



Calm After The Storms

I trust that everyone has enjoyed a restful half-term break and is returning to school refreshed for the important 6 weeks ahead. It certainly has been a stormy week, with first Dudley and then Eunice wreaking havoc across the UK. I'm pleased to report that the school site was largely unscathed, apart from losing a tree branch or two, so it is business as usual at Alec Hunter.

Let us hope that the Covid storms of recent months are also beginning to subside, and we can move ahead with confidence, a little less distracted by the unique challenges and disruption that we have had to face. As communicated before the holidays, we are no longer requiring students and staff to wear face coverings, but we will still be maintaining a keen focus on hygiene and minimising infection risks. I should like to thank all members of our community for supporting our measures, which ensured that we were less affected by significant staff absence than other local schools.

Recognition is due to our Year 11 students for the way they approached the Formal Exams just before the holiday. This was their final full set of practice papers before the real thing in May and June, and they deserve great credit for their efforts. Results will be shared via a special assembly on March 15th, which mirrors the format of the August Results Day, the message being that, at this point, there is still time to improve the grades in the envelope. The exam boards have now declared the adjustments that will be made to course content, question formats and grade boundaries, to recognise the disruption to learning that students across the country have experienced in the past two years, and we will shortly be sharing this, as concisely as possible, with students and parents.

Best wishes to everyone for the half-term ahead.

Mr Lawn (Headteacher)

Diary Dates



March/April 2022

2nd March - Y7/8/9 Girls Hockey match
7th March - Year 11 Macbeth Performance by Young Shakespeare Company
7th March - Year 7 and 10 Girls Netball match
8th March - Year 9/10 Boys Essex Schools' Rugby Sevens Tournament
8th March - 'The Witches' Rehearsal Day
8th, 9th & 10th March - 7pm School Production of 'The Witches'
Year 7-9 Netball & Football match
15th March - Year 11 Results Assembly
15th March - Year 10 Girls Netball match
15th March - Year 11 Spanish Speaking Exam
16th March - Year 8/9/10 Photographs
16th March - Year 11 Hospitality & Catering Practical Exam
17th March - Year 11 Hospitality & Catering Practical Exam
17th March - Year 11 Parents' Evening
21st March - Year 11 French & German Speaking Exam
23rd March - Year 7/8 Girls Hockey match
24th March - Year 10 Parents' Evening
24th March - Year 11 Drama Practical Exam
29th March - Skills Day
31st March - Year 10, 'Bruise You Can't See' Performance
31st March - Year 7 Parents' Evening
1st April - Term Ends; School Closes at 1pm

Maths Question of the Week

The Maths Department is running a competition to challenge students to solve a Maths problem each week and have the chance of winning a free cookie from the Café. The Maths Question of the Week will be displayed on the screens in the Foyer and the Café, as well as in tutorials and students should email their answer to mathsquestion@alechunter.com. Each student who sends the correct answer will receive **5 House Points** and one student will be chosen at random each week to win a delicious cookie for their hard work!



Chef of the Month

Year 7 student **Keaton Leonard** has been awarded Chef of the Month for December. During his Food Technology practical lessons this term, Keaton has impressed Mrs Drury by working independently and always having an organised work area. He has also produced some very appetising dishes.



Well done to **Mackenzie England**, a Year 10 Hospitality & Catering student, who has been awarded Chef of the Month for January. Mackenzie made some delicious profiteroles in class this month, as you can see below – not an easy dish to master.



Artist of the Month

Artist of the Month for December is **Lily Heighes** in Year 7. Lily has worked incredibly hard since starting at Alec Hunter and she always gives 100% effort with both classwork and homework. She has produced some outstanding pencil artwork and colour theory work. Well done, Lily!



We are delighted to announce that the Artist of the Month for January is **Natalia Jednaszewska** in Year 10. Natalia has created some incredible artwork since starting her GCSE and has worked exceptionally hard. Well done, Natalia!



Holocaust Memorial Day

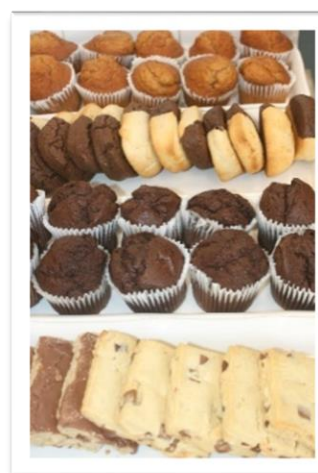
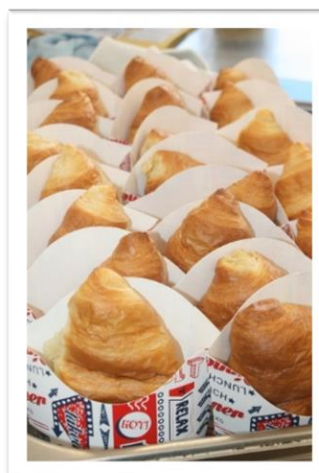
On Monday 24th January, students from Years 7-10 were involved in a live broadcast with Holocaust survivor Mala Tribich and Tom Palmer, the author of a new book aimed at secondary school children called 'After the War', on the impact of the Holocaust. Mala was born in Poland in 1930 and grew up during the Nazi regime. She experienced life in a Ghetto and was sent to the Bergen Belsen concentration camp, so it was interesting for the students to hear about her experiences first-hand. This event was arranged by the Literacy Trust and students were given a presentation beforehand to provide them with more context to the events and history around the Holocaust.



AHA Café News

The AHA Café has introduced some exciting new dishes this month. Look out for more over the coming weeks!

- Fresh Fruit Pots
- Greek Yogurt with various toppings
- Tuna & Sweetcorn Pasta Salad
- Tomato & Cheese Pasta Salad
- Pain au Chocolat
- Croissants
- American Pancakes
- Steak Bakes
- Cheese & Onion Slices
- Vegan Sausage Rolls



District Cross Country Event

On Wednesday 9th February, we took 39 athletes to Tabor Academy for the first District Cross Country event since lockdown ended. The students were really excited, and their behaviour was impeccable, as was their effort and their determination to perform well for Alec Hunter. The Year 7s ran a course of 1500m, the Year 9s 2km and the Year 10s had a 3.5km course to contend with. There were some great runners from the 5 other schools that attended the event and below are some of our best performances. Well done to all of you who ran as Cross Country is a tricky event and you did the school proud!

Individuals			Team
Year 7	Juniors (Years 8/9)	Inters (Years 10/11)	Inter Boys - 1st Place
Lily Heighes (7 th)	Hollie Heighes (2 nd)	Logan Green (2 nd)	Junior Girls - 2nd Place
Abi Robbins (15 th)	Esmee Reeve (6 th)	Stanley Lewin (3 rd)	Inter Girls - 3rd Place
Alexander Holmes (16 th)	Lincoln Green (10 th)	Jess Downer (6 th)	
	Ryan Sabzabadi (15 th)		



Student Absence: Please remember to report any student absence via:

Tel: 01376 559356 / **Text:** 07598 393348 / **Email:** jjackson@alechunter.com.

Headteacher's Surgery: Mr Lawn will be available from 3:30-4:30pm every Thursday to meet with parents and discuss any issues they may wish to raise. No appointment is required, as parents will be seen in the order they arrive, but if you wish to book a specific time, please contact the school office.

House Competition - Used Stamps

For the past 2 months, students (and staff) have been saving used stamps and bringing them into the collection points in their tutor rooms. We have received stamps from 24 different countries, the most exotic being one from Christmas Island and one from the Cayman Islands! We also had some that were pre-decimalisation! The stamps were counted up and the results are as follows:

1st Attenborough

2nd Gandhi

3rd Curie

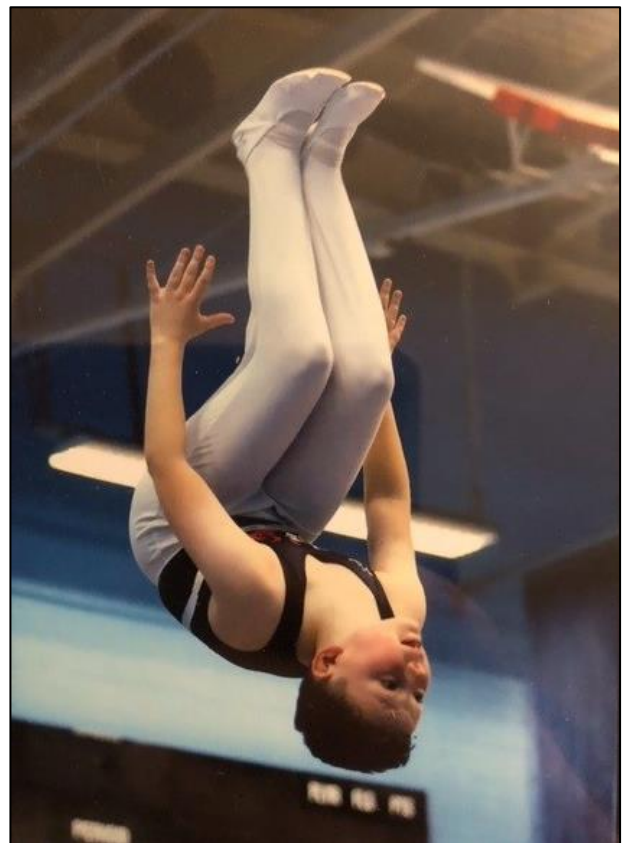
4th Hawking

Attenborough's winning position was mainly due to the huge carrier bag of stamps collected by 7H! All the stamps will be sent to the **Hedgehog Preservation Society** based in Brentwood and they will put them to good use to help sustain the hedgehog population. The next whole school House Competition will be the Copper Challenge, so start saving up your 1 and 2 pence pieces...



Going for Gold

On Sunday 6th February, Marley Darch in Year 8 took part in the East Region Gymnastic Qualifiers in Harlow. Marley received a Gold medal in his group of 6 competitors, putting him through to the Regional Finals in Cambridge taking place in June. Marley's aim is to reach the National Team Finals in Birmingham later this year. Well done, Marley, we are all very proud of your achievements!





Decorate your Door

3rd March

House Competition

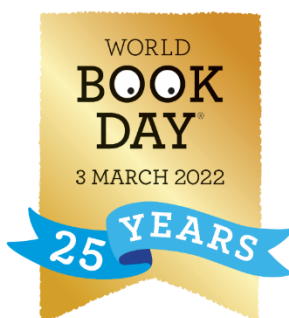
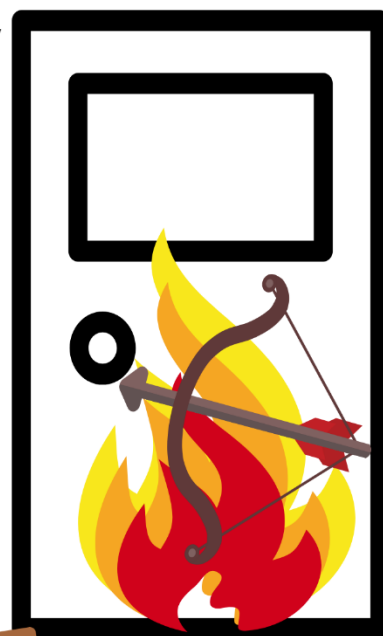
To mark World Book Day we are running a 'Decorate your Door' House competition.

We would like doors across the school to be decorated with the theme of a book, character or author ready for World Book Day on the 3rd March.

Submit a design for your door to your tutor and vote on the best design.

Then decorate your door!

House points for each entry.



Alec Hunter Academy Presents

"THE WITCHES"

The Witches by Roald Dahl,
adapted for the stage by David Wood



Wednesday 9th March and Thursday 10th March
7pm in the Hall.

Tickets Prices: £4 Adults and £2 Children

Tickets can be brought on the door on the night of the
production or from the school office.

Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult

This amateur production of "The Witches (Wood/Dahl)" is presented by
arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd.
www.concordtheatricals.co.uk



Alec Hunter Academy Extra Curricular Clubs and Activities

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BEFORE SCHOOL 8am – 8:30am	Homework club – A2	Homework club – A2	Homework club – A2	Homework club – A2	Homework club – A2
LUNCHTIME 1.10pm – 1.50pm	iMedia Drop in Y11 Autumn term. Y10 Spr/Sum E7 DBU / OLA	Y7 & Y8 Coding Club E7 DBU / OLA	Y7 & Y8 Drama Club – G2 - THO	Y7 & Y8 Guitar Club – G3 - JDA	Spitting Bars – G3 - JDA
	Piano skills – G3 - JDA	Climate Club C4 - CFE	KS4 Art Club – L2 DDK	Y9 – 11 Basketball Week A – SPH - ABO	Library – CPI - Reading Only
	Y9 – 11 Basketball Week B – SPH - ABO	Y7 – 8 Basketball – SPH - ABO	Table Tennis – Gym - CMO	Chess Club – B5 - EDE	
	Library - CPI	Library - CPI	Library – CPI - Reading Only	Library - CPI	
	MFL – Retrieval Practice – L7 – NST / IPE	Table Tennis – Gym - CMO		RAAP Group – A4 – EPE Good to be me club –EPE	
AFTERSCHOOL 3.10pm – 4.10pm	Gardening Club Y10 – Memorial Garden – VPO / MAR / CGI	Homework Club - Library	2 nd Wed of the Month - Cookery Club (2Hours) D3 CBI	School voices – G3 - JDA	Trampolining – Gym - GED
	Y9 & Y10 Guitar group – G3 – JDA		CAD Club D5 JTO / CSY	KS4 Football – Field GED / ABO / SJO	Badminton – SPH - SJO
	Y9 & Y10 Drama Group – G2 THO		School Band (Invite only) – G3 - JDA	Girls Football – Field - NGI	Dance – G4 - NGI
	Netball – Courts – ADE / RJO		The Drama play – G2 - THO	Homework Club - Library	Homework Club - Library
	Rugby – Field - GED		Hockey – Courts - ADE	Gardening Club Y7 – Memorial Garden – CGI / CJO / THO	
	KS3 Art Club – CRI – L1		KS3 Football – Field ABO / SJO	Girls Rugby – Field GED	
	Homework Club - Library		Homework Club - Library		
	Gardening Club - Y8 Week A only –CGI / CJO / THO		Y7 Science Club – F4 - SCH		
	Warhammer Club C7 - CSC		Y8 STEM Club– D9 JTO		

Academic Year 2021-2022

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= Non Pupil (INSET) Days
(There is one further date to be confirmed)

Autumn Term:	Wednesday 1 September 2021 – Friday 17 December 2021 <i>Half Term 25 October – 29 October</i>	73 days
Spring Term:	Tuesday 4 January 2022 – Friday 1 April 2022 <i>Half Term 14 February – 18 February</i>	59 days
Summer Term:	Tuesday 19 April 2022 – Friday 22 July 2022 <i>Half Term 30 May – 3 June, and Bank Holidays, 2 May, 2 and 3 June</i>	62 days
		<u>194 days</u>

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LINE MANAGEMENT FROM SEPTEMBER 2021

Please find below our line management arrangements for students. The first point of contact for enquiries should be your child's tutor and then their Student Support Leader or Head of Year depending on the nature of your query.

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
Attendance / Wellbeing / Behaviour /Safeguarding				
Form Tutor				
Miss Biggs Student Support Leader	Mrs Johnson Student Support Leader	Mr Cleevely Student Support Leader	Mrs Porter Student Support Leader	Mr Cleevely (11H/11R) Mrs Porter (11U/11T) Mrs Johnson (11N/11E) Student Support Leaders
Mr Booth (Assistant Headteacher) - Designated Safeguarding & Mental Health Lead Mrs Watson (Assistant Headteacher) - Deputy Safeguarding Lead				
Learning / Behaviour / Academic Progress / Standards				
Class Teacher				
Head of Curriculum Area *(see below)				
Miss Jones Head of Year	Mr Holland Head of Year	Mr Moreno Head of Year	Mr Lee Head of Year	Mr Spooner Head of Year
Mr Fox (Associate Deputy Headteacher)/ Mr Doolan (Associate Assistant Headteacher) Behaviour & Progress	Mrs Watson (Assistant Headteacher) Behaviour & Progress		Mr Birley (Deputy Headteacher) Behaviour & Progress	
Mrs Gillett			SENCO	
Mrs Jackson / Mrs Brydges			Attendance Officers	

*** Should you have a subject-related query, for example, regarding homework etc., the first point of contact should be the class teacher. Listed below are the Heads of each Curriculum Area, along with the member of the Leadership Group responsible for each Curriculum Area, to help parents in knowing who to approach for assistance.**

	Head of Subject/Curriculum Area	Senior Leader
English	Mrs C Fennelly	Mr Doolan
Mathematics	Mrs Baird	Mrs Watson
Science	Mr Fernandez	Mr Lawn
Geography	Mr Birch	Mr Doolan
History	Miss Depper	Ms Woolnough
RPE	Mrs McEvoy	Mr Doolan
Technology/Art/Child Development	Mr Todd	Ms Woolnough
Computer Science/ICT	Mr Butler	Mr Fox
French/German/Spanish	Mrs Steward	Ms Woolnough
PE/Drama/Music	Mr Edwards	Mr Fox
Special Educational Needs	Mrs Gillett	Mr Birley
Learning for Life	Mrs Hewes	Mr Booth
Vocational Education/Business Studies	Mr Jones	Mr Fox

