

## Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge



On Thursday 15th May, Year 10 students Josh Greenberg and Chloe Stevens competed in the North Essex regional finals of the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge.

Having been selected for the night from a pool of 50 Year 10s who had completed a day-long workshop with the Jack Petchey Foundation, Josh and Chloe were invited to attend the final at Hedingham School.



They were tasked with speaking formally about a subject of their choice for around 3 minutes, in front of a panel of judges, and around one hundred spectators who had come to watch from schools across the area.

Chloe gave a heartfelt, personalised speech persuading the audience to get into politics, using her position as a Member of Youth Parliament as a starting point; whilst Josh impressed the judges so

## 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:

Tel: 01376 559356

Text: 07598393348

jackie.jackson@alechunter.essex.sch.uk

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

## Diary Dates

### June Diary Dates

9th - 20th - Y7, 8 & 9 Exams Weeks

18th - Y7-10 District Athletics

20th - 24th - Y8 - 10 Spanish Trip

23rd/25th - Year 5 Days

26th/27th - Y6 Induction Day

26th - Y6 Parents' Evening

### July Diary Dates

2nd - Year 5 Day

3rd - Awards Evening

8th - Skills Day

8th-11th - School Production

18th - Last Day of Term

## Week Commencing

**16/06/14 is Week A**

much that he was awarded second place, for his speech on the futility of modern conflict and society's ignorance towards it.

Josh was incredibly proud (and a little shocked!) of his achievement on the night; however his selection for second place was completely justified after delivering a meaningful, thoughtful speech and mastering impressive vocabulary.

Huge congratulations go to our two competitors this year, who both performed outstandingly well on the night and were fabulous ambassadors for Alec Hunter. Thanks also to Mr McKenna and Miss Keller, who came along to support our students at Hedingham.

## Tour Leaders

As the Tour de France is making its way through Essex this year, Alec Hunter has been offered the opportunity to develop its students' leadership skills. Active Essex has made available twelve places to train students in leading sessions linked to the Tour for primary school students. The PE and Technology departments discussed the students who have shown the greatest maturity and willingness to help others and selected those named on the next page.



## 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.

## Students of the Week

William Pennington 7N  
Jennifer Onukwue 7E  
Neve Bell 8R  
Sam Williams 9A  
Connah Pugh 9L  
Carita Morris 10C  
Nathan Lowe 10C

## Listening Champions

Lauren Jacobs 7E  
Amy Humphrey 7R  
Ashley Jones 8N  
Cameron Judd 8H  
Georgia Groom 9U  
Ellie Flemming 10N  
Jodie Coppin 10T



On June 12th, they will attend a workshop in Chelmsford to gain skills in leadership and on June 24th, they will be attending

Wethersfield and Rayne Primary schools. Four of the students (highlighted below) also volunteered to be interviewed by the Active Essex film crew. They were grilled on their opinions of the Tour de France and the effect that it will have on sport in the county. This video will be available soon on the Essex County Council and Active Essex websites soon.

## Sport

**Matthew Hollingsworth, Marcus Rayfield**, Isaac Lewin, Kendra Sands, **Melissa Gurteen**, Alice Clark

## Art

Sam Crowe, Kian Pritchard, **Cassidy El-Fazazi**, Roxana Duzik, Alex Calugar, Karsten Emordi

Well done to these students and good luck!!

Mr Edwards & Mr Todd

## School Timetable

Some parents have enquired as to why our year groups have not been promoted at Whitsun this year, as has been our practice in the past. Whilst we felt this was a positive strategy for building students' esteem and maturity, it was largely prompted by a desire to launch GCSE courses with Year 9 half a term earlier through moving them up to Year 10 in June. This in turn was with a view to preparing them for making the most of the early entry GCSE window in autumn of Year 11.

Since, as you may be aware, the government has changed the rules on November entries so that they are only available as a resit opportunity for students who took exams in June, this option is no longer available to us. It is therefore unnecessary to bring forward the beginning of KS4, which, in spite of the benefits it offered, did require two versions of the timetable to be written (one for June and one for September) and also resulted in some continuity issues where staff left in July. Year 9 students will still begin to do GCSE style work in several subjects in summer term or even earlier, to give them a head start, and they will have plenty of time to complete and consolidate courses prior to the terminal GCSE exams in the summer of Year 11.

If you have any further questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

## Golden Ticket Winners

Ryan Garrod 7E  
Cameron Bailey 7A  
Alice Chapman 8E  
Georgia Hickson 9U  
Jake O'Connor 9T  
Joseph Hornsby 10N  
Kieran Lynch 10C

## Clean Responsibility

### Card Winners

Katie Scott 7N  
Jake Cox 7H  
Jack Parker 8E  
Emily Foster 8E  
Matthew Drummond 9U  
Sinead Evans 9H  
Mark Burnitt 9U  
Reece Bunyan 9L  
Taylor Francis 9U  
Megan Myers 10H  
Samuel Gardner 10H

## Quiz Champions

**7E 8T 10N 10U**

## Bonus Vivos Awarded to

Alfie Fagg 7U  
Tilly Sherman 7T  
Larisa Calugar 7U  
Katie Twin 7N  
Liam Davey 7U  
Hannah Snedker 7T  
Shayna Staines 10U  
James Hardy 10E

## INSET Day Change

Please note that on **Thursday 25 June 2015**, which was previously identified in the Herald as an INSET Day, **the school will now be open**. This is because we are planning a joint training day with other local primary schools so we would wish to keep this day in reserve until arrangements are in place. We will, of course, confirm the date of this closure to students and parents once the details are fixed.



## Healthy Eating Week

As part of the school's celebration of Healthy Eating Week, the Technology Department ran a competition to create and cook a healthy lunch for Mr Lawn. Students were asked to cook a main course meal which contained a source of protein and carbohydrate, at least two vegetables and had a sauce.

Four students, from the many fantastic entries, were invited to cook lunch for Mr Lawn, Mr Hartley, Mr Booth and Mr Wilding. Georgina Chandler made spicy chicken rice with mashed sweet potato, Tayla Barnes cooked chilli beef stir fry with noodles and Madison Evans

## Year 8 Monitors

Well done to the following students for their Monitoring duties between the 19th May and 6th June;

Caitlin Howard  
 Tyler Grove  
 Madison Jesse  
 Presley Hobson  
 Chloe Nicholls  
 Jack Keeble  
 Ivy Shields  
 Robert Harvey-Bent  
 Hollie Tapner  
 Owen Morys  
 Heather Thornhill  
 Honor Whymark  
 Megan Connew  
 Kian Pritchard  
 Amelia Tisshaw  
 Paige Tisshaw  
 Tazmin English

prepared a halloumi, cucumber, grape and mint salad with homemade croutons and a lemon and honey dressing.

The winning entry created and cooked by Abigail Clark was chicken breast stuffed with red pesto and mozzarella cheese wrapped in Parma ham served with stuffed peppers and a tomato and red onion salad with balsamic dressing.



The level of skill shown by all finalists was very high, so it was a very difficult choice to pick a winner. Well done to everyone who entered and special congratulations to Abigail!

## £800 Raised For Essex Air Ambulance

On Saturday 24th May 2014, a group of students from Alec Hunter Academy, who belong to the school's Interact Club (which is a junior member of the Braintree and Bocking Rotary Club), visited the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance Centre at Earls Colne, Essex.



Over the past year, the students have been raising money for this charity by holding events such as raffles, boot sales and stalls. They were pleased to present the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance with a cheque for £800.

During their visit, they were given a tour of the centre and the helicopter, and listened to a very informative and interesting presentation. The students had a wonderful day, and were pleased that they could help such a worthy cause.

Pictured from left to right: Will McGuinness (doctor), Lisa Artus (Alec Hunter Community Co-ordinator), Jackie Clarke (Rotary President Elect), Jack Twitchett, Connor Barton, Chelsea Harris, Chloe Stevens, Josh

Bancroft, Sarah Stevens, Keith Clarke (Rotary Interact Youth Officer), Katie Helliar and Adam Carr  
(Paramedic)

## Changes to Personal Details

Please may we remind all families that **if you have any changes in personal details, e.g. your address, telephone number, other contacts, etc., you must inform the school immediately.** Without up-to-date, correct information, the school cannot contact you in case of an emergency involving your child and you may miss out on important information relating to your child's education.

Many thanks for your assistance with this.

## Lost Property

The following lost property can be claimed by visiting the student hatch.

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| 1 x Brown Moroccan bag                            | 1 x Black PE shorts 13-14yrs                       |
| 1 x Rebel Red/Grey Gillet                         | 1 x White and Pink trainer                         |
| 1 x Navy cardigan                                 | 1 x Black pair shoes size 9                        |
| 1 x black girl's school trousers size 26          | 1 x Navy with White striped joggers 9/10yrs        |
| 1 x pair black/blue adidas trainers               | 1 x Black Dorothy Perkins parker size 161 x Adidas |
| 2 separate black football boots (not a pair)      | F50 Drawstring bag with kit (trainers size 3)      |
| 1 x pair of shin pads                             | Pink Jane Norman bag with kit                      |
| 1 x black water bottle                            | 1 x Black Diadora joggers                          |
| 1 x 2 tone grey no fear Hoodie                    | 1 x Black Ankle Boots size 7                       |
| 1 x Navy/Red dX2 satchel with 2 pairs of goggles  | 1 x Umbro Football boots                           |
| 1 x floral scarf (peach)                          | 1 x White trainers                                 |
| 1 x black goldigger jacket                        | Cedar Wood State Grey Hoodie                       |
| 1 x mountain warehouse black jacket               | Lonsdale Satchel with Black Shorts                 |
| 1 x maroon quilted jacket (Rebel) size 11-12yrs   | White Edmonton Eagles T-Shirt                      |
| 1 pair 'converse type' black trainers             | 1 x Bright Striped Coloured Brolley – Grey handle  |
| 1 x black drawstring bag                          | 1 x Dark Striped Coloured Brolley – Black handle   |
| 1 x black size 8 (dress size) Atmosphere 'Parker' | 1 x Purple Brolley                                 |
| White T-Shirts sizes 9/10, 12/13 & 13/14          | 1 x Purple & Grey Brolley                          |
| PARENT ADVISORY – black sweatshirt                | 1 x Black Brolley                                  |
| Black 11/12 Slazenger Track Pants                 |  |
| 32/34 AHA Sweatshirt                              |  |
| 1 x Patrick Black Trainers size 8                 |  |
| 1 x Skull and Crossbones s rucksack (Claire's)    |  |
| 1 x Black Drawstring bag with a camouflage strip  |  |
| 1 x Chelsea Grey T-Shirt                          |  |