

ALT BRIDGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

March April 2022



School Values

Care

Courtesy

Resilience

Determination

What a wonderful term it has been at Alt Bridge and an exciting time in school during March and April. It was absolutely wonderful to be able to welcome our parents and carers into school this week for the end-of-term assemblies. These assemblies have been taking place each term throughout the last two years, however, it has not been possible for some time to invite our parents and carers. We hope everyone that was able to attend enjoyed hearing about the many successes our students have achieved.

I am pleased to outline some of the many special activities that have taken place in school this term in this newsletter and also let you know about further exciting developments to come. I look forward to seeing our students return after Easter break and would wish each of them and their families, a very special time over the Easter period.

Mrs Menagh – Head teacher

Key dates coming up

Post-16 Residential Duke of Edinburgh trip	-	25th, 26th and 27th April
Equali-Tea working party meeting	–	12th May at 3:30pm
School Assessment for the Inclusion Quality Mark	-	25th May
The Voice Talent competition	–	Date Tbc
Additional bank holiday for the Queen's jubilee	-	Monday 6th June
Last day for year 11	–	Friday 24th June
Transition week for year 6 students	–	WB 4th July
Last day of term	-	Friday 17th July

Staff Changes

In March 2022, Miss Whitby has been appointed the Autism strategy leader for the next 12 months, during which time, she will be leading the school forward to achieve the Autism Accreditation award with the National Autistic Society.

Mrs Melling has also been appointed as our Parent Partnership Leader for the next 12 months to work towards achieving the Parent Partnership Award through continuing to develop our practice.

Behaviour for Learning

The majority of our students are doing exceptionally well with their behaviour for learning and we look forward to providing certificates to those students who consistently meet our five key expectations.

Our five key expectations for behaviour for learning are;

- 1. Attend and participate**
- 2. Be kind**
- 3. Communicate respectfully**
- 4. Be ready to learn**
- 5. Stay safe**

If students are experiencing difficulties with behaviour for learning, we are keen to work with parents/carers through a pastoral support plan. Please contact your child's head of year for more information;

Year 7 – Mrs Richards

Year 8 – Mr Randall

Year 9 – Miss Dallas

Year 10 – Mr Austin

Year 11 – Mrs Rodgers

Neurodiversity Celebration Week 2022

What a fantastic neurodiversity celebration week we had this year with a very special visit from celebrity visitor Lizzie Acker who was a finalist on the Great British Bake-Off. Lizzie worked brilliantly with our students in baking workshops throughout the day and staff were delighted to take part in a staff bake-off. The winner of the bake-off was Miss Hughes with her fantastic pavlova!





PGL Residential Visit – Years 10, 11 and post-16

In March 2022 our students finally managed to attend the long awaited PGL five day residential trip to Boreatton Park. The trip was an amazing success and the team building, resilience building and physically demanding activities gave our students so many fabulous memories. The students were absolutely brilliant and we also enjoyed meeting parents and carers to celebrate their achievements and look at some great photos!



Sports News

In March we had a visit from UFC fighter Paddy “the Baddy” Pimblett. He conducted a fantastic session with year 10 and 11 students and was amazing with our students. Two weeks later he won his title fight in the O2 arena in London. Just one week after his title triumph in London, Paddy allowed the same students to visit his gym in Liverpool town centre and see a proper session. One of our students has since joined his gym!



Yr7/8 boys football vs bank view - won a very entertaining game 9-6!!!!

Yr9 mixed boccia team competed in the regional finals in Greenbank, after winning their regional event before Christmas - an amazing achievement!

Yr 11 students visited the No Limits Gym as part of their boxing assessment for their forthcoming PE exam. They were put through their paces by professional boxer Tom Farrell who hopes that more students from Alt Bridge will be able to attend in the future and make this a regular feature! Watch this space!

Throughout the entire spring term, the whole of year 9 have travelled down each week to assist in a long standing and well developed community project called “Littlewoods”. They have been doing this as part of their D of E Bronze Award. Their tasks have been maintaining the local woodland area to allow for bird conservation, but also as volunteers in clearing the area of any litter and ensuring that it stays in excellent shape. Our students have thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and this will remain a regular feature for us from now on!

Partnerships with other schools

We were delighted to invite year 5 and 6 students from three local primary schools – Willow Tree, Knowsley Lane and Knowsley Central, onto our site for forest school experiences during March. Our post-16 students supported them during their day on site and as they enjoyed activities from our physical development curriculum. The pupils who came left with fantastic memories from their time at Alt Bridge and enjoyed spending time with our students on site.



Some comments from the pupils who came;

“This school is the best!”

“I loved everything about forest school, it was great!”

“I want to come again”

“I enjoyed all of the different sports you get to play here”

Spiritual Retreat

In March, some of our year 10 pupils enjoyed a one day retreat working with the animate youth group from Liverpool Archdiocese. The theme of the day was helping others and working together. Pupils enjoyed taking part in discussion, team games, a treasure hunt and completing affirmation booklets to find the strengths others see in them. There was also time for quiet reflection, a look around the beautiful Church and a picnic in the gardens.



Have a lovely Easter break!

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