

ALT BRIDGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

September 2019

WELCOME BACK!

It has been an exciting start back to school for all Alt Bridge pupils and the school has been delighted to welcome so many newcomers.

I have enjoyed getting to know the exceptional pupils who attend here and their families. It was wonderful to meet so many parents at the coffee mornings held in school over the last two weeks. The views I gathered have supported us in formulating our school development plan.

We offer huge congratulations to all our year 11 pupils who achieved great exam and accreditation results. We are very proud of how well you have done. A huge thank you to all the parents/carers and staff who supported pupils throughout KS4.

Mrs Menagh

Post-16

We are delighted to see our fabulous post-16 students. Students and staff are eagerly awaiting the opening of their new 6th Form Centre and participating in the new and exciting opportunities that it will provide.

Mr Melling

Lower school - Year 7

Off to a great start! Year 7 enjoyed their orienteering challenge this week that has helped them to develop their awareness of the site and where to find different key members of staff.



Mr Randall

Middle School – years 8/9

Welcome back to school all Middle School pupils. They all returned with happy smiling faces. They have settled into their new classes with new form tutors.

Mrs Richards

Upper School – years 10/11

Welcome back to all Key Stage 4 pupils, familiar faces and new ones. I am very pleased with the smart appearance in which pupils in Year 10 and 11 have started this new academic year. Vocational Studies and enrichment lessons have commenced and pupils have been positive in their responses of having these new and exciting opportunities. These are crucial years for our pupils with regards to their development and examination, so excellent attendance to school is a must.

Mr Emmerson

Parent APP

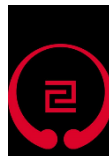
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NEW - Karate



Karate classes for years 10 and 11 enrichment are off to a flying start, pupils are working on the basic techniques and gaining confidence already. Students had a go at counting (their press-ups) in Japanese and have all now got their Karate suits Gi's

Safeguarding

Preventing gambling

Through October and November the Beacon Counselling Trust will be visiting School and working with classes from all year groups. They will be delivering an hour-long informative and interactive workshop on the dangers of gambling. Pupils will understand the impact of problem gambling, recognise the signs of problem gambling in themselves or someone else and know where and how to access help if they need it. Staff will also be undertaking training in the new year.

Parent food sampling

We would like to invite our parents to enjoy the meals served up to our pupils in our wonderful canteen. We have arranged a parent/carer lunch on **Tuesday 22nd October at 1:30pm-2:30pm**. Our fabulous cook

Sheena will be on hand to answer any questions parents may have and there will be some delicious food choices for parents/carers to sample.

School clubs

Day	Club	Year groups	Time	Staff	Where?	PE kit?
Monday	Girls football	All	Morning break	Miss O'Reilly	PE hall	Trainers
	Yoga	All	Lunch time 12:30-12:50	Miss Brackley	PE hall	Yes
	Music practice	All	Lunch time 12:30-12:45	Mrs Davis	Music room	No
Tuesday	Dodgeball	All	Lunch time 12:30-12:45	Mr Lamb/KO	PE hall	Trainers
	Music practice	All	Lunch time 12:30-12:45	Mrs Davis	Music room	No
	Smash Bros club	All	Lunch time 12:30-12:45	Mr Reddin	Room 8	No
	Signing club (BSL)	All	Lunch time 12:50-1:15	Miss McNab	Room 25	No
Wednesday	Basketball	All	Lunch time 12:30-12:50	Mr Green	PE Hall	Trainers
	Music practice	All	Lunch time 12:30-12:45	Mrs Davis	Music room	No
	Drama	All	Lunch time 12:30-12:50	Mr Harbinson	Room8	No
	Football	All	Lunch time 12:30-12:45	Mr Collins	PE hall	Trainers
Thursday	Dance Club	All	Lunch time 12:30-12:45	Miss O'Reilly	PE Hall	Shorts
	Music practice	All	Lunch time 12:30-12:45	Mrs Davis	Music room	No
	Film Club	All	Lunch time 12:50-1:15	Mr Sumner	SC Base	No
	Games club	8/9	Lunch time 12:50-1:15	Mr Reynolds	Room 17	No
Friday	Boocia	All	Lunch time 12:30-12:50	Mr O'Neil	PE Hall	No
	Music practice	All	Lunch time 12:30-12:45	Mrs Davis	Music room	No

Ethos Statement

At Alt Bridge, we are committed to achieving the best possible outcomes for each of our learners. We believe that this can only be achieved in partnership with families and young people. We are therefore dedicated to partnership working and person-centred practices, through which we are determined to know our pupils well and to learn of their aspirations. Being able to connect with others through positive relationships that are characterised by trust, certainty and positivity is a goal we hold for our whole school community.

Our pupils are exceptional people with a huge range of abilities, interests and views. We will be relentless in our drive to achieve the highest standards possible for our pupils and will use individualised approaches in working towards the high expectations we all share for them. We want their voice to be heard in society, for them to be able to make a positive contribution and succeed in the paths they choose. To achieve this, we will continuously promote the characteristics of independence, determination and resilience.

Our calm and caring approaches will enable learners to access the curriculum successfully and develop the personal skills they need in order to lead successful lives. The well-being of our pupils is of paramount importance and we seek to promote the five keys steps to achieving good mental health and well-being;

- ▶ **Connect** - connect with the people around you
- ▶ **Be active** - Find an activity that you enjoy and make it a part of your life
- ▶ **Keep learning** - learning new skills can give you a sense of achievement and a new confidence
- ▶ **Give to others** - even the smallest act can count, whether it's a smile, a thank you or a kind word
- ▶ **Be mindful** - be more aware of the present moment, including your thoughts and feelings, your body and the world around you

We celebrate the wide diversity of our pupils and endeavour to educate the whole school and wider community about equality. We believe that our students can do amazing things and want them to develop a growth mindset so they can appreciate that learning does not just occur within the structures of school life but is instead, a lifelong pursuit.