

ALT BRIDGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

October 2020

School Values

Care

Courtesy

Resilience

Determination

Since the start of term, Alt Bridge has been experiencing managing challenges related to COVID-19, however, I am immensely proud with how our school community has responded to this pandemic.

Whilst we have a long road ahead, we are moving forward together, parents and school united to try to ensure that every student at Alt Bridge access the curriculum, enjoy school and remain safe.

I continue to issue awards for students via our video assembly each week. Awards include recognition for students who have demonstrated our core school values of care, courtesy, resilience and determination. I have also introduced a new award for 'Excellent Commitment to Remote Learning' to recognise students who have made exceptional effort to learn when they are required to remain home.

Mrs Menagh – Head teacher

Staff Changes

The School Senior Leadership Team now includes;

Mrs Menagh – Head teacher

Mr Farrimond – Deputy head teacher (pod 4 leader)

Mrs Richards – Assistant head teacher and leader of inclusion and engagement (pod 1 leader)

Mr Randall – Assistant head teacher and leader of pupil progress and assessment (pod 3 leader)

Miss Dallas – Assistant head teacher and leader of whole school curriculum (pod 2 leader)

Mrs Rodgers – Assistant head teacher and leader of Post-16 (pod 5 leader)

Mrs Freeman – School Business Manager

During this year, members of the SLT are also responsible for leading pods. Since September 2020, the SLT have been given new roles with a whole school area focus.

Other staff changes include;

- Mr Melling has now become leader of outdoors learning
- Mr Redding has now become leader of remote learning
- Miss Townson is lead first aider and our attendance officer
- Miss Newton is our new learning mentor

The Wellbeing Hub

Our wonderful new wellbeing hub now offers Drawing and Talking which is an art therapy based intervention. Our learning mentors are each allocated a pod this academic year.

Pod 1 – Miss Freeman

Pod 2 – Miss Newton

Pod 3 – Miss Townson

Pods 4 and 5 – Miss Pritchard



Safeguarding

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

Students in year 9 will be accessing the **CELLS Project workshops** again this year via remote means. The CELLS Project do amazing work with young people to raise awareness of criminal and sexual exploitation and how to remain safe from harm.

Parent Survey

Staff were delighted with the overwhelmingly positive response from our parent survey and the lovely feedback so many parents and carers provided. The team were thrilled that their continuous hard work during lockdown ensured that 94% of parents felt supported by school in one way or another. All parents who completed the survey were entered into a prize draw to win a £50 Argos voucher.

And the winner is.....Jodie Rendell!

Coming Soon!



Forest school – Two teachers in school are completing forest school leader training this week! Very excited about our new forest school area and the exciting activities this will bring for Alt Bridge students!

Our new forest school area is looking fantastic already!

Year 7 parents evening with subject teachers in pod 1 – This is being arranged for November 2020 and will take place via phone or video call. Details will follow.