

ACS PARENTS NEWS

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Photo: Mr Gerard McKenna BSc(Hons) NPQH

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am very pleased to announce that we have appointed our new Sixth Form Leadership Team. Our new Head Girl is Rita Bhandari with Amina Mokrani and Jubaydah Uddin as Deputies. Our new Head Boy is Muhammed Al-Diraa with Daniel Boadi and Dharmik Chandrakant as Deputies. We have also appointed Amal Farah and Komaxi Quessou as Assistants.

All of the students performed extremely well throughout the extensive and rigorous selection process - it proved extremely difficult for the interview panel to come to a final decision. Congratulations and well done to the new team.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the Year 8 STVWX Parents Evening on Thursday. The overall parent attendance across both events for Year 8 was around 90%. Thank you to all the parents who gave up their time to attend.

Please contact Mrs Green (s.green@alperton.brent.sch.uk) if you were unable to attend.

Year 7 and Year 10 students take part in engaging Literacy Drop Down workshops



Last week our Year 7 and Year 10 students enjoyed two excellent Literacy Drop Down days. The students participated in a series of workshops delivered by Values and Visions, an educational organisation working with young people to help them develop their inner strength and confidence.

The workshops were a great opportunity for our students to improve their literacy and public speaking skills. To put in practice what they have learned, the students were encouraged to deliver a speech at the end of the day in front of their fellow colleagues. All of the speakers did incredibly well and two of our Year 10 students were selected to go forward to the regional competition of the Jack Petchey's Speak Out Challenge. Congratulations to all the participants and many thanks to the organisers for putting together such an amazing day.

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The Baobab tree can grow to 100 feet tall (31 metres) which is three and a half red London buses in length. Its swollen trunk can store as much as 150,000 litres of water to endure harsh drought conditions. That is the same as all of the water in an Olympic sized swimming pool! The Baobab tree stores water inside its trunk, so that it can survive when there is no rain to drink and no water for its thirsty roots.

Part of being **Responsible** is to ensure that we plan ahead. Your teachers are experts in guiding you and ensuring that you have sufficient educational nourishment to achieve your goals. When do you demonstrate that you are responsible?



Safer Internet Day 2019 | Tuesday 5 February

Together for a better internet

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. [Please click here to access a range of resources for parents and carers.](#)

Our Year 8 students learn new skills with the National Youth Circus

On Friday our Year 8 students enjoyed a series of exciting workshops with the National Youth Circus. The workshops were organised by Mousetrap Theatre Projects and were both fun and engaging, getting the students to work together in groups and try out their abilities at juggling, tightrope walking and other exciting activities.

After the workshops they went on a trip to Royal Albert Hall to watch 'Totem' by Cirque du Soleil - a great opportunity for the students to watch live the perfect execution of the skills they have learned in the workshops.



ACS has recently joined the Eco Schools programme, a large educational programme involving over 50 000 schools from 67 countries. The programme, led by an Eco committee formed of staff, students and governors, aims to raise awareness of environmental issues and to encourage students and the community to adopt an eco-friendly attitude on a daily basis. Updates about our goals and activities will be published regularly on our website.

Safeguarding Newsletter

Click on the image below to see the latest edition of our Safeguarding newsletter



Words of the Week

Recently our students were introduced to an Academic Word List to further develop their vocabulary and literacy skills. The list contains words that are needed by students to access and understand academic texts over a wide range of subjects. To aid their learning we created a poster introducing five new words each week. To see this week's entry, please click on the right-hand side image.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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
9	Thursday 07 March - Year 9 Year 9 Options Evening
11	Wednesday 3 April - Year 11 Year 11 Targeted Parents Evening
ALL	08 April - 22 April All students - Easter Holiday