

# ALT BRIDGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

May/June 2022



## School Values

Care

Courtesy

Resilience

Determination

This term has brought a lot of fun and students have been enjoying a range of activities, events and trips throughout the summer term.

This term we have been reflecting on our behaviour for learning policy and learning from our students about what will work best for them. Whilst they enjoy rewards, they are very keen to bring an online version to Alt Bridge which will help them to track their engagement and rewards and enable parents and carers to stay connected as well. We are looking at options so watch this space for a new version of our merits system from September!!

It was wonderful to see parents and carers at our year 11 and post-16 leavers assemblies and to be able to reminisce about the years students have spent at Alt Bridge and to celebrate their achievements. Another very proud event which took place was our Children's University graduation ceremony which was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by staff, students and parents/carers.

The voice of our students continues to grow in strength locally through the various events they have been able to participate in such as the Knowsley Youth Summit 2022 and the recent Neurodiversity Celebration film which will be shown at our upcoming Neurodiversity Celebration event on the 6<sup>th</sup> July.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents and carers for their support this year and for working with us so closely to ensure the very best outcomes for our students. I would also like to wish everyone a very relaxing and enjoyable summer break and look forward to seeing our students again in September. In the meantime, stay safe and well!

Mrs Menagh – Head teacher

## Key dates

Health week	-	<b>WB: 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b>
Transition week for year 11s starting post-16	-	<b>WB: 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b>
Transition week for year 6 students	-	<b>WB: 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>
Celebration of Neurodiversity Exhibition	-	<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>
Year 7 celebration assembly	-	<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 9:00am</b>
Year 8 celebration assembly	-	<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 9:00am</b>

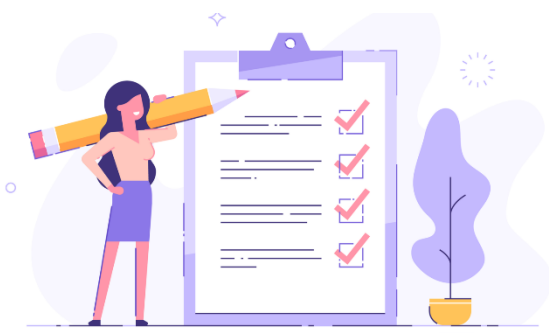
Year 9 celebration assembly	-	<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup> July 9:00am</b>
Year 10 celebration assembly	-	<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 9:00am</b>
Last day of term	-	<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>
Start of term in September for students	-	<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>

### Staff Changes

At the end of this term, we say a fond farewell to two of our teachers Miss Brackley and Mrs Emmerson, both of whom have worked at Alt Bridge for some time. Alt Bridge School are hugely appreciative of the dedication of these two exceptional members of staff who will be much missed by our school community. We wish them luck in their future endeavours!

We were also sad to say farewell to Miss Dumbbell who has worked at Alt Bridge as a teaching assistant and also then an academic mentor, supporting students to catch-up with learning following on from lock-downs. We wish her all the best in her future as well.

### School Development Plan Parent/carer Survey



A huge thank you to all parents and carers who completed our online school development plan survey. Parents had lots of praise for school which was highly appreciated and also some good ideas for school development. The main themes for requests included;

- Even more trips and visits for students to enjoy
- More access to speech therapy
- An after-school activities offer

All views collected by parents, carers, staff and students will feed into our school development plan for 2022 onwards!

### Leavers Week

#### Leavers Events

Our leavers class of 2022 have enjoyed a trip to Blackpool, joke assembly, staff .v. students rounders and a special awards assembly in school. All events were thoroughly enjoyed by students and staff alike!

#### The Prom

Our 2022 year 11 and post-16 leavers were treated to a fantastic leavers prom. The red carpet event was a wonderful evening event held at school. Mrs Rodgers pulled out all the

stops in her planning for students and the staff worked together to provide mocktails on arrival, a buffet, a photo booth, popcorn machine, rodeo bull, chocolate fountain and our in-house DJ Mr Reddin!



## Sports News

Our first sports day went ahead as planned for years 7 and 8 and was thoroughly enjoyed by all students. It was wonderful to see parents and carers back on site for this event since the start of the pandemic. Thank you to everyone who came along and enjoyed watching the activities. Sadly a heavy rain shower disrupted events for a time but this didn't take away the enjoyment from a very engaging day.



As the weather has been unpredictable this week, sports day for years 9 and 10 has been moved to the last week of term. Dates will follow soon for those year groups. We look forward to enjoying this event with parents and carers soon!

## Equalities

### Girls and Technology



In order to increase the participation and skills of girls in the tech industry, Alt Bridge School have engaged in the Innovate Her scheme which is a values-led enterprise scheme in the Northwest.

Innovate her say “We’re getting girls ready for the tech industry, and the industry ready for girls.”

### Pride 2022

This month, students and staff have supported and recognised Pride month in a range of ways. The student equalities group organised a Pride assembly, Rainbow Friday, Sports day signs supporting Pride and also an LGBTQIA+ famous role models themed scavenger hunt around school. Our students continue to participate in awareness raising events with exceptional maturity and a commitment to our school inclusive values.

## Health Week 2022



Students have been encouraged to engage in health activities for mind and body during the week beginning the 27<sup>th</sup> June. Students accessed a range of additional physical activities and listened to advice in relation to food and nutrition.

Workshops to engage in health cooking activities have also taken place and students have been educated about the dangers of energy drinks. Please can all parents and carers be aware that energy drinks are not allowed in school.



Huge thanks to Mr Lamb for organising a fun and information health week 2022!!

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Have a lovely Summer break! Please remember that school email accounts are not monitored over the summer break period.

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