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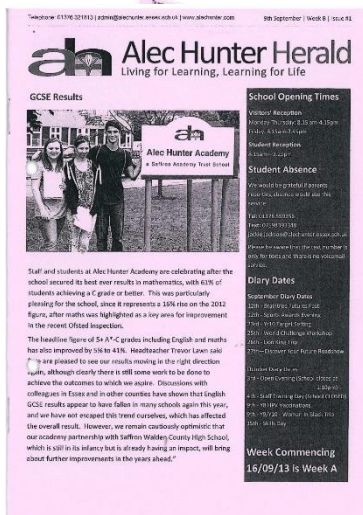
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## A Century for the Herald

I am delighted to welcome you to the **100<sup>th</sup> edition** of the Alec Hunter Herald, and to share another collection of great stories covering the many exciting activities and impressive achievements involving our students. The 'Herald' has existed in several different forms over many years, pre-dating even my 18 years at the school, but when we converted to become **Alec Hunter Academy** back in April 2013, we reset the counter to Issue #1, which celebrated some record exam results for the school, and looked like this:



Our current version is somewhat more colourful than the original, but its purpose remains the same - to keep all our community informed about and inspired by the experiences of our young people. I feel this is an appropriate moment to pay tribute to Mrs Lawrence in the office, who does all the hard work pulling these articles together, editing and formatting them and ensuring that all the details are correct. I am sure you would agree that she does a splendid job and will continue to do so as we embark on our second century of issues.

At this time of year, we are, of course, preoccupied with supporting our most senior students as they face the challenges of their GCSEs. The determined and focused attitude that they have been displaying, both in the bespoke revision sessions and in the exams themselves, has filled us with confidence for their outcomes and we wish them well for the remainder of the exam season.

We were also excited to see work commence on our 3G Pitch in April. This has been paused so as not to disturb students during their important public exams but will resume very shortly and continue throughout the summer and beyond. We know this project will significantly enhance our sports facilities and also provide a great resource for the local community, so we will keep you updated and look forward to completion towards the end of 2025.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your support again this year. We wish you a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday when it arrives!

Mr Lawn (Headteacher)

## Diary Dates

### June 2025

- 11<sup>th</sup> June – United in Diversity Event (School Council)
- 12<sup>th</sup> June – Year 7/8 LMTO Upbeat Music Sessions
- 16<sup>th</sup> June – Year 7/8 LMTO Upbeat Music Sessions
- 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Year 9 Exams
- 18<sup>th</sup> June – District Athletics, Tabor Academy
- 18<sup>th</sup> June – SENCo Surgery, 2-3pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> June – Year 7/8 LMTO Upbeat Music Concert
- 20<sup>th</sup> June – Year 11 Leavers' Assembly, P1-2
- 25<sup>th</sup> June – Year 10 Campus visit to ARU
- 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Induction Days
- 26<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Parents' Meeting at 7pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> June-8<sup>th</sup> July – Year 10 Practical and Speaking Exam week

### July/August 2025

- 1<sup>st</sup> July – INSET (Non-Pupil) Day
- 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> July – Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
- 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Awards Evening
- 4<sup>th</sup> July – Skills Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> July – Year 11 Prom at The Essex, Earls Colne
- 14<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> July – Celebration Assemblies
- 18<sup>th</sup> July – **School closes at 1pm**
- 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> July – INSET (Non-Pupil) Days
- 23<sup>rd</sup> July-31<sup>st</sup> August – Summer Holidays

### September 2025

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> September – INSET (Non-Pupil) Days
- 3<sup>rd</sup> September – First day of term

# Headteacher Commendations

Congratulations to the students who have recently been awarded a Headteacher's Commendation. Students are nominated by their teachers and are chosen because they meet our expectations at all times, are a pleasure to teach and approach school life in a positive manner. These students possess a great attitude, are consistent with homework and attendance and always have the correct equipment. Students were invited to a lunchtime meeting with Mr Lawn, presented with a certificate and badge, and enjoyed a hot chocolate and cookie.



Headteacher's Commendation Winners	
<b>Year 7</b>	
Sara Akhalwaya	Matteo Longobardi
Lusaigh Gosling-Fincham	Iulia Pop
Oluwasetemi Jacobs	Harry Priestland
<b>Year 8</b>	
Jack Dallard	Maddison Holmes
Ysabella Diuco	Mia Rapnikaite
Alana Vant	
<b>Year 9</b>	
Jacob Coates	Jack Drew
Ella Cole	Katie Morris
Maisey Cooper	Jenin Rabbaa
<b>Year 10</b>	
Holly Ashley	Patrick Dyball
Archie Black	Henry Ribbans
Oliver Davidson	Poppy Wark
Emily White	
<b>Year 11</b>	
Harry Doyle	Kehinde Onabanjo
Sienna Edmonds	Kadie Ross
Rose Green	Austin Rowell
Oskar Jackow	Jamie Spooner
Adam O'Donnell-Smith	Tegan Whittaker

## Macbeth at the Globe

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, the English department took some Year 10 and 11 students to watch Macbeth at the Globe Theatre in London. Although the open-air theatre was a little chilly, all the students enjoyed seeing the play they are studying as part of their GCSE come alive on the stage.



## Pi House Competition

In March, the Maths department ran the Pi Day House Competition, challenging students to memorise the value of Pi to as many decimal places as they could. There are over a billion numbers in Pi, and our winner this year, Iulia Pop, set a new school record remembering 109 digits, beating the previous school record of 100 set last year.

1<sup>st</sup> Place **Iulia Pop 7E** memorised 109 numbers  
(**Attenborough House**)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place **Harry Murr 8T** memorised 86  
numbers (**Hawking House**)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place **Freya Kemp 7L** memorised 81 numbers  
(**Hawking House**)

4<sup>th</sup> Place **Leona Reynolds 7A** memorised 80  
numbers (**Gandhi House**)

Well done to everyone that entered!

## Made in Braintree - Final

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March, our students showcased their creativity and business acumen in the Regional Finals of the "Made in Braintree" Competition. After outperforming all other participating schools, only our three teams remained in the competition, demonstrating their exceptional dedication and innovative thinking. Students were tasked with presenting their vision for a Sustainable Community Space, designed for an empty lot in Braintree Village. The three teams delivered presentations, impressing the judges with their originality and commercial viability:

**Team 1: Sound Station - Lily May Young, Zane Miller, Ellen Mitchell, Leland Osborne and Mione Biss** proposed a sustainable music shop where customers could loan second-hand instruments, purchase apparel such as T-shirts and bags (demonstrated by the students), and buy or trade vinyl records. Their presentation was complemented by an impressive 3D model of the shop, showcasing their attention to detail and commitment to sustainability.

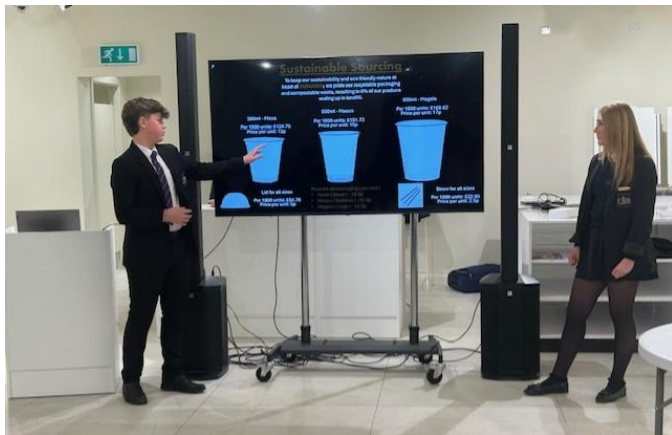
**Team 2: Dunamis: Smoothies by Day, Cocktails by Night - Lily Barrett, Patrick Dyball, Lawrence Donovan, Emiliano Vizitiu and Noah Holliday** presented a business model focused on sustainably sourcing local fruits and vegetables from Essex farmers. The team planned to give back to the farmers by returning compost made from the waste products. Their professional presentation included a taster session for the judges, served in their own branded Dunamis cups.

**Team 3: 'Fro' Frozen Yogurt - Yamina Ramadassou, Sydney Thorn and Isabelle Woodward** introduced a trendy frozen yoghurt concept, identifying a clear gap in the local market. Their presentation highlighted how far customers would need to travel to find a frozen yoghurt shop, proving the demand for their business. They also proposed innovative themed menus to encourage year-round sales, demonstrating their strategic approach.

While the judges - comprised of managers from Ahead Partnership, Landsec, and Braintree Village - deliberated, students participated in engaging workshops on delivering professional business pitches. The decision was incredibly difficult due to the high standard of presentations, but ultimately, **Sound Station** was declared the winner, recognised for the commercial viability of their idea. The event concluded with students enjoying pizza and receiving goody bags, courtesy of Braintree Village. All students displayed remarkable professionalism, dedication, and teamwork. Their hard work over the last five weeks, spending every

lunchtime in Ms. Morgans' room refining their ideas, truly paid off. We are incredibly proud of our students for their outstanding efforts and exemplary representation of our school.

The Sound Station team therefore progressed to the next stage, an online presentation against all the other regional winners from across the country. They achieved a very impressive **fourth place**, just missing out on reaching the National Final at Landsec HQ in London as one of the top three teams, but they should be very proud of their performance and for being such amazing ambassadors for our school.



## Faraday Challenge

On Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February, 6 Year 8 students represented Alec Hunter in the Faraday Challenge at Saffron Walden County High School. **Evelyn Whitfield, Hayley Maginn, Bryony Swindale, Matthew Locke, Spencer Gilson, and George Ratford** were given a brief to use electrical circuits and engineering to create a prototype device that would be sustainable and would enhance the lives of young people or people with a disability. Our students were ambitious and worked on trying to produce a prototype artificial hand. They faced considerable difficulties with this and showed a great degree of resilience and imagination in their attempts to overcome the challenges which they encountered. When they presented their prototype, they all spoke clearly and with candour about the

struggles they had surmounted to achieve their goal. Although they did not win, they came away from the challenge enthused and with many ideas about how to carry what they had learned forward. It was a very positive experience for them.

## Book Donation

On 10<sup>th</sup> June, a number of students in Years 7,8 and 9 were delighted to receive a free book in recognition of their hard work and dedication at reading intervention sessions this term. The books were courtesy of a very generous donation to the English department from a local publishing house and included popular fiction, reference books and guide-books, so there was something for everyone. Students were able to take home a book of their choice to encourage a further love of reading.



## Braintree Town Football Club



On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April we were delighted to welcome players from Braintree Town FC to the school. **Ryan Clampin, Tom Blackwell, Kyrell Lisbie and George Langston** came along with Marketing & Sponsorship Director **Alan Stuckey** and **Adam Canning** from the club to collect the school's

entries for their 'Design a Mascot' competition. As well as being put forward for the Braintree Town FC promotion, we also ran it as a House Competition in school. Congratulations to **Holly Webb, Noel McAiney, Abbie Jarvis and Millie James** who were all awarded house points for their outstanding entries. Following the photos, the players joined Mr Clevely and Mr Lawn at lunchtime to meet with students of various year groups, providing an opportunity for our youngsters to chat to the players and get autographs which they thoroughly enjoyed.



## Year 7 Boys' Football District Champions

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, our Year 7 boys' football team travelled to Tabor Academy for the District Cup Final against Maltings Academy. We made an early impact, taking the lead in the 5th minute when we converted from a corner. **Frankie Smith** sent a perfectly delivered ball to the back post, where **Harry Clark**, unmarked, rose to head it in and open the scoring. Maltings responded quickly, applying pressure and equalising from a set-piece. The initial corner was cleared, but they capitalised on the rebound. Maltings then took the lead in the 13th minute, as a long ball over our defence found their striker, who finished calmly in the bottom corner. For the remainder of the first half, Alec Hunter spearheaded several attacks, with the Maltings

goalkeeper making a series of excellent saves. However, we found the breakthrough in the 25th minute when **Reece Donovan** played a brilliant through ball to **Archie Webster**, who finished with precision into the top corner, levelling the score at 2-2 as the first half concluded.

The second half saw both teams create chances early on, with **Archie Dean** making some crucial saves to keep us in the game. In the 33rd minute, we regained the lead when **Lewis Heath** won the ball back on a press and delivered a perfect cutback to **Archie Webster**, who scored to give us a 3-2 advantage. Maltings intensified their pressure, but our defence stood firm, with vital blocks from **Harry Clark, Nate Burch, and Dominik Karsai**, maintaining our lead.

In the 45th minute, we extended our advantage when **David Umoke** won the ball from the Maltings defence as they attempted to play out, passing to **Reece Donovan**, who slid a ball through to **Zachary Moore**. **Zach** finished coolly into the bottom corner, making it 4-2. The team then celebrated with a lively group dance by the corner flag! From this point, we controlled the game. A long ball from **Archie Dean**, flicked on by **David Umoke**, found **Lerato Mukasa** behind the defence, and he sealed the win with a brilliant finish, marking the occasion with a cartwheel and a backflip! The final score was 5-2 in favour of Alec Hunter, making us **the Year 7 Boys' Football District Champions! Congratulations to all the Year 7 team.**



## Year 8 Boys' Football - Cup Final Glory

Alec Hunter Academy stormed to cup final glory with a commanding 5-2 win over Maltings Academy, delivering a performance packed with flair, precision, and clinical finishing, just like Mr Booth, their coach! **(Can you tell that he wrote this?! – Mr Lawn)**

The match kicked off with Alec asserting early dominance. Slick midfield play carved open the Maltings defence, allowing **Lucian Chauhan** to slot home the opener and set the tone for what was to come. Holding a slender 1-0 lead into the break, Alec emerged for the second half with renewed intensity. Just five minutes in, **Charlie Wilby** doubled the advantage with a sublime chip over the keeper - his first of the game. Moments later, **Jay Ewunonu** orchestrated a brilliant move, feeding Lucian who danced past defenders from outside the box before rifling in his second of the match.

The fourth goal was a team effort of the highest order. **Kyle Wood** picked out a precise pass to **Harry Murr**, who threaded a perfect through ball to **Marcel Szczepanski**. With power and precision, Marcel unleashed a thunderbolt that rattled the crossbar before nestling in the net. Maltings managed to pull one back with a fortunate strike, but Alec's response was emphatic. **Jacob James** launched a pinpoint ball to Lucian, who smashed it in off the near post—securing a hat-trick and another goal for Alec's standout striker. A late consolation goal from Maltings in the dying seconds did little to dampen Alec's celebrations, as the final whistle confirmed a **5-2 triumph and crowned Alec Academy as well-deserved District Champions**.



**Year 8 Boys' Football Team: Charlie Sudbury-Hill, Jake Barrett, Marcel Szczepanski, Harry Murr, Jacob James, Igor Jarosz, Zach Wilson, Kyle Wood, Charlie Wilby, Harry Canning (Captain), Daniel Adoyi (Vice Captain), Jay Ewunonu, Lucian Chauhan**

## Eco Club News

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, members of the energy team from the Eco Club took part in an Eco Event hosted by Braintree District Cultural Education

Partnership. Year 8 students **Isabella Cant, Ella Hall and Brooke Loveridge** presented their ideas for saving energy at Alec Hunter. They were rewarded with some funding which will be used to achieve some of the Eco Club's goals this year, including planting around the school. More news to follow on their initiatives in future editions of the Herald.



## Student Absence

If your child is absent from school parent/carers should contact the school as early as possible. The school has a 24-hour absence line (01376 559359) where an answer phone is available to leave a message if nobody is available to take your call, a 24 hours text only service (07598 393348), an absences email (JJackson@alechunter.com), or you may call into school personally and speak to the office staff. Parents/carers are required to contact the school on every morning their child is going to be absent. **Please do not email the Tutor or Student Support Leader as they may not see the email until later if they have prior commitments.**

## 'The Play That Goes Wrong' Drama trip

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April, Year 10 and 11 Drama students travelled to London to see 'The Play That Goes Wrong' at the Duchess Theatre. As part of their GCSE Drama course, students are required to write a theatre review, forming part of their final exam at the end of the year. This trip was to allow students to complete the relevant assessment. It was a fantastic evening and students (and staff!) loved the endless mayhem and madness of the slapstick comedy.



'Recreate a Scene' winners 8A with the 'Cheese Touch' scene from the 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' book.



'Recreate a Scene' runners up 9U with a scene from Harry Potter.

## World Book Day 2025

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March we celebrated World Book Day with staff dressing up as their favourite book character for the day. Students were invited to 'spot' as many characters around the school as they could to be in with a chance of a prize. This year's winner was **Frankie-Ray Francis in 8H**. Tutor groups were encouraged to 'Decorate a Door' in the style of their favourite book, and there was also a 'Recreate a Scene' competition where students were asked to stage a well-known scene from a famous book.

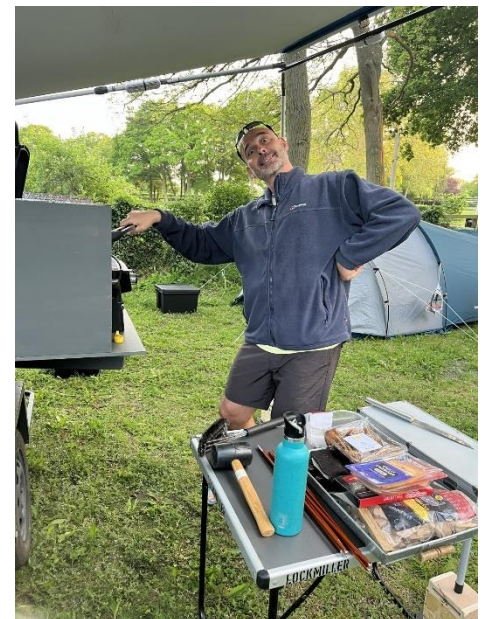


'Recreate a Scene' runners up 8T with a scene from Avengers Assemble.



## Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 36 Year 9 and 10 students set off on their Duke of Edinburgh Expedition as part of their Bronze Award. The students walked approx. 30 km across the two days carrying all their equipment and food. The group set up camp at Prances Scout Camp in Wickham Bishops and cooked their own evening meal before enjoying hot chocolate and marshmallows on the campfire. Students who successfully completed the expedition were **Chloe Piscina, Poppy Twin, Ellanna Black, Amy Hagan, Lila Wagstaff, Olivia Holmes, Catherine Baker, Olivia Dakin, Kotryna Brown, Isabelle Mitchell, Abi Robbins, Tilly Thowney, Isabelle McNamara, Lennox Rose-Rogers, Alex Harding, Henry Greatbatch, Layla Simpson, Freya Roots, Madison Theobald, Courtney Parsons, Christian Edwards, Samuel Clayden, Bradley Rawlinson, Uly Vota, Freddie MacDonald, Cale Gilbert, Dylan Heard, Luke High, Isabelle Reeve, Charlie Taylor-Murfet, Maisie Baker, Willow Bambridge, Isla Barrett, Scarlett Cook, Ollie Dean and Olivia Evans**



**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.

## Skills Day

On the 1<sup>st</sup> April, it was Skills Day, and each year group was involved in exciting activities that took place outside the normal curriculum. Year 7 students experienced **World Water Day**, learning about the world around us and enjoying Art lessons using different paint techniques. Year 8 students took part in a **Sports & Nutrition Day**, trying new sports such as Spike Ball, Sepak Takraw, Kabaddi, Pickleball, Pilates and Boxercise. They also explored the nutritional values of the food we eat. Year 9 students visited the **Imperial War Museum Duxford** as part of their History work. Year 10 students took part in **mock interviews and practised their CV writing**. They also undertook a medical workshop run by the **Medical Mavericks** which saw them trying out medical equipment and even taking 'blood' from a fake arm! Some Year 11 students took part in a **'Talk the Talk'** workshop (part funded by the Jack Petchey Foundation) that focused on 'Talking about the Future' – developing their ability to effectively articulate their experience, skills and employability value. Year 11 students who study French visited **Boulogne** for the day to practise their language whilst others were offered **revision and catch-up sessions** in their chosen GCSE subjects.



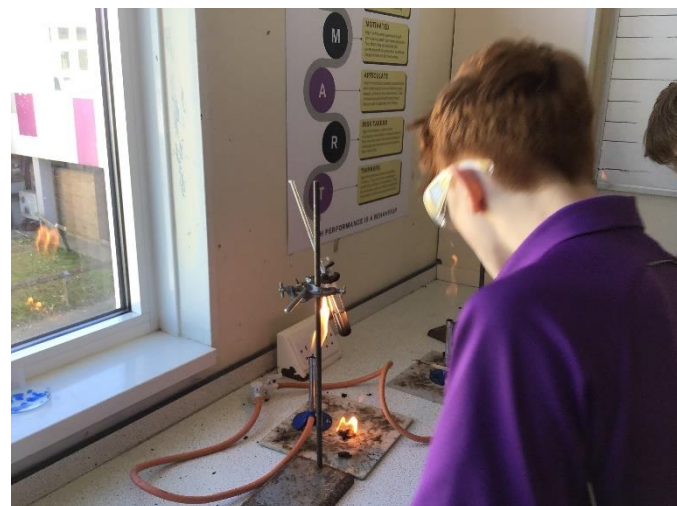
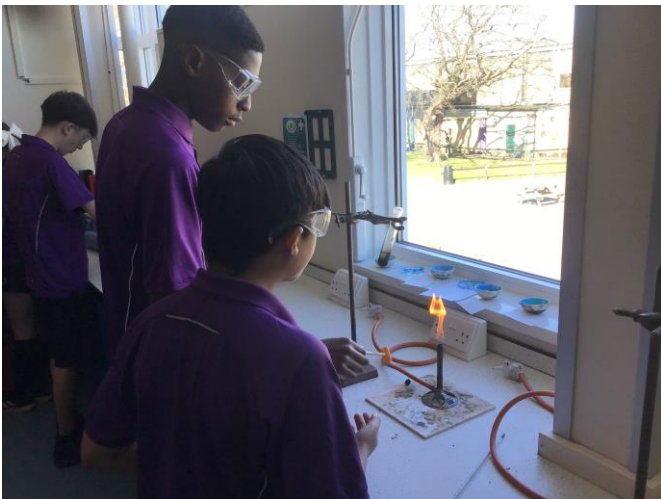
Year 8 – Sports & Nutrition Day



Year 7 – World Water Day



## Year 9 – Trip to Imperial War Museum Duxford

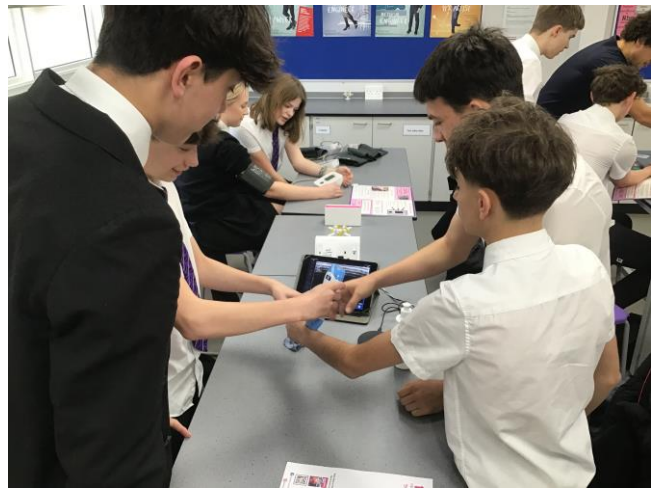
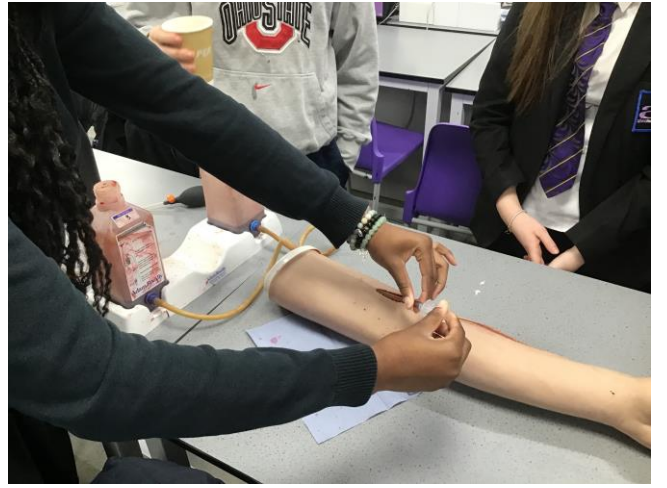


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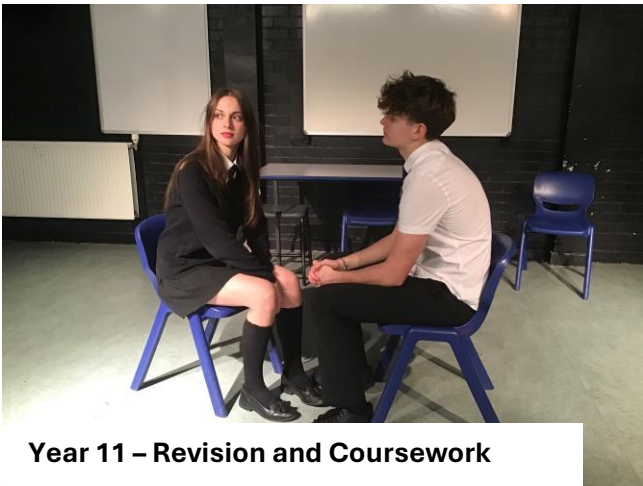
**Year 10 – Mock Interviews and CV work**



**Year 10 – Medical Mavericks workshop**



**Year 11 – Talk the Talk workshop**



**Year 11 – Revision and Coursework**



**Year 11 – trip to Boulogne**

# Iceland Trip

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 40 Year 9 and 10 students travelled to Iceland for a 4-day study tour to enhance their learning of key Geography concepts, such as plate tectonics, coastal and river landscapes and sustainable resource management. Students enjoyed visiting the city of Reykjavik, the Blue Lagoon, Thingvellir National Park, Gullfoss Waterfall, and Hellisheiði Geothermal Power Station. They also experienced an active Geysir, the Kerið volcanic crater and the beautiful waterfalls of Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss. Students also visited the shrinking Sólheimajökull glacier where they could see the impact of climate change.



## Oliver! JR School Musical

On 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> March, over 50 of our students performed in the school musical **Oliver!** JR – based on the classic novel *'Oliver Twist'* by Charles Dickens. The performance was full of classic songs like 'Consider Yourself' and 'Oom-Pah-Pah' and perfectly showcased the talents and energy of the whole cast. Well done to all the students who were involved, as well as the Performing Arts team - it was amazing to see the students have such a wonderful time.





## Sports News & Fixture Results

Fixture	Year Group	Opposition	Result	Squad
<b>Netball</b> 06/03/25	<b>Year 10</b>	<b>Forest Hall School</b>	<b>Alec Won 19-6</b>	Becky Thompson, Aamane Akinsanya, Isabelle Woodward, Lily Heighes, Holly Ashley, Poppy Wark, Isabelle Mitchell, Izzy Leamey, Chloe Hawkins, Abi Robbins <b>Player of the match – Izzy Leamey</b>
<p><b>Match Report:</b> The girls went into the game really confidently, and showed some beautiful dynamic movement down the court. However, our passing was occasionally letting us down during the game and this allowed FHS to gain more possession so we had to work hard to regain the ball. In spite of this, we finished strongly, defending extremely well to ensure FHS scored no goals in the final quarter. [Miss Fitzsimmons]</p>				

Fixture	Year Group	Opposition	Result	Squad
<b>Netball</b> 06/03/25	<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Forest Hall School</b>	<b>Alec Won 27-0</b>	Lusaigh Gosling-Fincham, Darcie Webster, Megan Alexander, Jess Rumbelow, Isla Richardson, Olivia Smith, Millie Ambrose, Chloe Hood <b>Player of the match – Lusaigh Gosling-Fincham</b>
<p><b>Match Report:</b> Alec Hunter started slowly scoring just 4 goals in the 1st quarter. However, once we found our rhythm, we extended our lead to 9-0, with Megan and Darcie sharing the goals between them. We then continued to score highly in the 3rd quarter, to lead FHS 16-0. With a few changes of position in the last quarter, Lusaigh and Darcie scored an impressive 11 goals to finish the game with a resounding 27-0 victory. A great game for both the attacking and defending players. [Miss Gipps]</p>				

Fixture	Year Group	Opposition	Result	Squad
<b>Netball</b> 10/03/25	<b>Year 9</b>	<b>Gosfield School</b>	<b>Alec Lost 26-8</b>	Olivia Evans, Ellana Black, Courtney Parsons, Scarlett Cook, Amy Hagan, Isabelle Reeve, Isabelle McNamara, Freya Roots <b>Player of the match – Isabelle McNamara</b>
<p><b>Match Report:</b> Gosfield came out very fast and took an 11-3 lead in the first quarter. The girls battled hard in the 2nd quarter but this was in vain as Gosfield only extended their lead to 15-4. A few changes of position for both teams did not really change the momentum of the game, with Gosfield running out as winners by 26-8. A determined effort from our girls against a very quick and tall Gosfield team! [Miss Gipps]</p>				

Fixture	Year Group	Opposition	Result	Squad
<b>Netball</b> 10/03/25	<b>Year 8 (mixed)</b>	<b>Gosfield School</b>	<b>Alec Won 8-2</b>	Jessica Smith, Mia Rapnikaite, Ysabella Diuco, Scarlett Dufosee, Jack Cooper, Maisey Height, Mollie Thurley, Skye Hopkins <b>Player of the match – Skye Hopkins</b>
<p><b>Match Report:</b> Our Year 8 mixed team played brilliantly against Gosfield's Year 9 B team. We showed some lovely movement and some great defending from Jack. A well deserved win. [Miss Fitzsimmons]</p>				

Fixture	Year Group	Opposition	Result	Squad
<b>Netball</b> 27/03/25	<b>Year 9</b>	<b>Joyce Frankland Academy</b>	<b>Alec Lost 26-0</b>	Olivia Evans, Courtney Parsons, Amy Hagan, Isabelle Reeve, Isabelle McNamara, Isla Barrett, Maisie Baker, Willow Bambridge <b>Player of the match – Isabelle McNamara</b>

**Match Report:** Unfortunately, we did not play at our best on this occasion. We were missing a few players due to injury/illness and this impacted the rest of the squad. However, the girls did not give up and they tried extremely hard all the way through the game. The girls showed real grit and determination in the face of adversity. [Miss Fitzsimmons]

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<b>Netball</b> 27/03/25	<b>Year 10</b>	<b>Joyce Frankland Academy</b>	<b>Alec Lost 29-11</b>	Aamaneer Atkinsanya, Holly Ashley, Isabelle Woodward, Chloe Hawkins, Isabelle Mitchell, Poppy Wark, Abi Robbins, Lola Bell, Izzy Leamey <b>Player of the match – Lola Bell</b>

**Match Report:** Played a great game, showed some really dynamic netball and some fantastic teamwork. Our opponents were a very good team and were a little more organised than us. Our passages of play started really strongly but unfortunately as the game continued, we lost a bit of fluency. Overall it was a great effort from the squad. [Miss Fitzsimmons]

Fixture	Year Group	Opposition	Result	Squad
<b>Netball</b> 27/03/25	<b>Year 7 (Friendly)</b>	<b>Joyce Frankland Academy</b>	<b>Alec Lost 10-2</b>	Maisie Cooper, Megan Alexander, Jess Rumbelow, Isla Richardson, Olivia Smith, Millie Ambrose, Amelia Smith, Grace Branch <b>Player of the match – Olivia Smith</b>

**Match Report:** Joyce Frankland took a 6-0 lead in the first half of the game. Then a goal each from Maisie and Megan took it to 8-2 in the 3rd quarter. 2 final goals from JFAN took it to 10-2. The team worked so hard in the game, especially with 3 players joining the team last minute. [Miss Gipps]

Fixture	Year Group	Opposition	Result	Squad
<b>Netball</b> 27/03/25	<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Joyce Frankland Academy</b>	<b>Alec Won 4-2</b>	Jessica Smith, Mia Rapkinaite, Ysabella Diuco, Scarlett Dufosse, Jack Cooper, Maisey Height, Noah Yeaman, Skye Hopkins, Poppy McCully <b>Player of the match – Jack Cooper</b>

**Match Report:** A very close game between both teams. Scoring was at a premium due to great defending from both teams. Alec took a slight lead which they managed to hold until the end, despite JFAN getting their goals in the 3rd and 4th quarter of the game. [Miss Gipps]

Fixture	Year Group	Opposition	Result	Squad
<b>Cricket Tournament, Essex County Cricket Ground, Chelmsford</b> 10/03/25	<b>U13 Girls</b>	<b>Beaulieu Park School</b>  <b>Boswells School</b>  <b>Hedingham School</b>	<b>Lost to Hedingham and Beaulieu Park Schools.</b>  <b>Drew with Boswells School</b>	Florence Rose-Rogers, Teigan Snell, Ella Hall, Maddison Holmes, Lusaigh Gosling-Fincham, Darcie Webster, Lola McKee, Frankie Potts, Ella Hooper, Jess Rumbelow <b>Player of the match – Lola McKee</b>

**Match Report:** What a great experience for the girls! They played incredibly well especially as most of them have had little, if any, experience of cricket. We got quite a few wickets, gained some runs and stopped some big hits. Fantastic effort from all involved. The girls did us proud especially as Hedingham only had 7 players and asked for one of our girls to play with them for the tournament; 3 of our girls were very happy to volunteer and tried their best for them. In true Alec Hunter spirit, they rose to the occasion. [Miss Fitzsimmons]



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## LINE MANAGEMENT FROM SEPTEMBER 2024

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
<b>Attendance / Wellbeing / Behaviour / Safeguarding</b>				
<b>Form Tutor</b>				
Mr Cleevely Student Support Leader	Mrs Willing Student Support Leader	Mrs Weaver Student Support Leader	Ms Swindale Student Support Leaders	Mrs Johnson/ Mrs Porter (Wed) Student Support Leader
Mr Booth (Assistant Headteacher) - Designated Safeguarding & Mental Health Lead Mrs Harold (Deputy Headteacher) - Deputy Safeguarding Lead				
<b>Learning / Behaviour / Academic Progress / Standards</b>				
<b>Class Teacher</b>				
<b>Head of Curriculum Area *(see below)</b>				
Mr Moreno Head of Year 7	Mr Lee Head of Year 8	Mr Spooner Head of Year 9	Miss Jones / Miss McKinnon (Fri) Head of Year 10	Mr Holland Head of Year 11
Mrs Steward (Associate Assistant Headteacher) Behaviour & Progress	Mr M Doolan (Assistant Headteacher) Behaviour & Progress			Mr Birley (Deputy Headteacher) Behaviour & Progress
Mrs Gillett			SENCO	
Miss Greenway			Home School Attendance Officer	

**\* 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 Schunmann	Mrs Harold
Mathematics	Mrs Baird	Mrs Harold
Science	Mr Fernandez	Mr Birley
Geography	Mrs Hughes	Ms Woolnough
History	Miss Depper	Mrs Harold
Religion, Philosophy & Ethics	Mr David	Ms Woolnough
Technology/Child Development	Mr Todd	Ms Woolnough
French/German/Spanish	Mrs Peralta Jimenez	Mrs Steward
Vocational Education/Computer Science/ICT	Miss Judson	Mr Jones
Physical Education	Mr Edwards	Ms Woolnough
Performing Arts	Mrs Green	Mr Birley
Art	Mrs De Kadar	Mrs Harold
Special Educational Needs	Mrs Gillett	Mr Birley
Learning for Life	Mrs Hewes	Mr Booth

## Academic Year 2024-2025

September 2024							October 2024							November 2024							December 2024						
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 = Schooldays / Weekends

 = Bank Holidays

 = School Holidays

 = Non Pupil (INSET) Days

<b>Autumn Term:</b>	Monday 2 September 2024 – Friday 20 December 2024 <i>Half Term 21 October – 1 November</i>	70 days
<b>Spring Term:</b>	Monday 6 January 2025 – Friday 4 April 2025 <i>Half Term 17 February - 21 February</i>	60 days
<b>Summer Term:</b>	Tuesday 22 April 2025 – Tuesday 22 July 2025 <i>Half Term 26 May – 30 May, and May Bank Holiday - 5 May</i>	60 days
		<u>190 days</u>

**Please note:** The above dates may vary for individual schools, especially Foundation, Voluntary Aided schools and Academies. You are strongly advised to check with your child's school before making any holiday or other commitments.


## Academic Year 2025-2026

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

**Autumn Term:** Monday 1 September 2025 – Friday 19 December 2025 70 days  
*Half Term 20 October – 31 October*

**Spring Term:** Monday 5 January 2026 – Friday 27 March 2026 55 days  
*Half Term 16 February - 20 February*

**Summer Term:** Monday 13 April 2026 – Monday 20 July 2026 65 days  
*Half Term 25 May – 29 May, and May Bank Holiday - 4 May*

190 days

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