

ACS PARENTS NEWS

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Photo: Mr Gerard McKenna BSc(Hons) NPQH

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

At this time of year I occasionally meet with parents who ask me whether they are able to take their children out of school for a visit to another country. The guidance on these requests is very clear – parents are only allowed to take their children out of school in **EXCEPTIONAL** circumstances.

There must be an extremely important and pressing reason for a child to lose out on learning time.

For this reason, requests are rarely approved. Any request of this type must be made to me in person during Parents Surgery, which takes place every Friday afternoon from 4:00pm to 5:00pm at Stanley Avenue.

Alperton students achieve excellent results in the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge

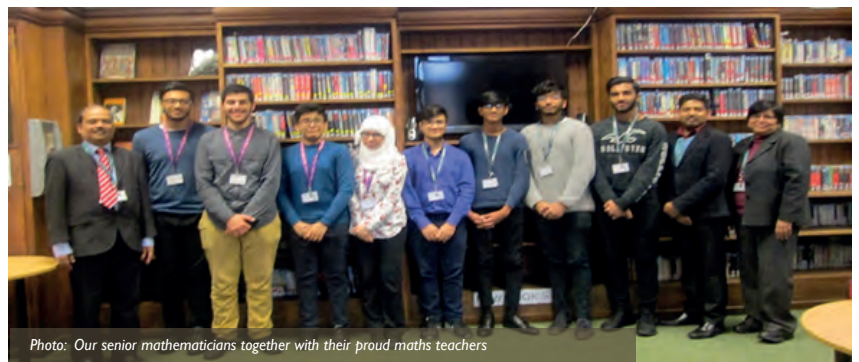


Photo: Our senior mathematicians together with their proud maths teachers

Earlier this month, our year 12 and 13 students participated in the prestigious UKMT Senior Maths Challenge and they achieved some outstanding results. Our senior mathematicians achieved 1 Gold, 3 Silver and 7 Bronze medals.

Below you can see a typical question that students would be given to solve in the UKMT Maths Challenge, which demonstrates how difficult the competition actually is.

15. A square is inscribed in a circle of radius 1. An isosceles triangle is inscribed in the square as shown.

What is the ratio of the area of this triangle to the area of the shaded region?

A $\pi : \sqrt{2}$ B $\pi : 1$ C $1 : 4$ D $1 : \pi - 2$ E $2 : \pi$



We are particularly delighted with the success of one student, Mital from Y13, who was invited to participate in the follow-on rounds of this prestigious competition - the first round of the British Mathematical Olympiad and the Senior Kangaroo respectively.

Many congratulations to all our boys and girls for their excellent results and a big thank you to our Maths Department for preparing the students.

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RESPECTFUL

“Respect should be the first thing that you give.”(Anonymous)

Respect for yourself means that you conduct yourself with good manners at all times. The way that you present yourself, your uniform, the quality of your work - all contribute to the way you respect yourself. You owe it to yourself to do your best. Set high standards for yourself and do your best to achieve them.

Respect for others means that you are kind and understanding. You can disagree and still remain friends. Understand that others have different experiences and therefore different viewpoints. That is perfectly okay. What a wonderfully rich experience you will have if you continue to debate and learn from others who are different.

Alperton students win basketball match against Preston Manor



On Thursday 22 November, Alperton hosted an amazing basketball match between our A level students and Preston Manor in our new Sports Hall at Ealing Road. We ended the match with an awesome victory of 49-25. Our students showed their excellent skills and performed extremely well throughout the match.



Many thanks to our students and staff for their participation and particularly to Mr McKenna and Mr Rayleigh who came to encourage our students and support the match.

Alperton 6th form students take part in the London's biggest tree planting event



Photo: Alperton students with volunteers from Brent Council and Veolia at One Tree Hill Park

This weekend, four Alperton students braved the Saturday afternoon rain to get involved in the London's biggest event of mass tree-planting, sponsored by the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan. The scheme had a workforce of 15,000 volunteers who worked towards planting a combined 80,000 trees across the capital to help London become the world's first 'national park city'.

On Saturday, our students - Jonathan Castelino, Elroy Dias, Pragmesh Hasmukh and Yash Samgi - and other volunteers from Brent Council and Veolia planted fifty trees (English Oak, Silver Birch, Beech, Hornbeam and Alder) at One Tree Hill Park.

Alperton Community School is grateful to Wembley Central and Alperton Residents' Association for organising the event and for dedicating trees to the school. Also many thanks to Brent Council and Veolia for all their support with this amazing project.

Alperton donates sewing supplies to St Clements school in Sierra Leone

Many thanks to all those who donated sewing supplies to St Clements school in Sierra Leone. Our school has been supporting this charity for the past three years and have donated over 1000 books and other supplies.

Many thanks to Ms Edwards for all her hard work in organising this.



December edition of our Library Newsletter

We have just published the December edition of our Library Newsletter, packed with interesting information about books and library events. Please click on the image below to read this month's edition.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

12	Thursday 6 December - Year 12 and Year 13 Parents Evening
13	Wednesday 12 December - All students Performing Arts Winter Concert
11	Thursday 13 December - Year 11 Parents Evening
20	Thursday 20 December - All students House Competitions
21	Friday 21 December - All students Celebration Assemblies
24 - 4	Monday 24 December - Friday 4 January All students - Christmas Break
8	Tuesday 8 January - All students First Day of Spring Term - 8.30am
10	Thursday 10 January - Year 8 Parents Evening
17	Thursday 17 January - Year 8 Parents Evening 2
31	Thursday 31 January - Year 10 Parents Evening
7	February 7 January - Year 10 Targeted Parents Evening