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21st November 2011

"Be the best you can be"

HEADLINES by Trevor Lawn

Dear Family,

Children In Need

I'd like to begin this week by thanking everyone for their contributions in support of Children In Need on Friday. Over £1000 was raised for this excellent cause through the non-uniform day alone, without taking account of the cake sales and individual sponsored activities which would have added considerably to this figure. I'd also like to thank the students for respecting our guidelines regarding such days in terms of their choice of clothing, and for approaching their learning with just as much focus as on a normal College day. Well done!



Year 7 Tea Parties

On Wednesday and Thursday last week, Year 7 students from Great Bradfords, Cressing and Beckers Green welcomed their primary teachers to our special tea parties, at which they were able to showcase some of the excellent work they have produced since joining us in September. Staff from the schools represented remarked that many of the young people have matured considerably since their transition to secondary, and also noted how smart they looked in their Alec Hunter uniforms.

Many thanks to our primary colleagues for making the effort to join us for this event; the students are always excited and proud of their progress and they find it reassuring to share their successes with their former teachers. This week, it's the turn of students from Lyons Hall, John Ray and Silver End to step into the limelight and discuss their experiences. (see inside for photos)

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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)

Diary Dates

AUTUMN TERM

7th September- 16th December 2011
School Closes Friday 16th December 2011 at 1.05pm
School Opens Tuesday 3rd January 2012 (WEEK A)

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)

NOVEMBER DIARY DATES

Friday 25th November Year 7 & 8 Disco 7.30pm-9.30pm

DECEMBER DIARY DATES

Wednesday 7th December Year 10 Parents Evening

Week Commencing 28/11/11 is Week B

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.

Headlines continued...

Top 4 in Essex

Congratulations to the Year 11 Girls' Football Team, as they reached the semi-finals of the Essex Cup this week with a 2-1 victory away at Chingford. See inside for the full report on this outstanding success! Our Year 9 and Year 11 Girls were also competing this weekend in the County Netball Finals at New Hall School, having qualified by winning the District Tournament – more details on how they fared will appear in next week's Herald.

Year 11 Mock Exams

The Year 11 Mock Exams will start on Monday 5th December and finish on Friday 16th December 2011. Students will be in normal lessons and tutorial if they are not in an exam (except for Friday 16th December when they will be allowed to go home after their final exam at 12.05pm).

Each student has been given a booklet with the exam timetable and instructions. There is a copy of the exam timetable inside this edition of the Herald, and all exam information is also available on the College website.

Important Notice

We have been asked to inform you by Anglian Water that the footpath between Duggers Lane and Park Drive, leading down to the sewage works, will be closed from Mid November 2011 until April 2012. This is due to major works being carried out and may affect some students' journey to College.

Interact Students raising money for Children in Need

Chelsea Harris, Connor Barton, Rhiannon Tate, Georgia Thompson and Mrs Artus all members of the Alec Hunter Interact Club were supporting Children in Need with the Braintree & Bocking Rotary Club on Saturday at Freeport and raised a huge £1,100. The members of both clubs were also supported by Pudsey Bear, who walked around Freeport helping to raise funds and having his picture taken with children as they were shopping with their parents.

Another great example of Alec Hunter students supporting their community.

Well done to all involved!

History Revision Sessions

Year 10

Date (3.20-4.25)	Session	Staff & Room	Session	Staff & Room
14/11	The Romans	Mr Box A3	Changes to Punishment	Mr Barber C6
21/11	Answering Q1-4	Mr Box A3	Medieval Crime and punishment	Miss Depper C7
28/11	The Tudors	Mr Box A3	Answering the 16 mark question	Mr Barber C6
5/12	Early Modern Britain	Mr Box A3	Policing through time	Miss Depper C7
12/12	How much has crime changed?	Mr Barber C6	Answering Q1-4	Mr Box A3
9/1	Answering the 16 mark Question	Miss Depper C7	20 th Century	Mr Box A3
16/1	Final Preparation	Mr Box A3	Final Preparation	Mr Barber C6

Year 11

Date (3.20-4.25)	Session	Staff & Room
14/11	Going over the June paper and raising individual issues.	Miss Depper C7
21/11	WWI content revision	Mr Barber C6
28/11	Focus on Question 1 & 2. What are the strengths & limitations of sources?	Miss Depper C7
5/12	WWII content	Mr Barber C6
12/12	Answering the Essay question	Miss Depper C7
9/1	Answering questions 3 & 4	Mr Barber C6
16/1	Final overview and support session	Miss Depper & Mr Barber C7

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
21/11/11	EDE	C7	Re-take revision (SHP History)
28/11/11	DBX	A3	General catch-up session
5/11/11	HTH	C1	Mock revision time
12/11/11	ABR	C6	Mock revision time

Year 11 Mock Exams – December 2011

Date	Day	Start : 9.00 am	Start : 11.05 am	Start: 2.00 pm
Mon	5 Dec		Functional Skills (3 Groups in 3 ICT Rooms)	French Listening (43) (1 hr) (2.00 – 3.00 pm) (LV & CRM)
Tues	6 Dec		Functional Skills & Language Oral Exams (3 Groups in 3 ICT Rooms)	Music & Physics (1hr 30 & 40 mins) (12 + 30) (2.00 – 3.30 pm) (Hall, Gym)
Wed	7 Dec		Functional Skills & Language Oral Exams (3 Groups in 3 ICT Rooms)	Spanish Listening (10) Young Enterprise (1 hr) (2.00 – 3.00 pm) (CRM)
Thurs	8 Dec		Art Groups 1 & 2 & PE Practical (All day) (Rooms L1 & L2) German Listening (5) (LV – All) (1 hr) (9.00 – 10.00 am)	
Fri	9 Dec		Art Groups 1 & 2 & PE Practical (All day)	
Mon	12 Dec	Additional Science (40 mins), Applied Science (45 min) & Chemistry (40 mins) (203) (9.00-9.45 am) (Gym, Hall & CRM)	Resistant Materials, Graphics, Textiles (2 ½ hrs), Food & Child Development (1hr 30), Catering (1hr 15 mins) (11.05- 13.35 pm) (Gym, Hall & CRM)	French Reading & Writing (2hrs) German Reading (1 hr) (43 + 5) (2.00 – 4.00 pm) (Gym)
Tues	13 Dec	English Language (1hr 15 mins) (66) (9.00 – 10.15 am) (Gym & CRMS)	Geography & Spanish Reading & Writing (1 hr 15 mins & 2 hrs) (15+10) (11.05- 1.05 pm) (Gym)	Applied Business Studies & GCSE ICT (38 + 38) (45 mins & 1hr 30 mins) (2.00 – 3.30 pm) (Gym & CRM)
Wed	14 Dec		Art Group 3 (All Day) (Rooms L1 & L2)	
Thurs	15 Dec		Art Group 3 (All Day) (Rooms L1 & L2)	
Fri	16 Dec	GCSE PE (1hr 45 mins) (9.00-10.45 am) (Gym & Learning Village)	English Literature (1hr) (203) (11.05-12.05 pm) (Gym, Hall & Learning Village)	

Library News

Students enjoying a few of the various Learning Style Games which are available at break and lunchtimes

Well done to 8A for 100% Attendance

Braintree's Past

Braintree & Bocking Civic Society is running a free 'Introducing Local History Course' at the new Alec Hunter Learning Village on Monday evenings, 7.30pm from 23 January until 5 March 2012.



The course is open to all and will give an insight into Braintree's history under the following headings:-

- Development of the town
- Transport systems
- Manufacturing
- Trade and shopping
- Sport and recreation
- Famous people

For further details please contact Mike Bardell
on 01376 320173



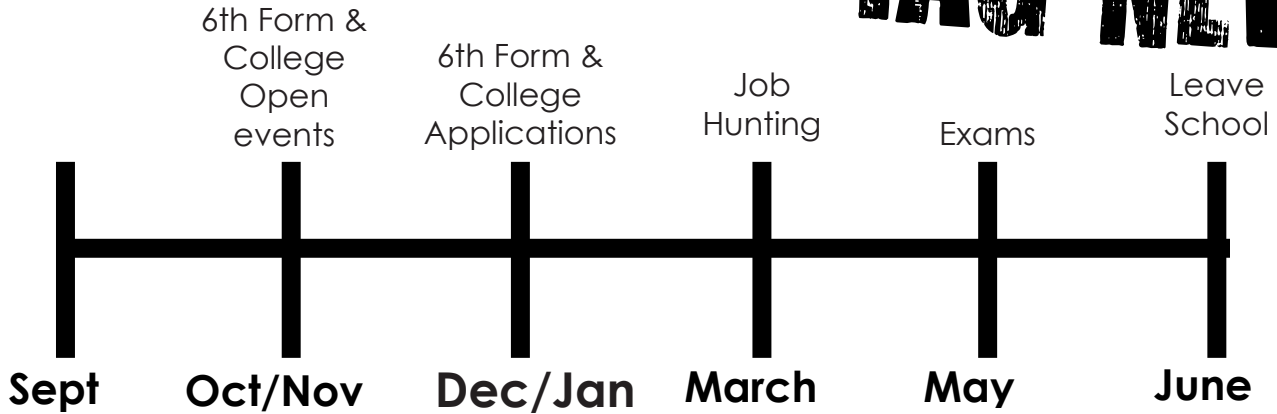
**Friday 25th November
7.30pm - 9.30 pm**

Year 7 & 8 Disco

**Tickets £3.50
Available from Mrs Truscott or Miss Burns**

Year 11 Timeline

IAG NEWS



Over the next few weeks we will recommend time-saving techniques which will help with your revision and help to improve your exam results! Extracts are taken from Exam Intelligence, Patrick Sherratt, Published by User Friendly Resources @£19.95



Purpose

Preparation and Planning For Exams

As with everything in life, you get out of learning what you put in. So if you want to do well, take some time to look at why you are studying, what your motivation is, and what your intentions are once you have finished study.

The Positive Thinker

*sees the invisible
Feels the intangible
And achieves the
Impossible!*

Positive Thinking

Science has researched a theory according to which the universe is on a limitless sea of energy that can be manipulated by our thoughts and intentions!

Request from the Science Department

We are in need of metal coat hangers, ice-cream tubs and margarine tubs. Please send in to Science Department or College Office. Thanks



Year 7 Tea Parties

Congratulations...

Students of the Week!

Well done to;

Leanne Cole, 7L

Ellie Parson, 8U

Harrison Bartlett, 9U

Listeners of the Week

James Hayden, 7L

Harvey Orriss, 8R

Robert Bones, 9A

YEAR 8 MONITORS

Well done to the following students for their monitoring duties

14th November – 18th November

Lewis Lewin

Aimee Bird

Duncan Burns

Tamsin Stark

Kelly Taylor

Olivia Hart

Luke Martin

Amelia Paveley

Eoin Quinlan

Courtney Dearing

Quiz team of the Week!

7T 8U 9E

Attendance Target

93.5 %

World Challenge Team!

Congratulations to the following students for helping with another successful Fundraising Quiz.

Sonal Singadia

Ellie Dodds

Kye Anderson

Yim Yaemsri

Sophie Buckley

Jade Mazzone-Price

Emillie Penton

Deanna Starckey

Rebecca Kooyman

JACK PETCHEY AWARD

The winners of the Jack Petchey Award for the Autumn Term 2011

Stephanie Seaborn

Aimee Smith

Guy Flitt

YEAR 11 GSCE MATHS EXAM

Congratulations to Year 11 students for their excellent behaviour during their recent GSCE Maths Examination

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