

# ah HERALD

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humanities college

17th October 2011

*"Be the best you can be"*

**HEADLINES** by Trevor Lawn

Dear Family,

Last Monday evening, the College hosted a special reception to mark the official opening of the Alec Hunter Learning Village. Assistant Headteacher Hamish Birley has been the driving force behind the project since its inception, and he writes:

"The opening of the superb facilities, which are already offering community learning at the heart of the community, was celebrated by the stakeholders who worked together to help make the Learning Village a reality.



Guests included representatives from Greenfields Community Housing and BAA Stansted who funded the project, the Family Learning Service, Voluntary Sector Training, and Colchester Institute, who together will provide learning opportunities for the local community. Members of the community, with an interest in community heritage projects at the facility, were also represented, notably Mike Bardell, local historian and President of the Braintree Civic Society, and Bernie Godfrey, author of a recent history book on Crossing Road. Braintree Museum was represented by Lesley Killin, who has created an outstanding 'outreach' exhibition in the Learning Village, focused on the history of the school and its

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## 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)

## 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.

## Diary Dates

### Autumn Term:

7th September –  
16th December 2011

### Half Term:

24th October -  
28th October 2011

**Week Commencing  
31/10/11 is week B**



Anglia Ruskin  
University  
Cambridge & Chelmsford



BritishRedCross



IMPERIAL WAR  
MUSEUM



LOTTERY FUNDED



CAD/CAM  
IN SCHOOLS



humanities



Specialist Schools  
and Academies Trust  
EXCELLENCE AND DIVERSITY



Healthy Schools



FREEPORT  
BRAINTREE  
OUTLET SHOPPING VILLAGE

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founder, Alec Hunter, as well as traditional local arts and crafts.

The evening was ably supported by Harmony Platt, who played the piano delightfully, and our senior students - Head Girl, Aimee Smith and Head Boy, Josh Wright, Deputy Head Boy, Charlie Joy and Senior Prefect, Stacey Dunlop. The evening was also well supported by staff and governors and special thanks are due to Lisa Artus for her hard work in arranging the event. Thanks to all who played their part in a memorable evening. **If you are interested in courses at the Learning Village or in hiring the facilities, please contact [lisa.artus@alechunter.essex.sch.uk](mailto:lisa.artus@alechunter.essex.sch.uk).**"



I must add my own thanks to 3 people in particular: firstly, to Andrew Hutchinson, whose initial vision and unrelenting conviction that the College should be at the heart of the community provided the impetus for the scheme; secondly, to Angi Copus, who managed the renovation and building work throughout the summer to ensure the facility was ready on time; and, finally, to Hamish himself, for leading the project with enormous enthusiasm, uniting and communicating with a wide range of partners to produce an excellent resource both for the College and the community.

## Year 10 Revision Evening

Many thanks to all parents and students who participated in our Year 10 Revision Skills Evening on 3rd October, led by Angela Tuff. It was great to see the Hall so full on the night, and I gather from the feedback I've received that many parents now feel better informed as to how to support the learning of their children through the important 2 years ahead, leading to GCSEs. Thanks also to Mrs Ogilvie and Miss McEvoy for organising and promoting the event.

## Skills Day

Monday 17th October is our second Skills Day of the academic year, but our first for Year 7. As always, there is a wide range of activities on offer – a full report and photos will appear in the next edition of the Herald.





**Operation Christmas Child** is the largest children's Christmas project in the world, run by the Christian charity Samaritan's Purse. They have been sending gift-filled shoeboxes to disadvantaged children around the world since 1990, bringing joy into the lives of over 80 million children.

Last year Alec Hunter got involved in this project for the first time and joined 500,000 people from across the UK and Ireland - including many schools and workplaces. With an enormously generous response from staff and students we sent off 32 full boxes, which were then sent to disadvantaged children across Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia. This year I would love to smash this target and send at least 50! It would be fantastic if students could collect empty shoeboxes and nice gifts over the half term, as we would need to send the completed boxes to the dispatcher before 14 November. Giving a shoebox gift is so simple; just wrap and pack it, they check and send it, and the in-country partners deliver it!



You don't have to be a Christian to get involved – you just have to want to make a child smile and make their lives a little happier!



For more information and guidelines on what to pack visit: <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/occ/>

- **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**
- and a sing-a-long for the Over 60s
- At
- Alec Hunter Humanities College
- on
- Saturday 10th December 2011
- Tickets = £4 per person, includes a
- gift from Santa!

# CHRISTMAS FAYRE

## SATURDAY 26TH NOV

### ALEC HUNTER HUMANITIES COLLEGE STUBBS LANE

# 12-3 PM

Stall Holders Contact Lesley on 07986240588 or email [superted@talk21.com](mailto:superted@talk21.com) to reserve your pitch for only £7

## WORLD CHALLENGE QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 11th November 2011  
6.30pm Doors Open - 7pm Start  
Teams of 5-8  
Tickets £10 Per Person including  
Fish and Chips Supper  
Bring Your own Drinks and Snacks  
Raffle  
For More Details Contact The College  
01376 321813

# Library News

Science Fiction; These authors are experts at conjuring parallel worlds that are so searingly believable. With time travelling, science disasters and alien environments.



Patrick Ness has delivered an electrifying finale to the multi award winning Chaos Walking Trilogy with **Monsters of Men**; Ian Beck's **Past World** is a time travelling adventure back to Jack the Ripper's London.



Check out science fiction's greatest writer Douglas Adams

Other titles include: **Time Raiders**, **The Tomorrow City**, **Fever Crumb**, **Time Quake**, **Monster Republic** and **The Atomic Swarm**

**DON'T FORGET TO WRITE A BOOK REVIEW WHICH WE WILL DISPLAY IN THE LIBRARY.....**

## STOP PRESS!

The library now subscribes to the award winning Weekly Newspaper for kids!

Go to [www.firstnews.co.uk/news](http://www.firstnews.co.uk/news)

**TICKETS TO TOP GEAR LIVE!**

First News has teamed up with the all new Top Gear Live Show, which comes to the NEC and ExCel London this November, to offer four lucky readers the chance to win a family ticket to this supercar extravaganza.

Hosted by Top Gear presenters Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May, and also featuring The Stig, this superb live action show brings the TV series to life.

To win tickets to Top Gear Live go to your college library to find the question required to win!

The closing date is 20 October 2011



# IAG News

## Upcoming Open Days and Events



**The Sixth Form College Colchester** www.colchsfc.ac.uk

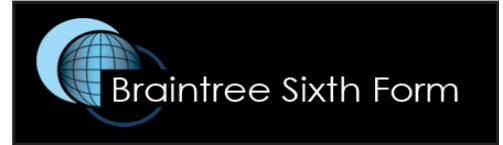
Wednesday 19th October 2011 6.15 pm – 9.15pm

Thursday 20th October 2011 6.15 pm – 9.15 pm

There will be an IB Presentation evening on Wednesday 9th November at 7pm in the Drama Studio

**Braintree Sixth Form College** www.braintreesixthform.com

Friday 10th November 2011 6.30pm – 8.30pm



**The College at Braintree** www.colchester.ac.uk/braintree

Wednesday 9th November 4.00 pm – 9.00pm

Thursday 10th November 4.00 pm – 9.00pm

**Colchester Institute** www.colchester.ac.uk

Saturday 12th November 10.00 am -1.00pm

Wednesday 16th November 4.00 pm – 8.00pm

Thursday 17th November 4.00pm – 8.00pm



**Chelmsford College** www.chelmsford.ac.uk/

Monday 17th October 6.00 pm – 8.30pm

**BT Internet Rangers Award Scheme**  
for schools and young people.

Apply now!

Student Award Application



BT Internet Rangers Award scheme rewards young people aged up to 16

who have taught an older person or group basic computer and internet skills. Four national winners will each receive £100 worth of IT vouchers and an Ipad. And the lucky overall winner will receive an additional £100 of vouchers! Applications for this review are now open - register and apply now. Applications must be submitted by 5pm on 31 October 2011.

Go to [www.bt.com/internetrangers](http://www.bt.com/internetrangers)

Celebrate HALLOWEEN  
at your College Library.....  
come in if you dare!

# BOOK AMNESTY

Collect a grunge sweet from the bowl  
when you RETURN your long  
overdue library books

# QUIZ-A-TEACHER

**Name:** Miss Wilson



**Subject:** ICT

**What school did you go to?**

Sir Charles Lucas School

**What was your favourite subject at school?**

Textiles

**What is your favourite food?**

Lasagne

**Do you have any pets?**

No

**What football team do you support?**

None

**What is your favourite place to go on holiday?**

Jamaica

**Favourite band?**

I don't have a favourite band, but my favourite singer is Rihanna

**Favourite TV programme?**

Nikita

**What are you most excited about this year at Alec Hunter?**

I am most excited about going on the Skills Day trip to Cadbury World

**Tell us something about yourself that not many people know:**

I have a massive family including 14 Aunts and Uncles, 3 brothers, 2 sisters and 3 nephews.

## The Eco Echo



Now in its 4th year, the Let's Grow programme aims to help schools capture the imagination of the nation's children by showing them where food comes from and inspiring them to grow their own fruit and veg in the school grounds.

How does it work?

Taking part in Let's Grow 2011 is easy. Whether you've got a large school field, or no field at all, you can get involved!

Once your school is registered, make sure you collect Let's Grow vouchers at their local Morrisons from Monday 5th September until Sunday 30th October 2011. For every £10 spent, customers receive one voucher - which can be used to get any of the great equipment available in our Let's Grow catalogue.

For more information visit:

<http://www.morrisons.co.uk/LetsGrow/>

## Monday Catch-Up!

GCSE Humanities Monday catch-up Sessions (3:20 – 4:20)

All Year 10 and 11 students studying GCSE Humanities, History, Geography or AS Citizenship are welcome.

Date	Staff	Room	Activity
17/10/11	AMC	C3	Humanities Controlled Assessment catch-up
31/10/11	HTH	C2	General catch-up session
7/11/11	MGI	C4	General catch-up session
14/11/11	LML	C1	Practice exam technique (Geography)
21/11/11	EDE	C7	Re-take revision (SHP History)
28/11/11	DBX	A3	General catch-up session
5/12/11	HTH	C1	Mock revision time
12/12/11	ABR	C6	Mock revision time

# Congratulations...

## ***Listeners of the Week***

*Lewis Raison, 7E*

*Tony Bancroft, 8U*

*Harvey Walker-Everton, 9N*

If you would like to share any personal successes that you have achieved either inside or outside of the college please tell your tutor about what you have done!

## **Quiz team of the Week!**

# 8E & 9L

## **HUMANITIES STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

History KS3

Shayna Staines

History KS4

Samuel Collinson

Geography KS3

Kieran Lynch

Geography KS4

Samuel Hardy

RE KS3

Stephanie Holdstock

Citizenship KS3

Thomas Bamforth-White

Citizenship KS4

Bethan Reading

Humanities KS4

Tanya Bedding

## **YEAR 8 MONITORS**

Well done to the following students for their monitoring duties

10 October- 14 October

Courtney Benson

George Howarth

Jordan Prest

Liam Lawrence

Chloe Sanders

Stephen Hewes

Leah Boxshall

Samuel Smith

Rebecca Raymond

Rycharn Hornsey-Campbell

## **Students of the Week!**

***Well done to;***

*Leanne Cole, 7L*

*Rycharn Hornsey-Campbell, 8R*

*Jordanne Byles, 9T*

**Attendance Target 93.5 %**

# 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				
<b>Pastoral Leader</b> <i>Mrs Barnes</i>	<b>Pastoral Leader</b> <i>Mrs Truscott</i>	<b>Pastoral Leader</b> <i>Mrs Porter</i>	<b>Pastoral Leader</b> <i>Mr Deeks</i>	<b>Pastoral Leader</b> <i>Mr Deeks</i>
<b>Achievement Co-ordinator</b> <i>Miss Jones</i>	<b>Achievement Co-ordinator</b> <i>Mr Box</i>	<b>Achievement Co-ordinator</b> <i>Mr Moreno</i>	<b>Achievement Co-ordinator</b> <i>Mrs Ogilvie</i> <i>Miss McEvoy</i>	<b>Achievement Co-ordinator</b> <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