

ALT BRIDGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

September/October 2021



School Values

Care

Courtesy

Resilience

Determination

It has been an exciting start to the year which saw our students returning to their usual classes and moving around school. They have been becoming used to our new routes and colour coded areas to help them to find their way.

It has been wonderful to recognise students in each year group who have demonstrated our core values in assembly each week. Students are working hard to collect merits daily for behaviour for learning and also to be recognised as 'Readers of the Week'.

Our learning environment and outdoors activities continue to develop and provide a range of engaging activities for our students. Our next project is to develop our community library in the hall. As winter approaches, we wish our students and their families well and remind them to keep safe by wearing face masks on transport and keep up with the hand washing.

Mrs Menagh – Head teacher

Staff Changes

At the start of September, we welcomed Mr Wray who teaches in post-16 and also Ms Holmes and Ms Smith-Whelan who have begun working at Alt Bridge as teaching assistants.

We say a fond farewell to Mrs Vaux who has worked as a teaching assistant at Alt Bridge for over a year now. We wish her well on the next stage of her career working in drama and thank her for the commitment and care she has shown our students over time.

The Arts at Alt Bridge

Our students created this beautiful piece of collaborative art using pieces of work produced by visitors to our open event! The work is inspired by the artist Hundertwasser



Sports

We are very proud of our Dodgeball team who just participated in the Merseyside School competition. Our A team finished in 1st place and our B team finished 3rd. The attitude and behaviour was impeccable along with such an amazing result!!!

Parents Evening Coming Soon!!

Our parents evenings dates for this year are below;

17/11/21 - For all students

2/02/21 - For years 7, 8 and 9

16/03/21 - For years 10, 11 and post-16

Alt Bridge has introduced a new intuitive and easy to use online video appointment booking system called SchoolCloud. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointments. The link to the SchoolCloud system where you can register, log in and book appointments, some guidance on how to make appointments, and some support for setting up video calls is now on our website.



Welfare and Attendance

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

Good attendance is really important and can make a huge difference to the academic and personal outcomes that students achieve.

Our whole school attendance is currently at 89% which is low and we need to continue to work together to increase this to the 96% expectation for all schools. There are several things that parents/carers can do to support improved attendance;

- Contact the school if you have any concerns about achieving good attendance
- Support your child to develop resilience by coming into school to discuss any issues and work with us to find solutions when things may have gone wrong
- Avoid booking term time family holidays
- Contact the transport service if there are any concerns about transport

We are very grateful to our parents and carers for their continued support and for working with us so positively over time.

Careers Fair!!

Alt Bridge Careers Day Wednesday 20th October



We are extremely excited to announce that we will be hosting our 2021 Careers Day and we would like to invite Year 10,11 and Post 16 parents and carers. The day will be a fantastic opportunity to meet representatives from local colleges and explore some of the exciting opportunities that await our students after Alt Bridge! We hope you can join us!

Careers Days planned 2021 - 2022

1. Further education focus
Autumn Term
2. World of Work
preparation focus (Spring
Term)
3. Industry/Retail focus
(Summer Term)

Who will be there?

- Alt Bridge Post 16
- Carmel College
- Knowsley Community College
- Hugh Baird College
- Mysercough College
- The Careers and
Enterprise Company
- Knowsley Supported
Internships
AND MANY MORE!

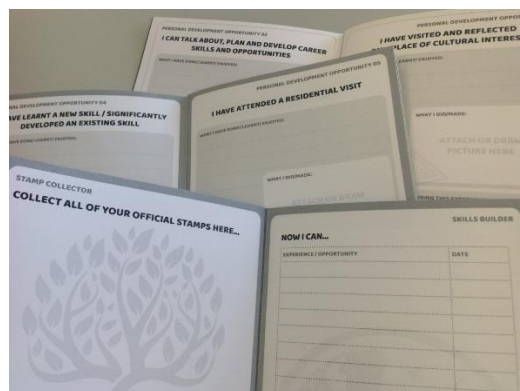
Timings

10:00 - 10:45 - **Year 9** 13:15 - 14:00 - **Year 10**
11:30 - 12:30 - **Year 11** 13:30 -14:15 -**Post 16**

We will have lots of exciting careers events across this academic year so keep an eye the Alt Bridge app and website for more details!

Enrichment Passports Launched!

We have designed our own bespoke enrichment passports have been given to each pupil to record progress in developing life and living skills. New skills include engaging in community projects, making progress developing career skills and taking part in cultural activities. These Passports will be a reminder and lasting record of personal development that pupils can treasure.



Equalities work

We have started working towards the Anthony Walker equalities charter and as part of this Year 11 students were treated to a masterclass by John from the AWF, a former Police Inspector who spoke to our pupils about thinking big, aiming high and overcoming barriers. The session was brilliant with great feedback from pupils and staff. We look forward to follow up sessions in November and December.

An equalities Assembly took place online from the just one of us organisation on 30th September from young adults from the LGBTQ+ Assembly. The group were full of praise for the thoughtful questions asked by our pupils.



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This Girl Can Campaign

We are supporting the This Girl Can campaign through Sport England to encourage more girls to overcome any barriers they may feel prevent them from fully participating in sports. Miss Morrall has started stamp books for students to collect their achievements and be in with a chance of winning prizes for participation!

Knowsley Borough of Culture Neurodiversity project

Alt Bridge are taking the lead on a neurodiversity project as part of preparations for the Borough of Culture bid for Knowsley. We are looking for students and parents/carers who would be willing to tell their stories through a professional film about neurodiversity and moving from mainstream to specialist provision. Please let your child's form teacher know if you or your child would be interested!

Dropping off and Picking up

We recently changed our arrangements for picking students up at home time as there was considerable traffic on the road outside school. Residents opposite the school were also affected by driveways being blocked. We ask that parents/carers are mindful of this when collecting students.

Any parents/carers who are collecting their child by car are encouraged to come onto the rear car park and wait for their child to be brought out to them via this route. Students are sent down to the hall at 2:55pm in readiness to be collected at 3pm.

If there is a specific reason whereby parents/carers need to collect students earlier, they are asked to contact the school so arrangements can be made for this.



Extracurricular School Clubs

What day?	What activity?	What time?	Who with?	Where is it?	Year Groups
Monday	Forestry School	Lunch time 11:45 – 12:05	Mr Gallagher	Forest Area	7 & 8
	Fitness and Weights Gym	Lunch time 12:30 – 12:50	Mr Lamb	Fitness and Weights Gym	9, 10 & 11
Tuesday	Boys Football	Lunch time 12:30 – 12:50	Mr Evans	MUGA	9, 10 & 11
	Forestry School	Lunch time 12:30 – 12:50	Mr Gallagher	Forest Area	9, 10 & 11
Wednesday	Dodgeball	Lunch time 11:45 – 12:05	Mr Lamb	Sports Hall	7 & 8
	Girls Football	Lunch time 12:30 – 12:50	Miss Hughes	MUGA	9, 10 & 11
Thursday	Basketball	Lunch time 12:30 – 12:50	Mr Reddin	Sports Hall	9, 10 & 11
Friday	Girls Football	Lunch time 11:45 – 12:05	Miss Morrall	Sports Hall	7 & 8
	Boys Football	Lunch time 11:45 – 12:05	Mr Evans	MUGA	7 & 8

In addition to the above clubs, we also have the following available to our students;

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Games (Mr Reynolds, Rm 26 at 12.50)	Friendship Club (Miss O'Reilly, Rm 11) Harry Potter Club (Miss Chapman, Rm 25, 12.50)		Careers Club (Mrs Beasley, Rm TBC, 12.50)