

ACS PARENTS NEWS

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Photo: Mr Gerard McKenna BSc(Hons) NPQH

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to Aninha Rebelo 8Q and Nikhil Meghji 9V who collected the Transport for London STARS Silver Award during a special ceremony at the Kia Oval on Thursday 29 November. The aim of the STARS scheme is to inspire young people to make active and safe journeys around London. Thank you to Ms Edwards for supporting our students during this programme.

Thank you to all the sixth form parents who attended Thursday's Sixth Form Parents Evening. We had an excellent turnout with 87% of Year 12 and 80% of Year 13 parents attending. A reminder that the Year 11 Parents Evening will take place on Thursday 13 December.

We also have a number of parent events in the Spring Term. Due to the increased number of students in Years 7 and 8, we have decided to split the parents evenings by half-year groups. This means there will be one event for Year 8-LNPQR groups on Thursday 10 January and a second event for Year 8-STVWX groups on Thursday 17 January.

Alperton organises Peter Pan production to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital



Photo: Alperton Drama students performing in the Peter Pan production

This week, our Drama Department showcased an amazing rendition of J.M Barrie's Peter Pan in order to raise money for the charity Great Ormond Street Hospital. Our students worked tremendously hard for this production and we were very proud to see so many excellent performances.

Our Headteacher Gerard McKenna was also very impressed with the production: "I would like to thank Ms Stifani and Ms Blackey for developing the quality of acting at Alperton Community School – it has moved on immeasurably over the last few years. I was also very impressed by the staging, the costumes and the technical support. All these elements married perfectly to make a thoroughly enjoyable evening! Well done to everyone involved."

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RESPONSIBLE

Accept responsibility for your actions, be accountable for your results, take ownership of your mistakes (Anonymous)

You are responsible for your learning at school; **you are responsible** for your learning at home. These are responsibilities that you must take seriously. In fact, thus far, for most of you, this is your most important responsibility. You are developing into an adult. The work to become a therapist, lawyer, doctor, pharmacist, artist, actor, businessman/woman, salesman, Youtuber, or whatever you choose to be, starts now. It started on that first day in September when you were a year 7 student. Don't leave it until it's too late. Be ready to take responsibility for your learning. The rewards will be great.

Senior Parliamentary Researcher Blerina Hashani visits our Year 12 Politics students



Photo: Our Year 12 students with Senior Parliamentary Researcher Blerina Hashani

On Friday 7 December, Senior Parliamentary Researcher Blerina Hashani visited Alperton Community School to speak with our Year 12 Politics students about Brexit, life in Parliament and our students' aspirations and goals. This was a great opportunity for the them to ask questions about the current political climate, which was particularly useful for their A level course.

Twenty Alperton students take part in the Coach Bright Coaching programme



Twenty of our Year 10 students have been selected to take part in the transformational Coach Bright Coaching Programme to raise progress and attainment in the core subjects. The programme commenced on Wednesday 17 October and consists of a launch visit to Kings College and seven one hour coaching sessions every Wednesday after school. Twenty university students are conducting one-to-one coaching sessions with 20 of our Year 10 students to improve their skills in English, Maths or Science.

At the end of the workshops, there will be a Graduation visit to St Mary's University to celebrate the completion of the programme. Most students are either Most Able or Disadvantaged or both. The onus is on our students to use the skills and expertise of university students to understand key concepts that they struggle with. The feedback from our students and the university students has been very positive. Looking forward to the graduation!

Read about **Lewis Hamilton's** visit to Alperton Community School in this month's **Brent Magazine (p.13)**

Lewis Hamilton makes pitstop at Alperton School



Five-time F1 world champion Lewis Hamilton visited Alperton Community School in November. He was invited to the school by Mrs Andria Zafirakou who won Varkey Foundation Global Teacher Prize, 2018. The lucky students were thrilled to meet Lewis and had the chance to ask him questions and play basketball with him. Lewis posted a video on social media and said: "Still buzzing from the love and energy from the kids at Alperton Community School. Keep working hard guys and stay focused on your goals. The struggle you are facing individually will make you stronger - promise you... 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."

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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
8	Thursday 17 January - Year 8 Parents Evening 2
10	Thursday 31 January - Year 10 Parents Evening
10	Thursday 7 February - Year 10 Targeted Parents Evening
8	Thursday 14 February - Year 8 Year 8 Options Evening
ALL	18 February - 22 February All students - Half Term



Alperton Sports News magazine

Don't forget to check our weekly sports magazine filled with exciting news and events about our sports activities. Please click on the left-hand side image to read this week's edition.