



# Alec Hunter Herald

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## Alec Hunter Students' Royal Appointment at Twickenham

On 17<sup>th</sup> October, Ed Killin, Cameron Bigaignon, George Waterfield and Head Boy Lewis Clements were invited to Twickenham to attend a session organised by the RFU and Canterbury. After an eventful journey, the boys arrived at Twickenham stadium, full of anticipation.

Upon arrival we were treated to tea and coffee and the boys were given a yellow card. This was to be used if Mr Edwards stuck his nose in too much whilst the creative process was under way. A representative from the RFU then delivered a session on what a rugby shirt is and the importance of the design. The boys were then given the opportunity to roughly design and plan out a shirt for the school, the intention being that Canterbury and the RFU will then use the design to produce a brand new kit of 20 pro style shirts for the school to use in competitive rugby matches.

Just before lunch, the boys were hard at work when the doors to the conference room were opened to reveal an array of VIPs. **Jason Leonard, Andi Peters, the MD of Canterbury and Jason Robinson** started walking around the groups talking to some of the other schools and giving advice. But there was a further surprise guest of honour, since the man in the motorcade was none other than **HRH Prince Harry**. He went to some of the tables and signed off one design in person. Jason Leonard then came to our table and asked about our design. He seemed to like it so much he gave a playful



## School Opening Times

### Visitors' Reception

Monday-Thursday: 8.15 am-4.15pm

Friday: 8.15am-3.45pm

### Student Reception

8.15am—3.25pm

## Student Absence

We would be grateful if parents reporting absence would use this service:

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**Text:** 07598393348

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Please be aware that the text number is only for texts and there is no voicemail service.

## Diary Dates

### November Diary Dates

7th - BSF Open Evening

7th - Y10 Team Focus Launch

12th - Parent PP Conference

20th - Y12 Presentation Evening

22nd - Y7/8 Disco

27th - Y10/11 Panto Trip

28th - Y7 Target Evening

29th - Skills Day

### December Diary Dates

7th - Christmas Tea Dance

10th - Winter Concert - 7pm

Dec 23rd - Jan 3rd - Christmas Holiday

## Week Commencing

**11/11/13 is Week B**

punch on Ed Killin's arm which nearly knocked him off his chair!



The boys decided that they wanted to show the history of Alec Hunter in the shirt and used the school tie as their inspiration. As you can see from the picture, the familiar purple and black Alec Hunter design is used for the sleeves and the bottom panels. The main body is black with gold stripes and the back panel is plain black to mirror the school rugby shirt.

After lunch, the design was finalised and signed off by the Canterbury team. The shirts will arrive in March when Mr Edwards will organise some friendly matches to give them a test run. These shirts will also be available to buy at a later date.

A truly unforgettable and wonderful day was enjoyed by all and the boys were an absolute credit to the school.

## Year 7 Skills Day - Drugs Workshop

This Skills Day, Year 7 students took part in three of four workshops designed to increase their awareness of the effects and dangers of drug use. These were:

- Focusing on the dangers of drug use using Forum Theatre techniques.
- The effects of drugs on performance in sports.
- Promoting an awareness of the dangers of drugs using song writing and rapping.
- Portraying the effects of drugs through Dance.

At the end of the day, all students were able to explain how the activities had helped them develop their understanding about the

## Headteacher's Surgery

Headteacher's Surgery for parents is open on Thursdays from 3:30—4:30pm.

At this time, parents are invited to come in and see Mr Lawn, if you have any issues you wish to raise. If this time is not convenient, you can of course request an appointment in the usual way, by contacting the School Office.

## Listening Champions

Georgina Chandler 7A

Matthew Stone 8E

Chloe Guppy 9A

Elliot Goodman 9L

Chloe Thomas 10L

George Gibbins 11A

James Atkinson 11L

## Students of the Week

Charlie Truscott 7N

Laura Hardison-Taylor 8T

Jasmine Dagley 9U

Morgan Clark 9R

Emily Howell 10L

Hannah Denson 11L

Holly Roffey 11L

Kieran Grist 11N

George Gibbins 11A

effects and dangers of drug use.

“Drugs are dangerous and harmful and they have lots of side effects. My awareness of drugs has improved after today”

“I have learnt that drugs are very bad for you and the consequences are very bad. I have found the day useful because I learnt things that I didn't know.”

“I have found today useful because it explained the effects and consequences of drugs whilst we were rapping, dancing and doing the tests in PE.”

As well as learning about the effects and dangers of drug use, the vast majority of students enjoyed the activities they experienced on the day:

“I enjoyed today because it was really fun and got us involved and I loved dancing”

“I enjoyed it because it was fitness and I love sport. Plus, I got a free drink.”

“I loved acting out our scenes in Drama”

“I enjoyed the Music session because it was interesting to learn about the different types of drugs and what effects they had. Plus, the rapping was fun.”

## Year 8 Skills Day - India Day



On Skills Day, Year 8 had the opportunity to experience many elements of Indian Culture from dance and music to food. The aims

## Golden Ticket Winners

William Pennington 7N

Menolly Cook 8A

Tiffany-Rose Dyer 9L

Adam Horne 9H

Bradley Raymond 10A

Samuel Scott 10T

James Hammond 11L

## Clean Responsibility

### Card Winner

Eleanor Burder 7E

Harry Allsop 8L

Louise Childs 9T

Sinead Evans 9H

Leah Boxshall 10R

Bradley Raymond 10A

Amy Goodall 11T

Sophie Emmens 11H

## Quiz Champions

7E 8R 9U 9H 10N 11A

## Awarded Bonus VIVOS

Ghulam Malek 7E

Emma Ashton 11L

Awarded for their positive attitude to learning.

## Tutor Group with the most Vivos for the half term

8N 11L

of the day were to support students in becoming more aware of cultural and religious diversity within the UK.

They explored the different expressions of cultural and religious beliefs through different forms of media – Mehndi, Dance and Rangoli Art etc. As well as learning about the relevance and contrast of Diwali for Hindus and Sikhs in the UK and globally.

The day was a great success with students fully engaged in their chosen workshops. The students created beautiful Mehndi designs, Diwali lamps and showed off their talents in the Puppet theatre, Tabla and Dance sessions. Many students also had an opportunity to cook a traditional Indian dish of Aloo Gobi.

Diwali is on the the 3rd of November this year and we hope students will have a greater understanding of the celebrations taking place on this night around the UK and the World. They can even light their own Diwali Lamps made on India Day or even put on their Puppet show for the Family.



## Year 8 Monitors

Well done to the following students for their monitoring duties between the 21st and 25th of October.

Antonia Constantinou

Jamie Scott

Tazmin English

George Rooke

Emily Foster

Byron Stapleton

Emily Griffiths

Matthew Stone

Kayleigh Healy

Jack Thomas

## Year 9 Skills Day - Revision Day

On October 15<sup>th</sup>, the Year 9 students were involved in a revision day with two guest speakers delivering different sessions. One was based around revision techniques and the other was how to go from being good to great.

Personally, I would like to congratulate the Year 9's for actively taking part in both sessions and for their impeccable behaviour throughout the day. A quote from Bradley Busch, leader of one of the sessions was 'Thanks for letting me be involved in your skills day, all the students were a pleasure to work with'.

Well done, Year 9, you did yourselves proud and hopefully learned some new skills which will have a huge benefit, especially when you start GCSE courses next year!!

Miss Jones

## Year 10 Skills Day - Dragons' Den

Year 10 students gathered in their English classes on 15<sup>th</sup> October, not to be taught by their regular English teachers ... but to face the fearsome Dragons! Students were charged with creating a product or a service to meet a gap in the market that they identified, a problem that they could resolve, or an opportunity as yet unexploited. With limited time to research the market in the Library, our budding entrepreneurs then had to put together a persuasive 'pitch' in small teams and in the style of the popular BBC TV programme. With time being short, students had to decide on a reasonable price for their product, the share they were willing to offer and, most importantly, why their product was the most deserving of 'investment'.

With creative solutions ranging from Reggae-Reggae-rivalling cooking sauces to instant hair growth shampoo – and even a Smartphone app capable of transferring the user immediately to a location of their choice – it was certainly a lively and entertaining day that, whilst being highly creative, also taught students a great deal about team work, collaboration, cooperation and the hallmarks of effective persuasion. These are all invaluable skills that they will be

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For information, advice and guidance on the most appropriate services available for children, young people and families, and to make a referral, please contact The Early Help and Advice Hub on:

Tel: 0845 603 7627

able to integrate into their English GCSE – and beyond!

## FROGS Xmas Raffle



Students will soon be coming home with a book of raffle tickets issued by the FROGS, Alec Hunter's Fundraising Group. If you wish to purchase these could you please return the stubs and the money in the envelope provided.

If you do not wish to purchase the tickets, could you please return them to the school. The prizes are £100, £50 and £25. Remember all the proceeds from the raffle go towards the students by funding trips, equipment and other resources.

We thank you all for your support.

## Year 7 Netball against Forest Hall - League Match

The Year 7 team played extremely against Forest Hall. Considering this was only the girls' third netball match, they worked well as a team to beat Forest Hall 16-2, with some excellent shooting from Kiera Hornsby and Alice Logan. Well done, girls!

Team: Tayla Sutherland, Eden Lawrence, Ami May Isobel Newstead, Sarah Stevens, Alice Logan, Kiera Hornsby

## Year 8 Netball against Forest Hall - League Match

After a bad defeat to a strong Notley team in a previous fixture, the girls had attended training and worked hard on their match play. This paid off as they played some excellent netball and it was a good game both to umpire and to watch, the final score being 11- 1 to Alec Hunter. Hopefully, the whole team will be at training on Monday so that we can work on the finer details. Players of the match were Ella Catley with some excellent feeds into the circle to the shooters and Casey-Rae Lawrence with some superb shooting. Well done, girls!

Team: Iona Ridley, Olivia Seex, Alana Newton, Alice Clark, Madison Evans, Emily Ramsey, Ella Catley, Casey-Rae Lawrence

## U16 Netball against Hall Mead - Essex Cup

The girls had prepared and trained hard for the first round of the Essex Cup. It was a wet afternoon to play on the outside courts, however the game still went ahead. We didn't start the game well, but the girls worked hard to try and get back into it.

Unfortunately it wasn't to be our evening and Alec Hunter lost the game 23-12. In the last quarter we were able to score 6 of our goals just by playing with a little more confidence. Well done and hopefully we will have more luck in the Plate.

Player of the match: Lara Walker

Team: Charlotte Read, Chelsea Quaife, Bethan Reading, Lara Walker, Hannah Denson, Harmony Platt, Holly Roffey

## Basketball News

### U16 Boys vs Maltings Academy (22/10/13)

Team – Lewis Clements, Dickson Dokowe, Jamie Walker-Drake, Jedsada Yaemsri, Jay Whatley, Ed Killin, Joe Hornsby, Marcus Clark, Andrew Marshall.

This was going to be a tough first game for the U16 boys, against Maltings Academy which has seen a big push in basketball in recent years. It was a very frustrating first quarter with nerves from all of our players; we found it hard to dribble, pass and shoot. By the end of the first half, Maltings Academy took a lead of 7 points. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, Alec Hunter had the look in their eyes that they weren't going to let this slip away. From jump shots by Jay Whatley, close to the basket play from Dickson Dokowe and Lewis Clements, great basket drives by Jedsada Yaemsri and Jamie Walker-Drake, and superb full court pressure by Andrew Marshall, the whole team started to come together. They snatched the lead going into the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and managed to hang on to the end, so what started as a frustrating game for the boys, ended with them coming out on top.

Final Score: Alec Hunter Academy 51 – 38 Maltings Academy

### U16 Boys vs Honywood School (23/10/13)

Team – Lewis Clements, Dickson Dokowe, Jamie Walker-Drake, Jedsada Yaemsri, Jay Whatley, Ed Killin, Joe Hornsby

Final Score: Alec Hunter 48 – 18 Honywood School

### Year 9 Boys vs Maltings Academy (Away) (10/10/13)

Team – Joshua Ayling, Elliott Sadler, Rhys Spiller, Ciaran Broster, Nathan Foster, James Drummond, Stephen Cain, Lewis Guppy.

It was always going to be a real struggle in this game, looking at the rather tall and athletic Maltings Academy team. It was evident that they were going to win most of the rebounds from both ends of the court. They took a huge lead in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, and our shooting wasn't working for us. It took our smallest player of 4 foot, Elliott Sadler, to get the first points on the scoreboard. We slowly improved in each quarter, but the lead that Maltings built up in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter proved too much to overcome.

Final Score: Alec Hunter Academy 21 – 60 Maltings Academy

### Year 9/10 Boys vs Forest Hall (Away) (17/10/13)

Team – Tom Bamforth-White, Joe Hornsby, James Evans, Lewis Guppy, Nathan Foster, Elliott Sadler, Freddy Penton

A very even game from the start, with great post play from big Tom Bamforth-White, and superb dribbling from our Year 9 boys: Lewis Guppy, Nathan Foster and Elliott Sadler. However, our defence was all over the place, allowing Forest Hall to make easy baskets. They started to take the lead with first Lewis Guppy coming off injured and then Tom Bamforth-White in quick succession. This made life very difficult for our smaller players, with Forest Hall taking the lead in the final quarter.

Final Score: Alec Hunter Academy 23 – 33 Forest Hall School

## Year 9 Boys vs Honywood School (Away) (23/10/13)

Team – Joshua Ayling, Elliott Sadler, Rhys Spiller, Nathan Foster, Lewis Guppy.

A great game from both teams, which was very close in the first half. Honywood grabbed the lead going into the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, but then Alec started to move the ball smoothly around the Honywood defence, leading to 3 straight baskets by Nathan Foster to tie the game going into the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. The big players from Honywood were dominating the rebounds and getting an easy basket, allowing them to take a 1 point lead with 10 seconds left on the clock. Alec Hunter pushed the ball quickly up the court, and with 3 seconds left to go, Lewis Guppy stepped up to take the game winning shot.... however the ball bounced off the rim and back out. It wasn't the fairytale ending we hoped for but the boys deserve huge credit for the way they played.

Note to all :- "I've missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times, I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed." – Michael Jordan

Final Score – Alec Hunter Academy 28 – 29 Honywood School

## Year 7 Boys vs Forest Hall (Away) (17/10/13)

Team – Matthew Austin, Joe Borein, Hayden Castell, Liam Broster, Tyrone Stansfield, Alfie

Stephenson, Travis Coombes, Ben Cakebread, Jason Kirby.

I was really looking forward to seeing a talented Year 7 boys' team play in their first game, and they didn't disappoint either, with some good individual play from Matthew Austin and Joe Borein proving to be too much for Forest Hall. A great team performance and hopefully there is more to come from this team.

Final Score – Alec Hunter Academy 19 – 6 Forest Hall School

## Hockey Reports

### U14 Girls vs Maltings (09/10/13)



The girls had their first 11-a-side U14 game against Maltings. They played extremely well, even though they found the pitch rather big to begin with! They had many shots on goal and eventually managed to score past a very good goalkeeper. Alec went from strength to strength on the attack for the vast majority of the game and Maltings only managed 2 shots on goal throughout the whole game. The final score was 4-0 and the goalscorers were Louise Childs (2), Laura Hardison-Taylor and Kiera Hornsby.

## U14 Boys vs Maltings

The boys started the game off very well and at half time it was 0-0, with Alec having more shots at goal than Maltings. In the second half, Maltings had two shots at goal and scored one of them, Alec had lots of chances, but failed to convert any of them; thus the final score was 1-0. Alec need to settle more into their positions as this was their first 11-a-side game; hopefully they will fare better in their Essex Cup match in November.

**Team:** Lewis Guppy, Rhys Spiller, Nathan Foster, Nathan Hurley, Matthew Drummond, Elliott Sadler, Elliot Goddard, Liam Broster, Ben Cakebread, Callum Denson, Jack McCartney, Phillip Manzano.

## U14 Girls - National Schools Tournament

On Thursday 17th October the girls competed in the National Schools tournament at Chelmsford Hockey Club. They need to be congratulated on the fact that they were the only comprehensive school there from the whole county. They played well considering they too had only played one 11-a-side game before the tournament, but the opposition was very tough. They played Bancrofts, Coopers Coburn, Forest and Brentwood schools and learnt a lot from the day, their defending of short corners was outstanding. I hope it will prepare them well for their Essex Cup match.

**Team:** Hannah Kelly, Chloe Guppy, Dani Shingles, Ella Solomon, Laura Borein, Louise Childs, Andrea Manzano, Charlotte Tupper, Megan Tupper, Ciara Wilsher, Laura Hardison-Taylor, Kiera Hornsby.

## College Open Days/Evenings 2013:



### Colchester Campus

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 10.00am – 1.00pm  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 4.00pm – 8.00pm  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 4.00pm – 8.00pm

### Braintree Campus

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Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 6.00pm – 8.30pm  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 6.00pm – 8.30pm  
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