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16th January 2012

"Be the best you can be"

Dear Family,
Mock Results Day

Friday morning was an important occasion for our Year 11 students as they reported to College to collect their mock exam results, in exactly the same manner as they will collect them in August, with each of our young people picking up the all-important envelope to give a feel for what that moment of truth will be like. Just as in the summer, there were some cries of delight and some tears of disappointment, leaving students to reflect carefully on the outcomes of their efforts. Fortunately, they are all aware that they still have several months in which to either consolidate their progress to date or redouble their efforts in pursuit of their personal targets.



Once the results had been shared, tutors, teachers and support staff were on hand to provide mentoring and assist our youngsters in identifying priorities for the months ahead. Some also took advantage of the presence of Marianne Gardner, from the College at Braintree, to discuss career options and future pathways. The feedback I have received from both staff and students suggests that this was a worthwhile experience, so many thanks to everyone who contributed to the event.

College 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

Uniform Shop:

Tuesday 3.20 pm- 4.00 pm
(Sizing and Collection only)

Diary Dates

SPRING TERM

3rd January-30th March 2012

School Closes Friday 10 February 2012 at 3.20pm
School Opens Monday 20th February 2012 (WEEK A)

School Closed 23rd March 2012-Student Review Day

School Closes Friday 30th March 2012 at 1.05pm
School Opens Monday 16th April 2012 (WEEK A)

FEBRUARY DIARY DATES

Thursday 9th - Year 11 Parents Evening starting @ 4.30pm

Student Absence

We would be grateful if parents reporting absence would use this service:

Tel: 01376 559356
jackie.jackson@alechunter.essex.sch.uk
Text: 07598393348

Please be aware that the text number is only for texts and there is no voicemail service.

Week Commencing 23/01/12 is Week B

Headlines Continued...

Special congratulations go to the following students, whose mock results suggest that great achievements are within their grasp in the real exams:

Hannah Burnitt	5 A*, 4 A grades
Fathema Rahman	4 A*, 4 A grades
Jade Murrell	4 A*, 3 A grades
Ashley Solomon	3 A*, 5 A grades
Kayleigh Peters	8 A grades
Heather Hogan	2 A*, 3 A grades
Lucy Stanford-Eyre	1 A*, 5 A grades
Sofia Forconesi	1 A*, 5 A grades
Stacey Dunlop	1 A*, 4 A grades

Well done also to **Langton Tsanga** and **Ekaterina Shipulina**, as they were the two students whose results exceeded their targets by the greatest margin, an excellent performance!

Options Evening

Many thanks to everyone who came along to our Options Evening on Thursday night. With over 70% of families attending, we are confident that the majority of students and their parents were able to gather the information they need to make the important choices regarding their Key Stage 4 courses over the coming weeks. With excellent staff support, and some student helpers too, there were plenty of people on hand to answer key questions. Over the coming week, all students will also have an interview with their tutor to gain further insight into the choices available and to match them to their individual abilities.

Please remember that the deadline for submitting the options forms is **Friday 27 January**, but please do take advantage of all the guidance on offer before making your final selection.

Year 8 News

Keep in touch with your son's/daughter's positive achievements by clicking on the pencil pot on the iAlec homepage. Keep up-to-date with any pastoral news by clicking on the Alec Hunter coffee mug.

Year 10/11 English Self Study

In this crucial run up to terminal assessments the English Faculty is piloting a new approach to self study within the department. Alongside the shorter tasks set by teachers, there will be an independent project-based learning task set for all students. These tasks are designed to extend and augment pupil understanding of key concepts and ideas being studied, and are accessible through the iAlec interface. It is expected that they should take a number of hours of independent study time over a half term, and should be completed by the last week of term. Could parents/guardians please encourage students to log on to the English Forum and complete the tasks set by their class teachers.

Any problems or queries please see your English class teacher or Mr. McKenna.

Thank you very much in advance of your support .

New Year's Resolutions

During our tutorial on Wednesday 4th January 2012, 8U had the idea of creating an A to Z of "New Year's resolutions.

Here is what we came up with:

- A**dd exercise time
 - B**e polite
 - C**ut down on chocolate
 - D**on't lie
 - E**at less sweets
 - F**ind the kindness in your hearts
 - G**ive don't take
 - H**ave respect
 - I**nclude everyone
 - J**oin clubs
 - K**eep promises
 - L**et everyone join in
 - M**aintain relationships
 - N**o backchat
 - O**wn up
 - P**lease and thank you
 - Q**uality time with friends and family
 - R**eturn things that aren't yours
 - S**hare
 - T**reat people fairly
 - U**seful
 - V**iolence out
 - W**ork hard
 - X** to smoking
 - Y**ou be the best you can be
 - Z**ero ticks/ Negative points
- ... So, what are YOUR goals in 2012? What do you truly want to achieve? We hope our list inspires you! Happy New Year!**
- By Harrison Beckwith, James Thomson, Sonny Cooke, Lee Rose, Luke Dunlop and Michael Perry.

IAG NEWS

FUTURES EVENT

We welcomed representatives from Colleges, Universities, service providers and local employers to the College last week to our Futures Event.

The evening was to inform students about the choices available to them when they have finished their final examinations.

The event was well represented by Years 10, 11 and their parents with lots of positive feedback. A big thank you to all of those people who gave their time to make this event possible.



ITALY TRIP

Mr Lawley, Ms Koper and Italian Teachers

Comenius is an exchange programme designed to encourage young people to volunteer and build international relations with students all over the world. We have seven partnership schools in Europe which are in France, Spain, Italy, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Turkey and Germany. The volunteering group is named YOUROVOL,

Szlamo



which stands for Young European Volunteers. Our logo was designed by Eleanor Miller and it depicts two hands shaking and eight stars representing each country.

Lara Walker, Dean Anderson, Eleanor Miller and Adam Brown went on a five day trip to a southern Italian town called Potenza with Mr Lawley and Ms Koper. As part of the foreign exchange programme. We had to stay in students' houses. This was a fantastic experience as we were able to learn about the Italian life and culture. We went to school every day and also went on visits around the region.

- Lara Walker 9R

Potenza

Matera

Tuesday 29th
November

Matera visit

We went to school for one lesson with our hosts then we went to the city of Matera. We went on tours around an ancient graveyard and the houses that are literally stacked on top of each other. We also looked at the caves that had been cut out of the mountains and used as houses. Overall it was a great day.

- Adam Brown 9U

During my time in Potenza, I have learnt that other cultures are all different and that even though Italians don't speak 100% English they still look up the word in the dictionary to work out what it is they are trying to say. Italian Culture is a lot different to ours because in Italy things are very relaxed nothing is rushed, they take a deep breath and take it easy.

- Dean Anderson 9R

Monday 28th November 2011.

The Monastery, Padua

It is the oldest monastery in Europe. When the monastery was in use, many of hundreds of years ago, it used to be a safe haven for all of the Buddhist monks, but when Napoleon came, he kicked them all out and stole many of the priceless paintings inside leaving many of the walls bare and ruining the many years of dwelling history behind the building's architecture. It was a true shame. All over the monastery there were always unlevel cobbles, which would make you look down, and look like you are praying to God. It took us 2 1/2 hours just to reach the Padua monastery. The whole day at the monastery was quite interesting learning about the recent and past history of the ancient monastery.

- Eleanor Miller 9U



Padua

Science Revision Sessions

Year 11

Subject	Exam date	After school Revision dates
Additional Science	31 st January	B5 – 5 th January
		C5 – 12 th January
		P5 – 19 th January
Applied Science – Agriculture and Food	31 st January	5 th , 12 th , 19 th January
Chemistry	1 st February	To be arranged with Mrs Stevens
Physics	2 nd February	To be arranged with Mr Lee

Subject	Exam date
Core Science Unit 1	30 th January
Core Science Unit 2	26 th January
Additional Science Unit 1	30 th January
Applied Science – Scientific Detection	30 th January
Biology – Unit 1	24 th January
Chemistry – Unit 1	26 th January

Year 11 Resits

See your teacher for times of Revision Sessions for Resits.

Maths Revision Sessions

YEAR 10/11 UNIT 1 REVISION SESSIONS

Date	Group 1 (Target A/A*) E5	Group 2 (Target B /C) E6	Group 3 (Foundation) E4
23/01/2012	Percentages - Reverse Percentages-Compound interest	Percentages/Fractions	Percentages - Increase/ Decrease /One quantity as a percentage of another
30/01/2012	Cumulative Frequency - Box Plot	Frequency table / Mean and other averages	Sharing an amount by a given ratio
06/01/2012	Histograms	Group frequency tables / Cumulative frequency and averages	All averages
20/02/2012	Probability - Combined events /Tree diagrams	Probability /Tree diagram	Drawing graphs /Correlation
27/02/2012	Standard index form /Limits	Rounding accuracy / Calculation bounds	Probability /Questionnaire

January Exams

January 2012 - GCSE Exams for Year 10 & 11									
Day	Date	Month	Start	Duration	Unit Code	Subject		Total	Year Group
Tue	10	Jan	09:00	02:15	ENG1H	English/English Language Unit 1H		23	Year 11
Thu	12	Jan	09:00	01:00	A141/01	Science A: Mdls B1, C1, P1 Wrtn Fnd		75	Year 10
Thu	12	Jan	09:00	01:00	A141/02	Science A: Mdls B1, C1, P1 Wrtn Hgh		117	Year 10
Thu	12	Jan	09:00	01:00	A161/02	Biology A: Mdls B1, B2, B3 Wrtn Hgh		28	Year 10
Wed	18	Jan	09:00	01:00	A171/02	Chemistry A: Unit 1 C1, C2, C3 Wtn Hgh		28	Year 10
Fri	20	Jan	09:00	01:00	A181/02	Physics A: Mdls P1, P2, P3 Wrtn Hgh		28	Year 10
Tue	24	Jan	09:00	00:40	A211/01	Science A: Unit 1 (B1, C1, P1) Found		2	Year 11
Tue	24	Jan	09:00	00:40	A211/02	Science A: Unit 1 (B1, C1, P1) High		2	Year 11
Tue	24	Jan	09:00	00:40	A221/02	Biology A: Unit 1 (B1, B2, B3) Hgh		2	Year 11
Wed	25	Jan	14:00	01:15	5HB033C	History War on Britain C1914-50		14	Year 11
Thu	26	Jan	09:00	00:40	A321/02	Chemistry A: Unit 1 (C1, C2, C3) Hgh		1	Year 11
Mon	30	Jan	14:00	00:40	A215/01	Add Sci A: Unit 1 B4,C4,P4 Fnd		3	Year 11
Mon	30	Jan	14:00	00:40	A215/02	Add Sci A: Unit 1 B4,C4,P4 Hgh		2	Year 11
Mon	30	Jan	14:00	00:45	A325/01	AD AP Sci A: 3 (Sci Dtctn) Fnd		2	Year 11
Tue	31	Jan	09:00	00:40	A216/01	Add Sci A: Unit 2 (B5, C5, P5) Fnd		64	Year 11
Tue	31	Jan	09:00	00:40	A216/02	Add Sci A: Unit 2 (B5, C5, P5) Hgh		76	Year 11
Tue	31	Jan	09:00	00:45	A334/01	Add AP Sci A: Unit 2 (Agr & Food) Fnd		13	Year 11
Tue	31	Jan	09:00	00:45	A334/02	Add AP Sci A: Unit 2 (Agr & Food) Hgh		10	Year 11
Wed	1	Feb	14:00	00:40	A322/02	Chemistry A: Unit 2 (C4, C5, C6) Hgh		26	Year 11
Thu	2	Feb	09:00	00:40	A332/02	Physics A: Unit 2 (P4, P5, P6) Hgh		26	Year 11

Maths Exam Timetable

2011/2012 Calendar

	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Year 7	Baseline Assessment (05/09/2011)	Test 1 07/11/11		Test 2 12/12/12		Test 3 08/02/2012	World Maths Day 07/03/2012	Test 4 18/04/2012	Test 5 30/05/12	End of year 7 test 13/06/2012
Year 8		Test 2 07/11/11			Test 3 - 19/01/12		Test 4 - 08/03/12	UK Maths Challenge 26/04/2012	Test 5 - 31/05/12	End of year 8 test 14/06/2012
Year 9	End Of Chapter Tests									
Year 10			Mock exam (Unit-1) 16/11/2011			Mock Exam (Unit-1) 22/02/2012	Unit-1 Exam 05/03/2012			
Year 11		Mock Exam (Unit-2) 18/10/2011	Unit-2 Exam 14/11/2011					Mock exam (unit-3) 30/04/2012	Mock Exam(Unit-3) 01/05/2012	Unit-3 Exam 13/06/12

CAFÉ ROUGE

On Monday 12th December 2011, 11 lucky French skills day winners had the opportunity to go to an amazing café called Café Rouge.

The café was an amazing 3 storey building although it looked small from the outside! It was so spacious and cosy inside! All of us merrily enjoyed munching our way through our desserts such as "la tranche au chocolat", "La coupe rouge" and "La crêpe au chocolat"! We even had to order our food and drinks in French! What a great experience!

By Emily Sharp and Jasmine Dagley 7U



Roll Up Roll Up ... Indoor Table Top Sale!!

- £5 a Plot • £10 a Plot for Traders
- Non sellers - Entrance FREE

Date: Saturday 28th January 2012 • Saturday 25th February 2012
• Saturday 17th March 2012 • Time: 12pm - 3pm

- Hot and Cold Refreshments on Sale

For more information contact:
Lisa Artus on **01376 321813 / 01376 559351** or email
lisa.artus@alechunter.essex.sch.uk

or
Lesley on **07986240588** or email **superted@talk21.com**

Venue: Alec Hunter Humanities College
Stubbs Lane • Braintree • Essex • CM7 3NR

Congratulations...

Listeners of the Week

Chloe Clark 7E
Callum Coleshill 9T

Students of the Week!

Well done to:
Jake Ellis 7R
Dean Anderson 9R

HUMANITIES STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

History KS3	Victoria Forconesi 9N
History KS4	Rebecca Taylor 10R
Geography KS3	Victoria Forconesi 9N
Geography KS4	Naomi Cowan 10L
RE KS3	Sam Scott 8T
Citizenship KS3	Ellie Harris 7E
Citizenship KS4	Hope Dodge 9U
Humanities KS4	Sky Devenish 10R

Congratulations to the following students who have cashed in their merits with Mrs Jackson recently.

Jordan Dagley, Cameron Campbell, Regan Prest, Paige Allen, Elizabeth Lewis, Lisa Blunt, Megan Sealey, Hollie Bristow, Rebecca Wainwright, Morgan Bailey

Special congratulations goes to Lucie Mosdall who cashed in four pages of merits and collected her £5 Freeport Voucher from Mrs Jackson.

Congratulations to Megan Sealey who was the first female student in Year 7 to collect all eight curriculum area merit stickers. Megan collected her £5 Freeport Voucher from Mrs Jackson.

GOLDEN TICKETS

The College is working hard to improve the environment with regard to litter. One aspect of this is encouraging students to put litter in the bin. After consultation with the College Council we have introduced House Bins so that students can earn points for their House, by putting litter in their House Bins. In addition, each week, one student from each Year group will win a golden ticket, entitling them to a free lunch in AH Café, for putting litter in the bin.

Quiz Champions

8A

YEAR 8 MONITORS

Well done to the following students for their monitoring duties

3rd January – 6th January

Brooke Lawrence
Nathan Lowe
Jessica Leith
Callum O'Reilly
Francescca Napolitano
Shaun Patrick
Ella Rosindale
James Sharp

GOLDEN TICKET WINNERS:

DANIELLA STUNGLES 7H
OLIVER DIXON 8A
BLAKE EDGE 9A
SAM BRITTON 10A
CLAYTON BLACKABY 11A

Line Management

Please find below our management arrangements for students. The first point of call for enquiries should be your child's **FORM TUTOR** and then 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				
Pastoral Leader <i>Mrs Barnes</i>	Pastoral Leader <i>Mrs Truscott</i>	Pastoral Leader <i>Mrs Porter</i>	Pastoral Leader <i>Mr Deeks</i>	Pastoral Leader <i>Mr Deeks</i>
Achievement Co-ordinator <i>Miss Jones</i>	Achievement Co-ordinator <i>Mr Box</i>	Achievement Co-ordinator <i>Mr Moreno</i>	Achievement Co-ordinator <i>Mrs Ogilvie</i> <i>Miss McEvoy</i>	Achievement Co-ordinator <i>Mrs Stringer</i>
Mr Birley Assistant Headteacher	Mrs Richards Assistant Headteacher		Miss Chamberlain Assistant Headteacher	
Miss T Leack- Child Protection				
Mrs J Jackson- Attendance Officer				

If you have a subject related query, for example homework, iAlec, the first point of contact should be with the **CLASS TEACHER**. Below are the Heads of each Curriculum Area.

Subject	Head of Curriculum Area	Senior Leader
English	Mr Ellams	Mr Birley
Maths	Mr Govender	Mr Fox
Science	Mrs Stevens	Miss Leack
Humanities	Miss Thurston/Mr Barber	Mr Lawn
Technology and Art	Mr Todd	Mr Lawn
Languages	Mrs Holmes	Mr Fox
ICT	Ms Walker	Miss Chamberlain
PE/Drama/Music	Mr Edwards	Mrs Richards
Personal Development	Mrs Artus (Co-ordinator)	Mrs Richards
Special Educational Needs	Mrs Coverdale	Miss Leack