



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our Summer Term Newsletter to students, staff, parents, carers and friends of Alperton Community School.

This has been an historic year for Alperton Community School. In May, we finally completed the Phase 2 of the new school building on Ealing Road and in July we enjoyed a fantastic Opening Ceremony. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to this project over the years and we look forward to our students enjoying these magnificent facilities from September.

We are also proud to announce that our school has achieved IQM Flagship School status. The award recognises inclusion best practice in schools and promotes equal opportunities for all pupils.

Our school has also been nominated for the "Secondary School of the year" award in the TES School Awards for 2018. It is amazing to see our continued efforts being recognised by such a prestigious organisation.

We have also had a great number of exciting events and student achievements this term. I invite you to read about these in the following pages.

ALPERTON CELEBRATES THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF ITS NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

On Monday 9 July, Alperton Community School celebrated the Official Opening of its new school building. The Opening ceremony was an inspiring event, to which we had the pleasure of welcoming many guests that have been supporting this project and our school.

The process of bringing the building to what it is today, involved a tremendous amount of work and dedication from both our school leaders and external parties.

To achieve such an incredible transformation in such a short period of time is quite extraordinary and there are so many people to thank: the contractors and builders from Kier Group; the architects from Nicholas Hare; our Mechanical and Electrical Engineers; the ESFA for funding the project and managing the build; the

Brent Local Authority for setting out the Alperton Masterplan; to John Jenkins and Claire Barton for their excellent support and advice from Haverstock; to ex-Headteacher of Dormers Wells, Maggie Aylott, who worked with us to scrutinise and advise on almost every tiny detail of the new building.

Also many thanks to our Governors and SLT who have contributed magnificently over the years, especially to our Chair of Governors, Mona Shah, and to Suresh Jatla for his tremendous work managing the entire project.

Also many thanks to our staff who have endured so many challenges and waited patiently for these brilliant facilities, to the parents who have kept faith in us, and of course, the people who matter most – our students.

ALPERTON NOMINATED FOR THE TES 'SECONDARY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR'

Alperton Community School has been shortlisted for the "Secondary School of the Year" award in the TES School Awards for 2018. It is amazing to see our continued efforts being recognised by such a prestigious organisation, particularly after winning 'Maths Team of the Year' in the 2017 TES Awards. This is a fantastic achievement for our school and it is a testimony to the hard work our teachers and support staff put in to the profession and of course the outstanding results that the students produce as a result of this.

Now in its tenth year, the TES Schools Awards celebrates the

extraordinary commitment, quality and innovation shown by teachers and support staff across the UK. It promotes teachers, schools and departments who are raising the standards of education by making a positive impact on the personal and academic success of the students and the wider community.

The application process required a written summary of our achievements over the past 12 months as well as supporting documents which demonstrated evidence of outstanding performance, innovation, imagination and our efforts to develop all students.

Mr Rayleigh commented: *"It is fantastic to have been nominated for a TES award for the second consecutive year. Going to The House of Commons was such a great experience and a real privilege for me. Being in the Terrace Pavilion on the River Thames was so beautiful and the food was, of course, 5 star. It was an amazing event and one that I will always cherish."*

WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE HAVE BECOME AN IQM FLAGSHIP SCHOOL



Only around 100 schools in the UK have achieved IQM Flagship School status. This award recognises those unique schools who played a strong leadership role in developing inclusion best practice in their school or a network of schools. It promotes equal opportunities for all pupils, regardless of their age, gender, ethnicity, attainment and background.

Having been a Centre of Excellence school for the past three years, our school received the award as a result of its efforts to provide the very best education for all children, irrespective of differences. The school continues its commitment to providing an inclusive teaching and learning environment for all students, improving their learning performance and mindset development.

AFTERNOON TEA AT THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

As part of our TES nomination for the Secondary School of the Year, one person from each nominated school was invited to a pre-ceremony event, which consisted of afternoon tea at the House of Commons. This was hosted by Lucy Powell MP and the TES editor Ann Mroz and was a 'thank-you' for all the hard work of teachers up and down the country.

It was a really great opportunity for Mr Rayleigh to meet the other nominees and discuss their school's attributes and why they each felt that they had received a prestigious nomination across the different categories. He said: "There was a palpable buzz during the afternoon as teachers swapped their inspiring stories of how they have helped to improve their own schools and as a result, have made such a positive impact on the life chances of their respective students."



Both Lucy Powell and Ann Mroz addressed the attendees during the event to celebrate the dedication that teachers and other professionals put into their roles when working with students across the UK as well as bringing innovation, creativity and commitment into the classroom.

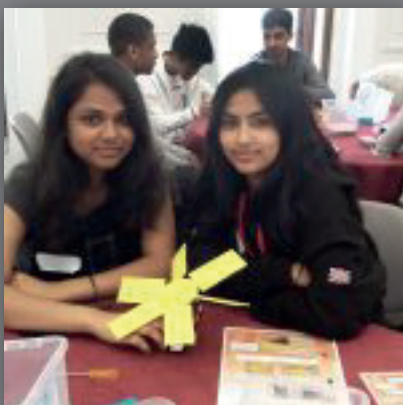


INTERNATIONAL WOMEN IN ENGINEERING 2018 SCHOOLS CHALLENGE DAY

Five of our year 12 girls participated in the International Women in Engineering Challenge Day. Overall 100 students from schools in London participated on the Day.

The students were involved in various activities including designing a model turbo engine, problem solving activities and designing a project on sustainable energy using design brief used by engineers.

The final part of the programme involved presenting their design to the client. The facilitators were observing throughout and Priyal was awarded the first prize for leadership skills, communication, negotiation and group discussion skills.



ALPERTON GLOBAL PRIZE END OF YEAR SHOW

On the 12 July, we hosted our annual art exhibition showcasing art, textiles, and photography.

The exhibition was also supported by incredible music and dance performances, emphasizing not only the wonderful diversity of our local community, but also the incredible range of talent we have in our school.

It was an amazing evening and both our students and guests truly enjoyed the experience.

A special thank you to everyone involved in organising such a fantastic event, particularly to Mr Armando Alemdar for all his hard work and dedication.





TASTER DAYS AT ALPERTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL

At the beginning of July we had four primary schools visiting Alperton – Vicars Green, Barham, Lyon Park and Oakington Manor, as part of our Year 5 Taster Days.

The Year 5 students loved their taster sessions and were really inspired by our school. The feedback we've received was very positive, commending the excellent quality of teaching seen in our school.

The staff and parent helpers were delighted to see the hard work and preparation that went into making the taster days so memorable and special. All the students had a fantastic time and at the end of the day each student received an Alperton student pack.



ALPERTON HOSTS THE FIRST GIVE CHARITY FINAL

Our school was proud to host the First Give Charity Final at the beginning of this term. It was a fantastic afternoon and our sixth form students delivered some excellent presentations.

First Give is a charity working in partnership with secondary schools to help young people to give their time, tenacity and talents in order to improve their local communities. The programme is delivered through a fully resourced scheme of work that is interactive and student friendly.

Over a period of 8 PSHE sessions, each form group had to identify social issues in the local area and engage with local charities that address them. The students then had the opportunity to compete for £1000 of grant money for their chosen charity, by advocating their charity within an internal school competition.

Each of the 14 sixth form tutor groups had to give a five-minute presentation to ACS judges, during a number of assemblies, for the opportunity to be chosen to represent the school in a grand final.

First Give representatives and various members of the local community came to ER and judged the presentations, which were all of a very high quality. The winning form was SF11, led by Mr Satar, who represented the charity B3, which provides support to drug and alcohol users in Brent.

The sixth form leadership team were impressed with the efforts that the students had shown throughout the year with regards to reaching out to their respective charities and how well they had presented each of their cases in an attempt to win the prize.



HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR ZIGI SHIPPER VISITS ALPERTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL

On Friday 13 July, the year 9 students of Alperton Community School had the privilege of meeting the Holocaust survivor Zigi Shipper. The 88 year old survivor delivered an emotional and inspiring talk, describing his dreadful experiences of the Ghetto and Auschwitz.

Zigi was born in Poland and he was only 9 years old when the war broke out. In 1940, he and his grandparents, who were looking after him, were forced to move into the Ghetto. His grandfather died shortly after that of starvation.

In 1942, all children were deported from the Ghetto, but Zigi managed to escape and remained in the Ghetto until 1944, when the Ghetto was liquidated. After liquidation, everyone was deported to Auschwitz. At the gates of the concentration camp, all Jewish people were lined up for selection: to the left went those fit for work, and to the right went the women, the children, the disabled and the elderly, who were all sent to gas chambers and within one hour of their arrival they were all dead. Luckily, Zigi and his grandmother survived the selection and Zigi was soon moved to a different labour camp and



finally liberated on the 3 May 1945 by the British army. Zigi arrived to the UK in 1947, where he married and started a family. Zigi now lives in Hertfordshire, has 2 daughters and 3 granddaughters and regularly shares his experiences in schools across the country.

His final message to the students and everyone else present was that in spite of what happened and in spite of all the falsely-perceived differences between people, nationalities and ethnicities, we should not hate each other: "Whatever you do, do not hate! All we are is human beings, nothing else" Zigi said.

Zigi was an inspiring presence to all of the students and teachers witnessing the talk. As a thank you, the students offered him a small piece of artwork in remembrance of his visit to our school.

CAREERS DAY AT ALPERTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL

On Wednesday 18 July, our year 10 students enjoyed a magnificent Careers day at Alperton. The students benefited immensely from the day and all of them were engaged and enthusiastic.

As part of the day, the students worked on professional skills such as handling conflict at work, writing a CV and cover letter and interview techniques. In the second half of the day they created a business proposal and presentation to their group.

The students had a fantastic day and said they felt they have learned so much. They were much clearer about their work opportunities and options during the gap year and the number of apprenticeships available.



EXTENDED LEARNING DAYS 2018 AT ALPERTON SCHOOL



EXCELLENT PE AWARDS CEREMONY

On Thursday 19 July, Alperton celebrated a wonderful PE Awards ceremony.

The talented students enjoyed an amazing time receiving trophies and certificates for their hard work and commitment throughout the year.

Many thanks to all the staff involved in organising such a successful event, particularly to Ms Hazley .



Many thanks to all teachers and staff for their hard work and dedication in planning and delivering two excellent Extended Learning Days this summer term.

On the 5 July, we had our House Competition activities and also our prospective Year 5 students coming from the surrounding primary schools to visit our school during our Taster days.

Our Year 10 geography students enjoyed a fantastic field trip to Brick Lane and the Year 10 Art students were involved in a coursework focus day.

On our final ELD on 10 July, our Year 7-10 students enjoyed an exciting Sports day at local athletics track Willesden and our year 12 students went on a traditional day out at the seaside in Southend.



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KEY DATES - AUTUMN TERM 2018

- Monday 3 September 2018 - Professional Development Day (no students in school)
- Tuesday 4 September 2018 - Professional Development Day (no students in school)
- Wednesday 5 September 2018 - ARD (all year groups)
- Wednesday 5 September 2018 - Year 7 students Induction
- Thursday 6 September 2018 - All students start lessons 8.30am
- Thursday 13 September 2018 - Presentation Evening (Year 11 and Year 13)
- Friday 14 September 2018 - Parents Information Evening (Year 7)
- Monday 17 September 2018 - Presentation Evening (Year 10)
- Monday 17 September 2018 - Presentation Evening (Year 10)
- Wednesday 19 September 2018 - Friday 21 September 2018 - Longbridge trip (Year 7)
- Wednesday 26 September 2018 - Open Evening
- Thursday 11 October 2018 - Extended Learning Day (Wellbeing)
- Friday 19 October 2018 - Extended Learning Day (Wellbeing)