

# ACS PARENTS NEWS

Monday 19 November - Friday 23 November - Issue #9



Photo: Mr Gerard McKenna BSc(Hons) NPQH

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week I wish to congratulate our Maths Team who have once again coached our sixth form students to achieve excellent results in the International Senior Maths Challenge.

Out of thirty students who entered the competition, Mital Ashok from Alperton Community School (year13) achieved a gold certificate and he qualified for the next stage of the competition, the Senior Kangaroo Examination, which will take place on 30 November.

Another three students from Alperton Community School achieved silver certificates: Jay Dhiru, Piyush Samgi and Muhammed Al-Diraa.

Seven students also achieved bronze certificates: Nisla Maharjan, Ronik Kamlesh, Lakhan Mankani, Dinushan Raveendran, Vaneeza Qasimiqbal, Priyan Varsani and Deniksha Solank.

Well done, a fantastic achievement by all involved.

## Alperton students support the Learn to Live campaign to help children affected by war

Letters from Alperton students reached Downing Street earlier this week supporting a [petition with 12,000 pleas](#) to help children affected by war. The petition – part of the Learn To Live campaign, led by Evening Standard and War Child Charity – aims to persuade governments to do more to help children affected by war, who struggle to get a full-time education or receive the mental health support they need. Evening Standard published examples of what students wrote in their letters to the Prime Minister and three of our students were quoted in the article.

At the start of the campaign, our art teacher Andria Zafirakou, winner of the Global Teacher Prize 2018, worked together with Evening Standard on a collaborative art project that brought together schools from London, Jordan, Iraq and Central African Republic.

Andria and our teachers from the History department who were also involved in the project, Ms Cathcart and Mr Rebbit, were deeply moved by some of our students' stories: "Taking part in this project has really been inspirational. Many of my colleagues and I have been moved to tears



Photo: Examples of the letters students wrote to the Prime Minister

listening to the stories of some of our students expressing their journeys. It's been a privilege to acknowledge the reality of their past and gives us the motivation to ensure that we are sowing the seeds for a better future." (Andria Zafirakou)



"The secret of success is to be **READY** when your opportunity comes" Benjamin Disraeli (Former prime minister of Great Britain, 1804-1881)

Our four 'R's will ensure that you are **READY** to face our ever-changing and wonderful world; be **READY** to grab opportunities that will help you reach your life goals. Every single lesson that you attend will make a difference to your future. Use each opportunity well. We have over 75 extracurricular clubs - how many have you tried? Students have been invited to the theatre, to our local council to help run it for a day, we have been to CERN, we have been to Wales - just to name a few opportunities we have had in the last few weeks. And we have so many more things ahead of us. **Are you ready?**



Many thanks again to Mrs Zafirakou for inviting Lewis Hamilton to our school earlier this month and for creating such an amazing opportunity for our students. Lewis was a great inspiration to them and an excellent example of hard work and commitment.

Photo: Lewis Hamilton with Alpertons students and staff

## Talented Alpertons student wins the Best Boxer of the Night award in the London Mayor's Cup boxing competition



Photo: Desharn proudly holding his trophies

On Friday 16 November, Desharn, one of our year 10 students, participated in the prestigious annual London Mayor's Cup Boxing show and won not only his match, but also the Best Boxer of the Night award. The London Mayor's Cup is a top class boxing competition for amateurs, welcoming all talented boxers in London. This year's event took place at the Porchester Hotel in Central London.

Desharn is a very talented and hard-working student and we are really proud of his achievements. He's won 17 matches so far and he has a real passion for boxing:

"I have been boxing now for nearly 5 years, from the age of 10, and I enjoy boxing very much. I am an amateur boxer and this is now my twentieth match. I have won 17 matches altogether. Each time I box I become stronger – physically and mentally – gaining confidence to achieve my goals and reach my full potential. I love boxing - it is my passion. My dream is to become a World Champion one day." (Desharn)

## Adventurous geography trip to Devon

This week, our A level students went on a Geography trip to Devon. First day, they enjoyed a challenging walk along coastline from Ravens Cove to Torcross; the following day the field work continued with water filtration activities and an independent study on Thursday.

The trip was a great opportunity for the students to engage in new activities and learn



Photo: A Level Geography students in Devon

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| ALL      | <b>Friday 30 November - All Students</b><br>Academy Day, School closed.        |
| ALL      | <b>Monday 3 December - All Students</b><br>Staff Training Day, School closed.  |
| 12<br>13 | <b>Thursday 6 December - Year 12 and Year 13</b><br>Parents Evening            |
| ALL      | <b>Wednesday 12 December - All students</b><br>Performing Arts Winter Concert  |
| 11       | <b>Thursday 13 December - Year 11</b><br>Parents Evening                       |
| ALL      | <b>Thursday 20 December - All students</b><br>House Competitions               |
| ALL      | <b>Friday 21 December - All students</b><br>Celebration Assemblies             |
| ALL      | <b>Monday 24 December - Friday 4 January</b><br>All students - Christmas Break |
| ALL      | <b>Tuesday 8 January - All students</b><br>First Day of Spring Term - 8.30am   |
| 8        | <b>Thursday 10 January - Year 8</b><br>Parents Evening                         |
| 8        | <b>Thursday 17 January - Year 8</b><br>Parents Evening 2                       |
| 10       | <b>Thursday 31 January - Year 10</b><br>Parents Evening                        |
| 10       | <b>February 7 January - Year 10</b><br>Targeted Parents Evening                |

## Student Report about our Poppy Display on Remembrance Day

One of our talented Year 7 students, Tisha, wrote an impressive article about the Poppy Display our school created on Remembrance Day. The article describes her personal experience of the event and provides some interesting information about World War One. Please [click here](#) to read her insightful article published on the BBC Young Reporter website.



Photo: Poppy Display in the ER Canteen Hall