

Autumn Term 2016



Headteacher's Message

We have had a momentous autumn term! We have three wonderful news stories to share with you. In September we received our 2016 Ofsted Report which judged us to be "Good with Outstanding Leadership and Management". Our GCSE and A Level results in 2016 were the best the school has ever achieved. Finally, Friday 16 December will be a historic day at Alperton Community School. It will be the last teaching day in the old buildings on the Ealing Rad site. We are all very excited by the prospect of moving into the new school building in January.

Ofsted Report



The term began with the publication of our Ofsted report. The report graded our school to be **Good with Outstanding Leadership and Management** because "Leaders have a thorough and accurate understanding of the school, driving improvements rapidly where they identify the need for improvement". The school leaders "are uncompromising in their ambition for pupils' outcomes and have shaped a culture within the school of high expectation and aspiration".

- ✓ **Teaching, learning and assessment was judged to be GOOD**
- ✓ **Personal development and behaviour judged to be GOOD**
- ✓ **Leadership & Management was judged to be OUTSTANDING**
- ✓ **The Sixth Form was also judged to be GOOD**

Another set of tremendous A Level results

Alperton Community School students have again exceeded all expectations with a tremendous set of A Level results. ACS students have been awarded 48 A* and A grades, with almost half of the examinations being awarded A*, A or B grades. As a result more than a third of the A level cohort has been accepted onto degree courses at prestigious Russell Group universities.

Your NEW SCHOOL opens in January 2017!

- ✓ Will accommodate up to 1,750 students, an increase of 300 places
- ✓ 83 new classrooms fitted with Promethean interactive whiteboards
- ✓ 'State of the art' specialist facilities, including 14 science laboratories, 10 ICT rooms, 5 art rooms, 2 music rooms, 2 drama studios, 6 design and technology rooms and a large library
- ✓ A large Sports Hall which can be used as a local community Leisure Centre
- ✓ Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) and large external spaces, many of which will be supplied with PE equipment
- ✓ Outstanding safeguarding with access control to CCTV monitoring

GCSE Results Jump a Staggering 22% in Three Years at Alperton Community School

David Dein visits Alperton

In November, Year 10 students were thrilled to meet and interview David Dein, the former vice chairman of Arsenal Football Club. David delivered a motivational talk to our students, together with a serious message of how to be successful in their future careers.

STEM Expo 2016

In November, the school hosted an EXPO for our Year 8 learners, themed around Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). The EXPO is part of AccessHE's Capital Access Project, which aims to bring universities and schools together to collaborate.

Sports Awards 2016

Congratulations to the PE team who led an excellent Sports Award Evening this year. Our guest speaker was the experienced mountaineer Bob Bhanja and the most prestigious award of the event, the ACS Sports Personality of the Year, went to Leith Hassan.

Specialist Art Workshops

At the beginning of December, art historian Francesca Herrick and dancer Noora Kela from the internationally-renowned Courtauld Institute of Art, delivered specialist art workshops for our A Level Art and Photography students.

Sky Sports visit

At the end of November Ian Rose and Tim Prendergast from the Sky Sports programme visited our school. Both guests delivered amazing assemblies and had all students and staff engaged and inspired with their motivational words and expert advice.

Sixth Form Open Evening

The Sixth Form Open Evening, that took place on Thursday, 1st December 2016, was a great success. We have received more than 50 external applications already.

Extended Learning Day

In October, we organised an exciting Learning Day event, with a variety of activities, including a trip to Longridge, 'Safeguarding' workshops, debates, kendo, and even stress-ball making, whilst our Year 13 focused on UCAS, writing personal statements and interview preparations.

Presentation Evening

Our annual Upper School Presentation evening took place in September. Sophie Walker, leader of the Women's Equality Party and the American actress and photographer Koo Stark attended as special guests. Congratulations to all our students for their excellent achievements in the summer A-Level and GCSE examinations.

RESPECTFUL

READY

RESILIENT

RESPONSIBLE

Online Learning

At ACS we allow students access to ALL learning resources, in order to encourage students to be inquisitive and explore online learning materials. Many of the learning resources are accessible through the school computer network, and many other can be accessed online, such as Google Drive, Google Apps, ShowMyHomework, PiXL Edge, London Grid for Learning, Kerboodle, Doodle, GCSE Pod and many more. For more information on all the learning resources available to students, please visit the VIP Zone of our website or refer to your Student Online Learning Guide.

Parents Information

In September, we ran a series of Parent Information Evenings. On each of the evenings we published a Parent Information Pack which details all the courses being taught and assessment information. The guide also contains useful links and other resources. To obtain a copy of the information pack, please visit the Parents section of our website.

www.alperton.brent.sch.uk

E-Safety

Digital technologies have become integral to the lives of children and young people. These technologies are powerful tools, which open up new opportunities for everyone. These technologies can stimulate discussion, promote creativity and stimulate awareness of context to promote effective learning. Young people should have an entitlement to safe internet access at all times. There are a number of excellent resources that will allow you to find out more about being safe online. If you would like to report something as a result of being online, then please use the CEOP button on the school website.



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App for Parents

We are moving from texting parents to communicating via our new free app for smartphones. Our app will give you access to lots of information about the school and your child at school.

The app is available for Android or Apple smartphones and enables us to send you information about your child in the most efficient manner. Any letters we send will go directly to your phone and you will receive a notification message.

When you install the app, you must use the mobile number that you have given the school as your contact number. If you use a different phone you will not get the student information. The app interface it's easy to use and contains a lot of information about the school and links to useful websites and sources of information, such as ParentPay, Show My Homework, Key Dates and our latest news. To download our app, please see the information on our website.



Alperton Community School is in the top 4% of schools in the country for GCSE results, with more than one in three of our A Level students progressing to the top (Russell Group) universities

House Points for the Autumn Term



26,234



22,508



28,870



29,148

End of Term and Start of Term Dates

Form	End of Term	Start of Term
Year 7	Friday, 16 th December 2016	Tuesday, 10 th January 2017
Year 8	Friday, 16 th December 2016	Thursday, 12 th January 2017
Year 9	Friday, 16 th December 2016	Friday, 13 th January 2017
Year 10A and 11A	Friday, 16 th December 2016	Tuesday, 10 th January 2017
Year 10	Wednesday, 21 st December 2016	Thursday, 5 th January 2017
Year 11	Wednesday, 21 st December 2016	Thursday, 5 th January 2017
Year 12 A	Wednesday, 21 st December 2016	Thursday, 5 th January 2017
Sixth Form	Wednesday, 21 st December 2016	Thursday, 5 th January 2017

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