

ALT BRIDGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

January 2020

School Values

Care

Courtesy

Resilience

Determination

What A great start to 2020 with students and staff participating in Red January to raise money for the charity Mind and to engage in healthy activities.

I enjoyed tea and cake with another group of students this month who told me some great ideas for their school including new sports clubs, new responsibilities around school and a talent show.

The Wellbeing Change Team met again in January to look at our plans for wellbeing. Many fantastic changes have already taken place and we continue to work towards this award together.

It was great to see parents and carers coming for our Advanced Solutions coffee morning and also enjoying the Pantomime performance. The students and staff pulled together a fantastic performance of the Wizard of Oz. What an achievement!

Mrs Menagh – Head teacher

Good News!



Focus on British Values: Our Knowsley MP George Haworth visited Alt Bridge this month and spoke to students about a range of topics such as housing, Brexit, the middle-East and Labour.

Focus on Resilience: War veteran assembly and workshop. Students enjoyed hearing an inspirational talk from Tom who is part of the Generation X injured veterans group



Focus on care: We had a Bully Busters Visit – We were delighted to welcome Bully Busters to school to give a talk to students about anti-bullying this month.



Focus on Curriculum: Our new vocational hair and beauty rooms are open to provide students in post-16 and upper school with excellent vocational experiences.



Our New School Partners

Our team of external partners is expanding all the time as we increase our offer of support and intervention to our students this year. The following services are available at Alt Bridge School;



Speech therapy

Sarah is our Speech and Language therapist. Sarah is an Advanced Specialist Speech and Language Therapist, she is also a Registered Intermediary, which means she supports people with communication difficulties in the court system. Sarah has done lots of different work as an SLT, from assessment to therapy. Sarah also juggles being a mum and a brilliant friend to many!

Music Therapy

Clare is our Music Therapist from Music Place who will be starting at Alt Bridge soon. She will work one day per week and will provide music therapy. She has vast experience providing this therapeutic intervention. We are looking forward to her joining us soon!

Occupational Therapy

Jess Nurney is our Occupational Therapist from Shine Therapy. We welcome Jess to Alt Bridge once per week. She is able to assess students for sensory needs, fine and gross motor coordination and provide advice to staff, students and parents/carers. Jess is in school on Mondays.

Further partnerships we are entering into include the following agencies;

- The Brook Clinic
- Active Soccer
- Beesley Riding Stables

More to come on this in our new newsletter!

Safeguarding

Our school safeguarding team includes Mrs Menagh, Mr Farrimond, Miss Richards and Miss Pritchard.

PLEASE NOTE: **Mobile phones are not permitted** in school. Only independent travellers are able to bring phones to school and they must be handed into the office on arrival. Cooperation from parents/carers and students in this matter is much appreciated.