



ALPERTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL

SIXTH FORM



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The Sixth Form was also judged to be good.

“Leaders of the Sixth Form have a clear and accurate understanding of this area of the school. They share students’ ambition and ‘no-limits’ attitude and support these with highly effective systems, including careers advice and guidance”.

(Ofsted July 2016)

WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY

We have the ambition and passion to help every student be the best they can be – both academically and personally.

I am very pleased to welcome you to the Sixth Form at Alperton Community School.

We are an inclusive multicultural community that provides a caring, supportive environment for all our students.

We want our students to Aspire, Commit and Succeed. We believe that if you have high expectations and work hard, success will follow; an approach which is clearly working as our examination results continue to exceed expectations.

We are extremely proud of our outstanding successes in post-16 education with almost half of our students achieving A*-B grades in their A Levels and we expect that these results will continue to improve. Our A Level results for facilitating subjects are significantly higher than those nationally, with almost half of A Level students gaining places at prestigious Russell Group universities.

Our overall A Level performance for progress places us within the top 25% of schools nationally. Our students have consistently performed at this high standard and are able to secure places at the very best universities across the country, such as Oxford, Cambridge, LSE and Imperial College. Many of our students embark on degrees in highly competitive subjects such as medicine, law, mathematics, pure sciences, computing and engineering.

We are successful because we are able to offer a very broad curriculum; everything from Physics to Photography. Our curriculum covers A Level, Applied Level 3, Level 2 courses and we even have a Level 1 offer - we have something for students of all abilities. Our technical courses are truly inclusive and provide one day a week of work experience. Because of our strong links with employers we also have a very strong record of securing posts in employment and apprenticeships.

We offer excellent support, guidance and extra-curricular opportunities e.g. university summer schools, tailored work experience programmes, panel interview practice and peer mentoring with Alperton alumni.

We are very welcoming to students who join our Sixth Form from other institutions and students frequently tell us how quickly they are made to feel at home. They are respected and cared for in the same way as the students who have been with us for five years.

Come and experience our fantastic community for yourself. I look forward to welcoming you.



Gerard McKenna BSc (Hons) NPQH
Headteacher

OUR ETHOS

We are immensely proud of our caring, multi-cultural community and we strongly believe that teaching students to co-exist in an environment of mutual respect is fundamental to their education and ultimately to their integration into the world of work.

Pastoral Care

We know that high quality Pastoral Care makes a difference. We know the difference a tutor can make – someone who is always looking out for you, making sure you are supported and feel confident in your learning. For this reason, our Sixth Form tutors have been specially chosen to provide a balance of subject knowledge and skills.

We value our Sixth Form students as individuals and as leaders of our school community. Our pastoral provision aims to ensure that your transition from school to university is a happy and successful one. Our pastoral team will help develop you not just academically, but also as a well-rounded, confident and articulate individual.

Community

In addition to achieving the highest possible grades in examinations, our aim is to develop students with positive moral and social values, who will make a valuable contribution to society.

Alperton Community School has a strong tradition of supporting and caring in the community and our expectation is that our students will volunteer to support worthy causes either in school or in our community. Our Sixth Form students excel at raising funds for worthy causes and recently raised the largest amount of money in England for the national WildHearts Micro-Tyco Challenge sponsored by Deloitte.

We believe it is important to give students opportunities to extend their life experiences in preparation for the world of work, so we provide many activities which will allow our young people to develop their personal qualities and skills.

Leadership

We encourage students to take responsibility and to assume leadership roles. The Sixth Form Leadership Team meet regularly with the Headteacher and lead a wide range of projects, ranging from producing a student newsletter to organising student surgeries and parent evenings. The student-run School Council has representatives from all year groups and feeds ideas and information to the Governor Committees, thereby influencing school decision-making at the highest level.

Enrichment

We have many opportunities for students to develop their personal and social skills. All students in the Sixth Form take part in Prefect duties which can be as varied as reading with Year 6 students in a Primary School to helping improve the school environment. We also have a rich and wide-ranging enrichment programme which includes the EPQ qualification, Sports Leaders Award, Arts Award and annual residential opportunities abroad or within the UK.



“Alperton is a terrific school as all the teachers will help you to the best of their abilities. The resources provided in many subjects by teachers are fantastic and will help you achieve the best grade possible; this is not something provided by every school. You will feel at home here!”

(Sixth Form student)

OUR COURSES

We have established a strong track record of enabling every student to reach their full academic and personal potential and our students have performed exceptionally well at A Level.

Pathway 1 and 2 (Level 3 Courses):

This is a two year programme of study that is at a higher level of challenge than work undertaken in Year 11. Level 3 courses prepare students for entry to university. ACS Sixth Form offers a wide range of both academic A Levels and applied courses at Level 3. Each subject has 10 hours of taught study. Some applied subjects can be “double award” and so have 20 hours of face-to-face teaching each fortnight. For success, a similar amount of private study is expected out of hours.

AS qualifications carry 40% of the university points of an A2 qualification. AS examinations are used to assess progress in the summer of Year 12 and so success is essential to be able to progress to the A2 units. An applied qualification is achieved at the end of the second year. Double award applied qualifications earn the same university entrance points as 2 A Levels and are also welcomed by universities and employers.

Level 3 students will undertake one of the following pathways and study one of the options below in Year 12:

Pathway 1 (Academic)	Pathway 2 (Applied)
3 A2 level subjects	1 double applied Level 3 subject
exceptionally 1 AS Level subject in addition	1 A2 level subject
	Or
	1 single applied Level 3 subject
	2 A2 level subjects

Any student not achieving at least grade C in GCSE English and Maths will follow additional study in English and/or Maths and resit exams.

Pathway 3 (Level 2 Applied)

This is a one year programme of study for students who wish to progress to the Level 3 Applied Pathway and have not yet quite gained the requirements at Level 2 (GCSE equivalent). This Pathway offers students the opportunity to improve their GCSE English and Maths grades, gain an applied Level 2 qualification and participate in extended work experience.

Subjects offered in Pathway 3 are:

- BTEC First Certificate in Health and Social Care
- BTEC First Certificate in Information and Creative Technology

Pathway 4 (Level 1 Applied)

All Level 1 students will study one BTEC First Diploma or Extended Certificate (worth a minimum of 2 GCSE passes) taught in 25 periods per fortnight and lessons in English and/or Maths and periods of extended work experience.



"I am so pleased to have attended Alperton, as I would not be where I am today without the support of my teachers and friends. From start to finish I have never felt alone, I could not ask for anything more."

(Sixth Form student)

LIFE IN SIXTH FORM

Our Sixth Form students join a community that is committed to success. We have developed specialist teaching and support that is recognised for its excellence in the local area and beyond.

Every Sixth Form student receives a Chromebook which allows access to our virtual learning environment. We also provide a suite of rooms in the Sixth Form block, which are entirely dedicated to independent study.

We expect Sixth Form students to set a good example and act as role models for the rest of the school. This means following the Sixth Form dress code, and following the four Rs in the school mission statement – Ready, Respectful, Responsible and Resilient.

Prospects

Additional support and advice is provided, especially for those not planning to go to University. An advisor from Prospects is available every week to assist students in making the most appropriate choice of college or apprenticeship. The Prospects advisor also provides advice and guidance on careers and applications to employers and apprenticeship schemes.

16 to 19 Bursary Fund

Help is available to pay for essential education-related costs. You are entitled to the 16 to 19 Bursary Fund if you or your family are entitled to benefits. The Bursary Fund can help pay for equipment you might need for your course, lunch and transport to and from school. If you are not sure whether you are eligible – please ask!

Volunteering

Our school is at the heart of the local community and the involvement of our Sixth Form students in creative, sports, environmental and educational projects has been highly valued for many years. Students really enjoy their experiences whether helping staff and younger students in the school, organizing community events, fundraising or managing sports activities. Students have access to training and gain accreditation for supporting the wider community. Leadership, communication and team work skills are developed in a wide range of volunteering activities inside and outside of school.



"Alperton was an excellent experience. The teachers go to extreme lengths to make you reach your goal. They are welcoming and put in their best effort and support which is what really counts in the end."

(Sixth Form student)

THE FUTURE

We enjoy strong links with many Universities. Many Sixth Form students are recruited to prestigious Russell Group Universities and Medical Schools across the country.

The Sixth Form provides outstanding support for students who wish to apply to university through UCAS, culminating in practice interviews with real staff from top Russell Group Universities. Recently students have been successful in their applications to Cambridge, Imperial College, UCL and the London School of Economics (LSE).

The Alpertown Sixth Form also offers the opportunity to take part in a wide range of volunteering and fund raising opportunities. The most prestigious roles in the Sixth Form are Head Boy and Head Girl, which involves representing the school at key events in the community and advocating student voice on behalf of the entire student body.

UCAS Applications

This is where students begin a process of decision-making that has profound implications on their future.

Decisions need to be made on:

- The subject
- The type of course
- The university

In making these decisions you will be shaping your future career.

Universities are looking for

- Academic achievement
- Current progress
- Academic potential
- Personal qualities
- Interests and transferable skills
- Contribution to university life
- Ability to sell yourself at interview
- A good application form
- A strong application form including a high quality personal statement



"It was a wonderful experience. With supportive teachers and a friendly environment, learning becomes a great experience and I'm glad to be part of ACS."

(Sixth Form student)



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