers.

Anyone offering to sell you food or drink is likely to be punished and those caught buying will also face consequences.

WELL DONE

Well done to **Ciaran Lowen** who found a wallet in College recently and immediately contacted a member of staff so that it could be returned to it's owner.

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