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Class of 2026 Set New Records for Alec Hunter!

Welcome to a new school year, and a special welcome to Year 7 families who are just joining the Alec Hunter community. We trust that these first two weeks of transition to secondary school have gone smoothly and that your child is already enjoying all that our school has to offer. This issue of the *Herald* is packed with articles exemplifying the wonderful experiences that are available to our young people, as well as celebrating some outstanding achievements.

On the subject of celebrations, Exam Results Day in August was a joyous occasion, not just for the many students who secured the grades needed for entry to college and sixth form, but also for the school as a whole. **50% of our learners gained a Grade 5 or better in both English and Maths, while 70% achieved a Grade 4 or better.** Moreover, with an **Attainment 8 score of 47.1**, this cohort of students has set new high benchmarks for the school in all major categories, unquestionably our **best exam results ever!** We would like to congratulate all our Year 11 leavers on this **record-breaking performance** and wish them well for the next phase of their educational journeys.

As we begin this new term, I should like to thank everyone for your patience as we transition to a new management information system with Arbor, after many years of using SIMS. We anticipated that this significant change would result in some teething problems as we adjust to new ways of recording, retrieving and sharing information, and this has certainly proved to be the case! However, we are hopeful that, in the longer term, we will see many benefits in terms of efficiency and communication between school and home, so please bear with us - we are very grateful for your tolerance as we acclimatise to new processes.

Very best wishes to all members of the Alec Hunter community for a successful year ahead.

Mr Lawn (Headteacher)

Diary Dates

September 2026

22nd September – Year 11 UKMT Maths Challenge
23rd September – Year 11 Braintree Careers Fair
24th September – Year 7 Parents' Information Evening
25th September – Year 10/11 History Workshop
29th September – Year 7 Oracy Event

October 2026

1st October – Sports Awards Evening
2nd October – School Closes Early at 12.25pm
3rd October – Open Morning
5th-9th October – Year 6 Parent Tours
8th October – Year 11 Parent Information Evening
14th October – Year 7/8 Cross Country Tournament
15th October – Year 10 Chelmsford Science Festival
19th-30th October – Half Term (2 weeks)

November 2026

9th-13th November – Year 11 Core Formal Exams
12th November – Year 12 Presentation Evening
16th November – Year 7 Road Safety Play
17th November – Years 7-9 Braintree Dance Festival
20th November – Flu Vaccinations
26th-28th November – Year 10/11 Aachen Christmas Market trip
27th November – Skills Day

December 2026

3rd December – Year 10 Parents' Evening (Virtual)
4th December – Flu Vaccinations
8th December – Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
10th December – Winter Concert
11th December – Flu Vaccinations
14th-17th December – Celebration Assemblies
18th December – 1pm Close
21st December-1st January – Christmas Holidays

January 2027

4th January – Return to School, Week B

To stay updated on key school dates and events, please view the calendar on our website [here](#).

Woman in Black

On Wednesday 4th February, both Year 9 English and Year 10 Drama students went to see "The Woman in Black" at Chelmsford theatre. This gripping stage adaptation of the original novel is a brilliantly successful study in atmosphere, illusion and controlled horror and one that the students will read as part of their studies.



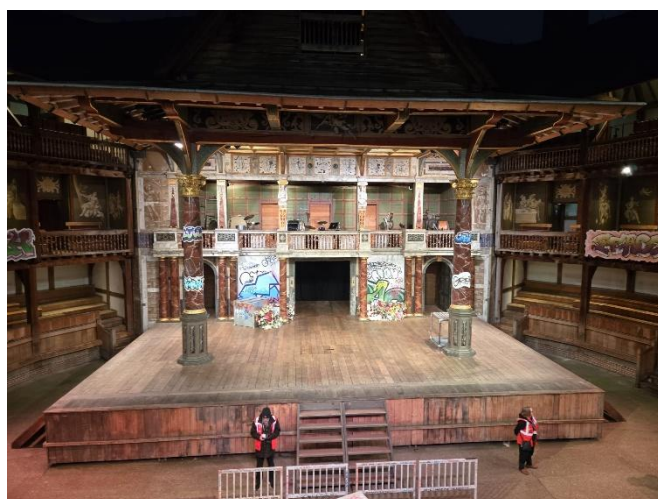
Democracy Day

On Tuesday 3rd February, a small group of Year 7, 8 and 9 students took part in a local school council meeting at Causeway House alongside Cllr Justin Wrench. Well done to Joshua C, Holly L-J, Maksimilianas M, Frankie S, Blake B and Jessica S for their impeccable behaviour - they were a credit to the school.



Globe Theatre Trip

On Tuesday 3rd March, one hundred of our Year 8 students travelled to London to the Globe Theatre to watch Romeo & Juliet. The action-packed, 90-minute version of the play was created especially for young people and is the perfect introduction to Shakespeare for everyone. Although the open-air theatre was a little chilly, all the students enjoyed seeing the play come alive on the stage.



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.

UKMT Maths Challenge

The UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge is an inter-school 60-minute, 25-question multiple-choice challenge, designed to encourage mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency.

Participation certificates were awarded to: Year 9 students: **Jack D, Jay E, Jarvis G, Mia G and Matthew L.** Year 10 students: **Scarlett C, Marianna G, Phoebe H, Rose H, Tayla H, Will H and Ellie S.** Year 11 students: **Georgina B, Samuel C-O, Nathan C, Olly G, Oscar H, Lucia R, Jonathan S, Poppy W and Lily-May Y.** Bronze certificates were awarded to Year 9 students **Jack C and Cameron W;** Year 10 students **Yogya N and Lila W;** and Year 11 students **Chloe H and Julian N.** Silver certificates were awarded to **Poyraz A (Best in Year 9), Alex H and Lennox R-R (Joint Best in Year 10)** and Year 11 students: **Andrei A, Holly A, Lily H, Joshua N and Abi R.** Gold certificates were awarded to Year 11 students **Tyler B, Stefan Z and Oliver J.** Oliver was awarded 'Best in School' and was invited to the next round. All the students did amazingly well, working on some tricky questions in the paper.



LMTO Play It Live Event

On Monday 16th March, members of our orchestra and choir took part in the London Musical Theatre Orchestra 'Play-It! Live' day at The Institute, Braintree. Our students joined pupils from other schools in two sessions and learnt new musical pieces that they then performed to their peers and parents/carers on stage.



Wicked Sing-a-long

On Thursday 22nd January, students took part in a world-wide 'Wicked Sing-a-long' hosted by Young Voices. Live from the O2 in London, our students joined 500,000 students from across the world who all participated virtually.



Student Absence

If your child is absent from school, parents/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. Alternatively, there is a 24-hour text only service (07598 393348), an absences email (JJackson@alechunter.com), or you may call into school personally to 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.

Jack Petchey Speak Out Competition

On Wednesday 22nd April, Year 10 students Megan L and Lennox R-R represented Alec Hunter Academy at the regional final of the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge. Both students were proudly selected by their peers as winners from our recent in-school final. Lennox's speech was entitled 'AI: Is It The

Future Or The Beginning Of The End?', and Megan's speech was on 'Kindness'. Both students presented an inspiring speech and competed against talented students from schools across the North Essex region. The event took place at Saffron Walden County High School and although the students didn't place in the top 3 they both worked incredibly hard and represented the school brilliantly.



Arsenal Youth Academy

On Wednesday 18th March and Wednesday 25th March, our Year 10 Sports & Coaching students visited the Arsenal Youth Academy at Arsenal Football Club. They observed coaching principles within an elite coaching environment and enjoyed a tour of the facilities as well as a presentation about the club's philosophy.



Learner to Learner Art Project

On Thursday 23rd April, Year 8 students taking part in the cross-phase Learner to Learner Project visited the Sculpture Trail at Markshall Estate in Coggeshall, to give them an opportunity to experience art in an outdoor environment. The Learner to Learner initiative is a special project where students from Alec Hunter and Year 5 students from local primary schools collaborate to produce inspirational pieces of creative artwork. This year, students have been designing an installation to be displayed in the new sensory garden at Alec Hunter Academy.



MFL Languages Competitions

On 25th June, our MFL department presented prizes for both the British German Association Excellence in German competition and the 'Hi, how are you?' House Competition. The BGA Excellence in German competition asks students to complete a project in German, on a topic concerning Germany to explain their interest in or relation to Germany, its culture and language.

1st Place: Oscar W
2nd Place: Emilie P
3rd Place: Amelia W
4th Place: Ella H

For the MFL 'Hello, how are you?' House Competition, students were asked to create a colourful poster with the words 'Hi, how are you?' in a language of their choice. It could be a language spoken at home, a language they are learning or a language they would like to learn.

1st Place: Zofia G
2nd Place: Rose H
3rd Place: Charlie S.

Well done to all the students!



District Sports

On Wednesday 17th June, we took part in District Sports at Tabor Academy. Team Alec placed third and we are incredibly proud of all the students who took part.



The following students performed exceptionally well on the day and broke school records — some of which had stood for over 50 years!

1. 4x100m Relay – Boys – Year 7
Noah P, Reiss R, William B, Mason P – 55 seconds
Held Since: 1972 (56 seconds)
2. 100m – Boys – Year 9
Freddie A – 11.40 seconds
Held Since: 1985 (11.60 seconds)
3. 300m – Boys – Year 9
Elvis A – 40.62 seconds
Held Since: 2024 (45.94 seconds)
4. 300m – Girls – Year 8
Ella H – 48.93 seconds
Held Since: 2025 (51.18 seconds)

ARU STEM Club Competition

On 26th June 2026, 4 teams of students attended the CSES Annual STEM Competition, **TEXPO**, a premier event that celebrates the ingenuity and creativity of students across Essex. This competition provides a unique platform for young minds to showcase their innovative projects in science, technology, engineering, and maths.

The teams were:

Lennox R-R (Year 10) with **Waste to Wall** which is a project focusing on recycled building/ insulating materials.

Iulia P, Grace B and Brooke T (Year 8) with the project **GoGirls** which is a sustainable motor-powered go-cart.

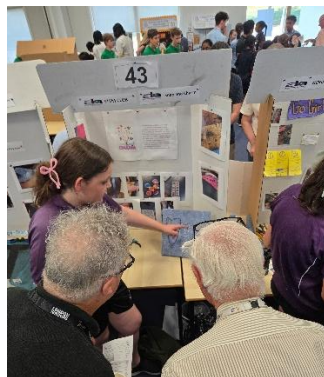
Aayla-Rose B and Erika O (Year 8) with **Gophins**, a safe multi-purpose model playground for children.

Ella H (Year 9) with **Snap and Charm**, a magnetic clasp bracelet with resin charms.

Daniel L (Year 9) with **Rustic Instruments**, homemade string instruments.

All students put their work on display and explained their designs to the judges and to other students around the county. It was a lovely day and they all spoke proudly about their work, receiving amazing feedback!

Lennox R-R was then invited to the CSES Awards ceremony on 9th July 2026, where he won the **ARU Sustainability Award**, sponsored by Anglian Ruskin University.



Shrek the Musical JR

On 2nd and 3rd March 2026, a group of our students performed 'Shrek The Musical JR'. Based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film, 'Shrek JR' brought characters from the film to life on stage, and proved there's more to the story than meets the ears. "'Once upon a time, there was a little ogre named Shrek...'" and thus begins the tale of an unlikely hero who finds himself on a life-changing journey alongside a wisecracking donkey and a feisty princess who resists her rescue. Throw in a short-tempered bad guy, a cookie with attitude, and over a dozen other fairytale misfits, and you've got the kind of mess that calls for a real hero. Luckily, there's one on hand...and his name is Shrek." The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience - well done to everyone involved.



World Book Day 2026

We celebrated World Book Day on Friday 6th March 2026 with staff dressing up as their favourite characters and students decorating the doors of their tutor rooms to represent their favourite books (see below). Great fun was had by everyone!



World Book Day 'Design a Door' Competition

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, tutor groups were encouraged to 'Decorate a Door' in the style of their favourite book. Runners up for Key Stage 3 were 8A and 7U, but the winners were 8L with their 'Gruffalo' door. Runners up for Key Stage 4 were 10E and 11A, and the winners were 11E with their 'Lord of the Flies' design.



Year 9 Trip to Ypres, Belgium

On 7th April, 45 Year 9 and 10 students travelled to Ypres, Belgium for a 4-day residential. They visited many key points of interest from WW1, such as Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Poperinge Death Cells, Sanctuary Wood, Essex Farm and the Yorkshire Trench. Students were also able to experience the 'Last Post' Ceremony at the Menin Gate and see the battlefields of the Somme. The Canadian memorials were spotless and visiting really helped the students to appreciate the different perspectives of people who served in the war. Head of History, Ms Depper said 'It's really hard to quantify the huge value of such a trip for teenage students. Their reactions and behaviour at each location was moving and many wanted to pay their respects in the visitors' book on behalf of themselves and the school.'

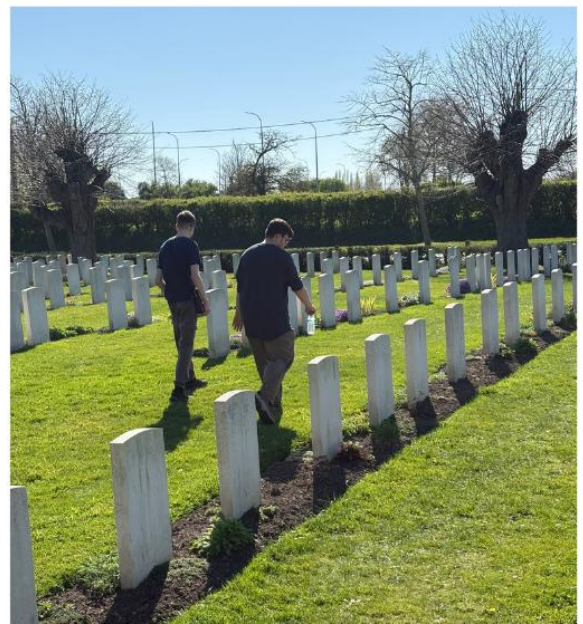


"I enjoyed the stories and history I have learnt. The Hoge Crater Museum stuck out as I saw images of the horror of war and at Vimy Ridge where I learnt about the Canadian sacrifice." Felix B, Year 10



"I enjoyed learning a lot more about key events and battles, like Hill 60 or the Lochnagar Crater. Walking through trenches and seeing shell holes showed me the full effect of WW1. A personal highlight was getting to take home small pieces of history and being able to pass on my experience. The cemeteries were particularly humbling."

Lennox R-R, Year 10



"I really enjoyed looking at the trench systems as it brought to reality the harsh conditions the soldiers faced during the war." Evan M, Year 10



Year 9 Trip to Ypres, Belgium



"It was moving to see the graves and learn about every soldier, to respect and remember them for everything they went through for us". Olivia D and Lily-Mai B, Year 10.



Students laid the school's wreath at the 'Last Post' Ceremony. The youngest soldier was the same age as many of the students.

"Laying the wreath was an extreme honour - I certainly won't forget it. The silence to commemorate all the graveless soldiers will stay with me and truly highlights the horrors of WW1. It reminds us why we should respect our fallen soldiers immensely."

Heather H, Year 10



"I was moved by the smallish wooden chair, which was beside the enormous crater we saw. It symbolised all the people who didn't return home after the war"

Madelaine E, Year 10

Jack Petchey Achievement Awards Evening 2026

On Wednesday 28th January, the Jack Petchey Achievement Awards Presentation for Braintree Schools & Clubs took place at Alec Hunter Academy, with students from right across the district receiving awards. The Jack Petchey Award Scheme is a reward and recognition initiative which enables schools and youth organisations to celebrate the achievements of their young people and receive additional funding. Congratulations to Lawrence D, Molly L, Havilah A, Sara A, Owen H, Poppy W, Issac M and Daniel L who were each presented with their award. Students were nominated by members of staff and each received a grant of £300 which they can choose to spend on a specific project or resource in school. Our Head of Maths, Mrs Baird was also presented with a Leader Award and Year 10 student Harry H played an amazing musical piece on the piano to entertain the audience.

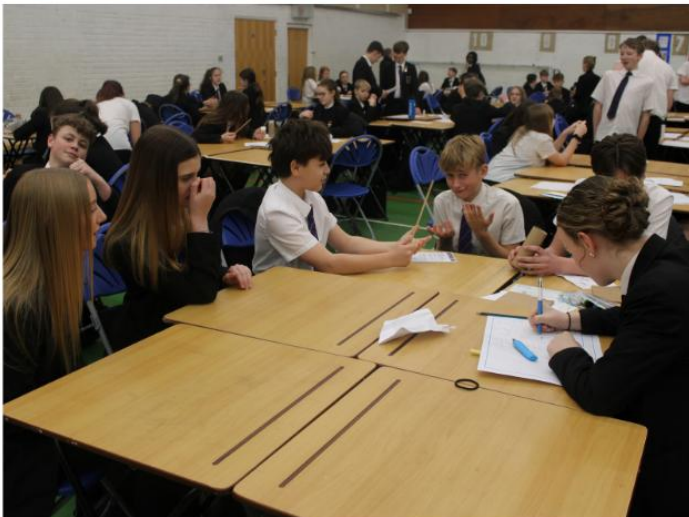


Skills Day - March 2026

On 10th March, it was Skills Day, and each year group was involved in exciting activities beyond their 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 the Faraday Challenge and Year 9 students visited the Imperial War Museum Duxford as part of their History work. Year 10 students were invited to mock interviews with a range of representatives from local employers and practised their CV writing while Year 11 students took part in extended revision and catch-up sessions in their chosen GCSE subjects.



Year 7 students took part in World Water Day activities and Year 8 students undertook the Faraday Challenge.

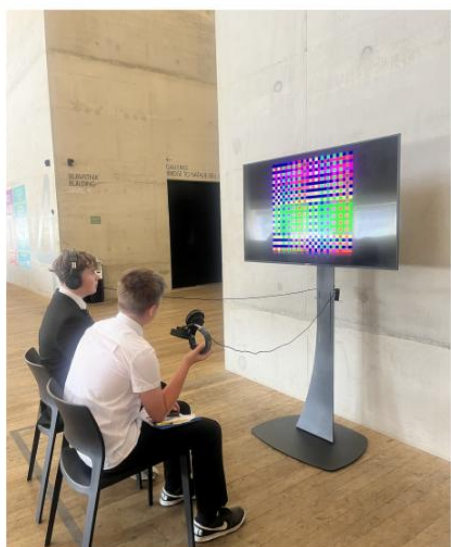


Year 10 students visited IWM Duxford



Skills Day - July 2026

On Friday 3rd July, it was Skills Day again, and each year group was involved in exciting activities that took place outside their normal classrooms. Year 7 students travelled to the National Space Centre as part of their Science studies and Year 8 students visited Colchester Zoo to take part in a 'Maths in the Real World' challenge. Year 9 Art students visited the Tate Modern as part of their GCSE work and Year 10 Geography students went to Walton on the Naze to carry out field work. A group of Year 9 French students visited all the sights of Paris on a 4-day residential trip - even managing to squeeze in a day at Disneyland Paris!



Skills Day - July 2026



SPORTS NEWS & FIXTURE RESULTS

Fixture	Year Group	Opposition	Result	Squad
Football - District League 12th December 2025	Y10 Boys	Tabor Academy	Lost 7-1	Ollie D Stanley H Dylan H Andy H Alfie H Jimmy K Oliver P Alfie R Leyland S Borys S George T Thomas W
The boys went to Tabor with a reduced squad due to absence and illness. They fought hard but found themselves 7-0 down at half time. The boys then had a moment of reflection and came out all guns blazing, showing great resilience, firstly hitting the post and then scoring. The moral victory of winning the second half showed their 'never give up' attitude. Well done, boys!				
Futsal - District Tournament 12th January 2026	Y7 Boys	Various	Alec 1-0 Notley (Goal: Jensen D) Alec 4-1 Rickstones (Goals: Reiss R x 2, Isaac W, Jude H) Semi-final Alec 0-1 HRS	Tyler J Reiss R Jensen D Isaac W Jude H Joey O
The boys played really well in the group stage beating all opposition and winning the group. In the semi-finals they came up against a strong HRS side who controlled most of the game, but we had our chances to win. HRS won with the last kick of the game.				
Futsal - District Tournament 12th January 2026	Y7 Girls	Various	Won 3-0 against Notley Won 2-0 against Forest Hall Won 4-0 against Honywood Won 3-0 in the final against Forest Hall.	Enenu P Lottie C-R Sophie M Chloe S
Great play from all 4 girls and they all really enjoyed themselves.				
Futsal - District Tournament 13th January 2026	Y8 Girls	Various	Drew 0-0 against Tabor Drew 0-0 against Maltings Drew 1-1 against Notley Lost 2-0 against HRS Played the 3rd/4th place playoff and beat Maltings 2-1	Lola M Sophia S Ava B Beth S Olivia S Isabelle T

The girls had a great time and showed a big improvement from game to game with a great win in the playoff after going 1-0 down early on.

Futsal - District Tournament 13th January 2026	Y8 Boys	Various	Won 1-0 vs Notley High Won 3-0 vs New Rickstones Won 3-0 vs Hedingham Semi-final: Won 1-0 vs Honywood Final: Drew 0-0 vs Maltings (lost 3-2 on penalties)	Archie D Zachary M Harry C Archie W Lewis H David U
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A fantastic effort from the Year 8 boys' team, who unfortunately lost on penalties in the final. The boys were outstanding throughout the competition, winning all three group games without conceding a single goal. They continued their strong form in the semi-final, securing a 1-0 victory over Honywood. The final was a tight and competitive match, and the team earned yet another clean sheet, but were narrowly defeated 3-2 in the penalty shootout. A tough result to take after going the entire tournament without conceding in open play, but the boys should be incredibly proud of their performances!

Futsal - District Tournament 19th January 2026	Y11 Girls	Various	Lost 3-0 to Notley Won 2-0 to Maltings Won 3-0 to Rickstones Final - Lost 5-0 to Notley	Lola B Molly L Megan S Lily H Abi R
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This team was put together by Lily at lunch time and the girls did amazingly well. They had a great time laughing and giggling the whole way through the tournament, whilst also pulling off a couple of impressive victories. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Netball 26th January 2026	Y7 Girls	Helena Romanes School	Lost 16-1	Charlotte R Holly L-J Emma-Rose L Layla C Phoebe H Isabelle T Leah B Reniyah P
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The girls played well at times and enjoyed themselves. The only goal came from Holly.

Netball 26th January 2026	Y8 Girls	Helena Romanes School	Lost 21-3	Megan A Darcy W Olivia S Millie A Amelia S Maisie C Amber T Grace B Erika O Lizzie O
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The girls were 17-2 down at half time but rallied together in the 2nd half of the game. The girls enjoyed themselves throughout the game.

Netball 19th January 2026	Y9 Girls	Helena Romanes School	Won 12-6	Maisie H Scarlett D Grace B (Year 8) Erika O (Year 8) Amelia K Jessica S Skye H Poppy M Arnette M
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An amazing team display throughout. We gave ourselves a performance target of strong passes and getting in front of our opponent. As a team, we nailed this in the first few minutes of the match. This led to a great result, thanks also to some tremendous shooting.

Netball 20th January 2026	Y8 Girls	Gosfield School	Won 11-5	Darcie W Megan A Olivia S Millie A Amelia S Maisie C Amber T Grace B Erika O Lizzie O
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The girls played an excellent game. The ball down the court was dynamic with some lovely dodging and passing being displayed. We were able to stay tight to our players allowing for some beautiful interceptions which gave us possession of the ball, securing our win.

District Netball Rally 9th March 2026	Y9 Girls	6 Schools in the District	Variety	Maisie H Jessica S Sophie W Skye H Amelia K Poppy M Lucy C Darcie W Olivia S
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We started our rally off against Notley who were a very strong side, the girls played well with some dynamic movements but overall we struggled to get the ball to our shooters. As the rally continued our gameplay became more fluent and our passing was more accurate. Our shooters' confidence was just building allowing them to pop the shots in. We won some games but lost others, resulting in a 4th position finish.
Great passion, enthusiasm and perseverance from the squad. We are really proud of their performance.

Football 16th March 2026	Y8/9 Girls	Friendly District Tournament	Hedingham, Notley and Tabor Schools	<i>Team Purple:</i> Selina G Lily K Sophie-Mai S Savannah C Amelia K Maddison H Ella H Chloe L <i>Team Pink:</i> Lola M Scarlett P-F Olivia S Sophia S Isabelle T Megan P Beth S Alice D Ava B
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The Alec Hunter 3G Pitch was the setting for the friendly tournament against 2 x Hedingham teams, 1 x Notley and 1 x Tabor side. Our teams were set up in separate pools and both came 2nd. In the semi finals, Alec Team Purple played Hedingham Blues and won on penalties with a great penalty scored from Savannah to set up the shootout. Alec Team Pink played their semi-final against Hedingham Yellows and lost 1-0. The final therefore pitched Hedingham Blues against Alec Purples. The score finished 0-0 at full time and went again to a penalty shootout, which Hedingham won 2-1. A great evening of football in which everyone enjoyed themselves.

Football - District Cup Final 28 th April 2026	Y8 Boys	New Rickstones Academy	Won 3-2	Archie D Dominik K William L Harry C Travis S Ryan R Archie W Zachary M David U Lewis H Frankie S Alfie C Finley W Lerato M
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This was the final!! The boys were very motivated especially after their hard work to make it to the final. The game started cautiously as both teams tried to find their flow. After 7 minutes, Finley scored first with a well-timed volley. On the 25-minute mark, David took the ball on his chest with his back to the goal and turned and volleyed the ball into the back of the net, ensuring that we went into half time 2-0 up. Rickstones started more positively in the second half and pulled one back but Zac restored our two goal advantage with an excellent free kick that flew into the top corner. The game then ebbed and flowed with the keepers at both ends working hard to keep the score the same until 5 minutes before the end when a cruel deflection took the ball in between our keeper's legs. A nervy last 5 minutes followed, but with a huge sigh of relief from the coaching staff and an even bigger cheer from the boys, Alec Hunter retained their crown and are still the reigning District Champions.



LINE MANAGEMENT FROM SEPTEMBER 2026

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				
Ms Swindale Student Support Leader	Mrs Johnson/ Mrs Porter (Wed) Student Support Leader	Mr Cleevely Student Support Leader	Mrs Willing Student Support Leader	Mrs Weaver Student Support Leader
Mrs Howe (Assistant Headteacher) - Designated Safeguarding Lead Mrs Harold (Deputy Headteacher) - Deputy Safeguarding Lead				
Learning / Behaviour / Academic Progress / Standards				
Class Teacher				
Head of Curriculum Area *(see below)				
Miss Jones / Miss McKinnon (Fri) Head of Year 7	Mr Holland Head of Year 8	Mr Moreno Head of Year 9	Mr Lee Head of Year 10	Mr Spooner Head of Year 11
Mrs Steward (Assistant Headteacher) Behaviour & Progress		Mr M Doolan (Assistant Headteacher) Behaviour & Progress		Mr Hunter-Smith (Asst Headteacher) Behaviour & Progress

Mrs Baird	Associate Assistant Headteacher (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	Miss Schunmann	Mrs Harold
Mathematics	Miss Benn	Mrs Baird
Science	Mrs Harding	Mrs Harold
Geography	Mrs Hughes	Ms Woolnough
History	Miss Depper	Mrs Harold
Religion, Philosophy & Ethics	Mr David	Mrs Steward
Technology	Mr Todd	Ms Woolnough
French/German/Spanish	Mrs Peralta Jimenez	Mr Hunter-Smith
Business Studies (Interim)	Miss Morgans	Mr Jones
Child Dev/Health & Social Care (Interim)	Mrs Aylott	Mr Jones
Physical Education	Mr Edwards	Mr Jones
Performing Arts	Mrs Green	Ms Woolnough
Computer Science/ICT	Mr Costin	Mr Doolan
Art	Ms Mellor-Smith	Mrs Harold
Media Studies	Miss White	Ms Woolnough
Special Educational Needs	Mrs Baird	Ms Woolnough
Learning for Life	Mrs Hewes	Mrs Howe

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= Schooldays / Weekends



= Bank Holidays



= School Holidays



= Non Pupil (INSET) Days
(There are two further dates to be confirmed)

Autumn Term: Thursday 3 September 2026 – Friday 18 December 2026 67 days
Half Term 19 October – 30 October

Spring Term: Monday 4 January 2027 – Friday 25 March 2027 54 days
Half Term 15 February – 19 February

Summer Term: Monday 12 April 2027 – Friday 23 July 2027 69 days
Half Term 31 May – 3 June, and May Bank Holiday – 3 May

190 days

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.