

ACS PARENTS NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Academic Review Week runs from Monday 5th to Friday 9th November for Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 students. All appointments have been organised to take place after school. The aim of Academic Review Week is to make sure that students are clear about the extent to which their achievement and their attitude to learning meets ACS expectations. If student performance and behaviours fall below expectation it is important that the reasons for this are made clear to your child and they are provided with a set of targets which will support them in effecting change. As we believe the communication of this information to parents and carers is very important, we have allocated 10 hours across the week for appointments. Please make sure you provide us with feedback about the event.

A reminder that Diwali and Guy Fawkes Night is almost upon us. As well as enjoying both events, we must also take every precaution to ensure the safety of our students. Fireworks are extremely dangerous. This is why it is illegal to buy fireworks if you are under 18 years old. It is also illegal for under 18's to possess fireworks in public. Any involvement with fireworks is a serious breach of the school's behaviour code that will lead to the permanent exclusion. We will take the same action if a student is found to be in possession of fireworks before or after school, including their journey to school and their journey home. We appreciate your support in this serious matter and request that you discuss these matters with your child so that they are fully aware of the dangers of fireworks and the law about buying and using them; in doing so we will ensure the safety of our staff, students and community.



SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

On Thursday 1 November we were delighted to host a great Open Evening event at our Stanley Avenue site. We've had a high number of students and parents turning up for the evening and they found the experience extremely useful and informative.

Our student ambassadors gave the prospective students and parents tours around the school and provided useful information about our excellent learning facilities.

The visitors had an opportunity to meet our Year 12 and 13 students and also our Alumni, who were able to offer an insight into the student life at Alperton and the next steps towards university.

The teachers and staff offered advice and guidance on a wide range of subjects and answered questions about our course options and the sixth form application process.

The visitors were impressed with our learning facilities and with the excellent achievements of our students.

To find out more about the event, please visit our [website](#).

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RESPECTFUL

How do you know if you are being respectful?

Respect is when you feel admiration and regard for an individual or environment. You believe that someone or something is worthy of your regard because of the good qualities and capabilities that they bring to our school.

How can you demonstrate respect at Alperton?

- Treat everyone with the same courtesy, be polite and be kind.
- Trust others - listen, let others have their say and express ideas - never speak over or butt in!
- Think body language and tone of voice - 70% of communication is non-verbal.
- Care for your school and everything in it - protect it for yourself, other students and future generations.



VALENCIA TRIP 2019

We are pleased to inform you that ACS students have again the opportunity to participate in an exciting trip to Valencia in Spain. The trip is open to **all students in Year 7, 8 and 9** and is scheduled to take place on Thursday 20 June 2019 – Monday 24 June 2019.

To find out more details, please [click here](#).

DUTCH FOUNDATION OF EDUCATION VISITING OUR SCHOOL



On Friday 2 November, the Dutch Foundation of Education visited our school as part of an exchange program between countries. The Foundation is representing all educational sectors in The Netherlands and is the main public body representing the interests of Dutch education as a whole. The foundation advises the Dutch government, social partners and policy makers on a broad range of topics.



A few examples of the issues the Foundation of Education is addressing at the moment are: equal opportunities and inclusion - how to provide equal opportunities for all in education; the major turn-around of school results and lessons learned from the London Challenge; dealing with the teacher shortages, governance, autonomy and ownership for schools and for teachers.



Their visit was very beneficial for the school, providing an opportunity for teachers to discuss different issues and to broaden their knowledge and expertise.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

We are moving from texting parents to communicating via our **new free app for smartphones** or **your email address**. Please make sure we have your **correct e-mail address and mobile number**.

Please click [here](#) for more information!

To download the free app, please click on one of the icons below:



DIGITAL LEADERS

We have just appointed our first group of Digital leaders for 2018-2019. The role of our digital leaders is to help all our staff and students to get the most out of the technology and resources available in the school.

They will take a lead at school events and will have a number of fantastic opportunities to visit technology conferences and leading IT companies over the course of the year.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7 8 9 10 12	Monday 5 November - Friday 9 November Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 Academic Review Week
11	Monday 12 November - Year 11 Examinations begin
11	Monday 26 November - Year 11 Practical Examinations begin
ALL	Friday 30 November - All Students Academy Day. School closed.
ALL	Monday 3 December - All Students Staff Training Day. School closed.
12 13	Thursday 6 December - Year 12 and Year 13 Parents Evening
ALL	Wednesday 12 December - All students Performing Arts Winter Concert
11	Thursday 13 December - Year 11 Parents Evening
ALL	Thursday 20 December - All students House Competitions
ALL	Friday 21 December - All students Celebration Assemblies
ALL	Monday 24 December - Friday 4 January All students Christmas Break
ALL	Monday 7 January - All students First Day of Spring Term - 8.30am