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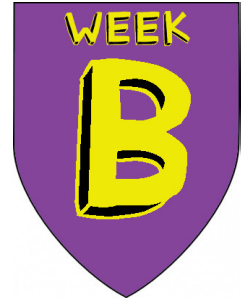
"Be the best you can be"



The governing body is delighted to announce the appointment of Trevor Lawn as Headteacher of the college with effect from 1 January 2012.

The interview panel, which included two parent governors, carried out a very rigorous selection and interview process on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th December, with a shortlist of six candidates. Members of the College Council were also involved and the students provided an excellent forum for the candidates to engage with them.

We are confident that Mr Lawn will continue to build on the firm foundations which he and Andrew Hutchinson established for the college and that he will develop further, with all of us, his own vision for how we can all "be the best that we can be." -Martin Fee, Chair of Governors



"May I say how delighted and excited I am at the prospect of taking on the leadership of Alec Hunter on a permanent basis. Having steered the College through a period of uncertainty, I am determined to build on the excellent foundations that Mr Hutchinson established and, in honour of his memory, to take the College forward to even greater successes. We

have an excellent body of staff, supportive parents, dedicated governors and students, across all year groups, whose personal qualities, attitudes to learning and consideration for each other make me proud every day to be the Headteacher of the College.

I should like to thank everyone who has assisted me during my two years of acting headship, as well as all those who sent messages of support before and after the interview process. I look forward to doing my utmost to serve the whole Alec Hunter community with integrity and commitment throughout the years ahead, in order to secure the best possible opportunities in life for our students." - Trevor Lawn, Headteacher

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)

JANUARY DIARY DATES

Thursday 12th - Year 9 Options Evening @ 7pm

FEBRUARY DIARY DATES

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

Week Commencing 16/01/12 is Week A

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.

SKILLS DAY

Year 7 - Relaxation and Cooking

Friday 2nd December 2011

Birmingham German Christmas Market Report

by Lauren Field 10H

Students in Year 8 and Year 10 studying German were able to visit the Frankfurt Christmas market in Birmingham. There were lots of different food and drink stalls. We were able to buy Christmas decorations and all sorts of traditional German 'presents' for us and our families. It was great tasting different things as well.

All in all the experience was very enjoyable, I think everyone had a great time and if I had the chance, I would like to go again.

- Winners of the Christmas market booklet: **Lauren Field, 10H and Nathan Lowe, 8C**
- Responsibility on the trip: **Emily Parker, 10H**
- Communication on the trip: **Melody Blowers, 8C**
- Initiative on the trip: **Joshua Greenberg, 8L**

Year 9- Visits from the British Legion.

Year 10- Revision Skills.

Year 11 - Stock Market Challenge.

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	ENGIH	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 Wrtn 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 Dctn) 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	

OPTIONS EVENING

Please note that on Thursday 12th January, there will be a special Parents' Evening for students in Year 9, to introduce the courses that may be selected for Key Stage 4. All subject areas will be represented, and there will be plenty of opportunity to ask questions about the different choices on offer. The evening begins at 7pm with an explanation of the options process by Mr Lawn, which will take place in the Main Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

Year 8 News

Keep in touch with your son/daughters positive achievements by clicking on the pencil pot on the iAlec homepage.

Keep in touch with any pastoral news by clicking on the Alec Hunter coffee mug.

MOCK RESULTS DAY

Please note that Friday 13th January is our Mock Results Day for Year 11 students. This means that all students except those in Year 11 should come in at break time (10:45am), ready for the start of Period 3. Year 11 students should arrive at the normal time, and will be admitted to the Main Hall to receive their exam results from 9am, in exactly the same manner as when they collect their GCSE results in the summer. There will then be an opportunity to reflect on these outcomes, to spend time discussing them with a member of staff, to reprioritise and to set some personal targets for the crucial months ahead. This is an important day for our oldest students, so we thank you in advance for your understanding and support.

Christmas Presents

We hope that all students had an enjoyable Christmas break and were happy with the gifts they received. However, we would like to urge caution and would strongly recommend that students DO NOT bring expensive items into College, such as MP3 Players, iPods, Kindles or any other valuable electrical equipment. These items are not essential to learning, so we do not feel they have a place in College. Please be clear that if you choose to ignore this guidance, you do so at your own risk. Our staff will not investigate incidents in which such items are damaged or stolen, since our advice would be not to bring them in.

INTERACT CLUB

Interact Club is linked with the Rotary Club. Our main aim is to raise money for our selected charities. Previously, we have raised money for PARC, by having table top sales and we have also offered to donate our time to help out at their centres.

More recently, we raised money for the Wheel Chair Foundation which went out to developing countries. This was a huge success and with support of the Rotary Club we made a big difference. We have also

been raising money for Children In Need. We took part in the Christmas Fayre and raised over £100 on the Santa's Grotto alone, also collecting money at Braintree Town Football Club and Freeport.

We collected money at the late night shopping sessions at Freeport Braintree, where the College Choir also performed. We also helped out at the Over 60s Christmas Lunch. In 2012 we intend to carry on with all the work we have done so far!

-Chloe Stevens

The Eco Echo

Alec Hunter's Eco Crew are working hard to promote an eco friendly environment at the College.

Litter is a big concern. We have fought hard with the Challenge Club to improve this situation and now the College will have many more bins and a campaign to reduce litter and the dreaded seagulls!

We have continued to work hard in the Memorial Garden and the Science Quad to grow vegetables as well as shrubs and plants - small step towards trying to make the College carbon neutral.

We have also started the Switch Off Campaign, to make sure that lights and power supplies are turned off when not in use. This can make a massive difference. Please contact Mrs Artus, or Connor Barton if you wish to be involved.



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

12th – 16th December

Charlene Manzano 7T
Samuel Boodrie 8C
Adam Brown 9U
Victoria Forconesi 9N

Students of the Week!

28th November-16th December

Well done to:

Leanne Cole	7L
Lucy Greenaway	7R
Susan Doyle	8R
Maciej Ciechomski	8R
Hannah Denson	9L
Ebony Dring	9L
Harmony Platt	9U

HUMANITIES STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

History KS3	Cara Hammond 8A
History KS4	Thomas Bearman 11T
Geography KS3	Sarah –Anne Austin 9L
Geography KS4	Maciej Lys 11R
RE KS3	William Stone 8L
Citizenship KS3	Regan Prest 7N
Citizenship KS4	Ruby Townsend 9C
Humanities KS4	Breaze Jones 10T

Congratulations also go to 7U, 8U and 9L for collecting the most merits and earning themselves a non uniform day on 16th December.

YEAR 8 MONITORS

Well done to the following students for their monitoring duties

12th – 16th December

Katie Bendon
Samuel Boodrie
Chloe Collett
Thomas Holland
Raja Sami Ikhaq
Amy Hammond
Thomas Joslin
Olivia Jalland
Kieran Lynch

WELL DONE TO;

- Winner of the Lilac slip draw - **Mathew Lemon 9E**
- Winner of the clean responsibility card draw - **Charlotte Read 9T**

Quiz Champions

9th December

7R 8T 9E

Jack Petchey Awards Evening

Mr Box, Mrs Truscott and Mrs Artus attended the annual Jack Petchey Awards evening at the Braintree Arts Theatre on Monday 12th December, along with the following Alec Hunter award winners, Connor Barton, Stephanie Seaborn, Chloe Stevens, Guy Flitt, Aimee Smith, Lucy Carpenter, Kathryn Bowen, Stacey Dunlop and Sonal Singadia.

All students received a boxed medallion for their achievements, which were presented to them by Danny Crates, a Paralympic winner. Chloe Stevens brought everyone to tears with her performance of 'Jar of Hearts'.

Well done to all the Jack Petchey winners for 2011 and thanks to staff for supporting the event.

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