

ACS PARENTS NEWS

Monday 12 November - Friday 16 November - Issue #8



Photo: Mr Gerard McKenna BSc(Hons) NPQH

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a great honour for us to welcome Lewis Hamilton, one of the greatest racing drivers in the history of motor sport, to our school on Thursday morning. It was amazing to watch the reaction of our students as Lewis entered their classrooms. Many of our students sat in stunned disbelief as Lewis walked around their classroom asking how they were getting on with their work.

Before he left, Lewis led a wonderful question and answer session with Year 11, 12 and 13 students in the JBIC. Lewis spoke about how he had overcome adversity and discrimination and used these experiences to make him a stronger and better person. It was very refreshing to meet a world-famous role model who was compassionate, genuine, thoughtful and humble, in spite of his enormous fame and wealth.

If you have access to Instagram you can view a video with our students that Lewis posted on his page with this message:

“Still buzzing from the love and energy from the kids at Alperton Community School today. So grateful for you having me. Keep working hard guys, stay focused on your goals. The struggle you are facing individually will make you stronger I promise you”.



Instagram video and message posted by Lewis Hamilton

lewishamilton Still buzzing from the love and energy from the kids at The Alperton Community School today. So grateful for you having me. Keep working hard guys, stay focused on your goals. The struggle you are facing individually will make you stronger I promise you. Stay strong and lean on Andria, she's an angel who is there to protect and help you get through it all. Thank you Andria for taking the time for me today, I wish I had a teacher like you when I was growing up. You inspire me. God bless you all 🙏 @alpertoncs

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F1 World Champion Lewis Hamilton visits Alperton Community School

On Thursday 15 November, we had the rare opportunity to welcome to our school the five-time F1 world champion Lewis Hamilton. Our students were honoured and thrilled to meet Lewis in person and to be able to ask him questions.

Lewis assisted to some of our lessons, played basketball with our Year 8's and took part in an engaging question and answer session with our Year 11, 12 and 13 students.

Many thanks to Mrs Zafirakou, winner of the Global Teacher Prize 2018, for inviting him to our school and for creating this amazing opportunity for our students. Lewis was a huge inspiration to them and an exceptional example of hard work and commitment!



Photo: Lewis Hamilton and Mrs Zafirakou at the Global Teacher Prize Award Ceremony, Dubai, March 2018

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RESILIENT

Being **resilient** is the ability to adapt and bounce back when things do not go as planned. A plan is just that - a plan. Things can change or something might not go as you would expect. If you fail, then try again. Think of the word FAIL as being the **F**irst **A**ttempt **I**n **L**earning and that you need to try again. Ask teachers (they are the experts), your friends, read your book, look at the available learning resources - then you'll turn that FAIL into a SUCCESS. You might want to SAIL through your learning, by having **S**everal **A**ttempts **I**n **L**earning, just by not giving up and being resilient.



Photo: Your Life You Choose - Workshop with London Ambulance Service

Year 7 students take part in the “Your Life You Choose” programme

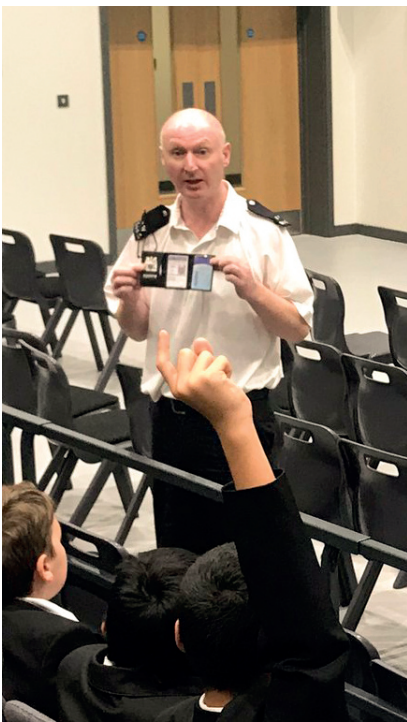


Photo: Your Life You Choose - Workshop with Metropolitan Police

Last week our Year 7 students took part in the Your Life You Choose Programme, a multi-agency presentation run by magistrates in North West London in order to educate young people about crime and its consequences.

The programme is a fantastic way to raise awareness of gangs and knife crime amongst young people and teach them how to protect themselves from it. This is the sixth year our school has participated in this programme.

Throughout the day, the students were rotated through a series of workshops with police officers, magistrates, prison officers, paramedics, inclusion officers and ex-offenders. They were taught about the dangers of carrying knives, how to keep themselves safe and away from crime, and the consequences that follow when making the wrong decisions.

A level Spanish trip to the Cervantes Theatre

On Wednesday, nine of our A level Spanish students enjoyed an interesting and original Spanish play at the Cervantes Theatre in Central London. The play was performed on a 360° stage called “Yerma”. The author of the tragedy, Federico García Lorca, was a well-known Spanish playwright, with whom our students are very familiar. They are currently reading another play of his “La Casa de Bernarda Alba”, therefore this was an excellent opportunity for them to expand their knowledge on the subject and to improve their Spanish skills.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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	Tuesday 8 January - All students First Day of Spring Term - 8.30am
8	Thursday 10 January - Year 8 Parents Evening 1
8	Thursday 17 January - Year 8 Parents Evening 2
10	Thursday 31 January - Year 10 Parents Evening
10	February 7 January - Year 10 Targeted Parents Evening

Student Voice plant their first garden

This week, our Student Voice representatives did a fantastic job planting the first garden at our new school on Ealing Road. They planted a variety of different seeds, plants and flowers which completely transformed the surroundings.

The students really enjoyed the experience and had a great opportunity to work in a team and build on their gardening skills. Well done everyone and looking forward to seeing the results in the Spring.

