

# ACS PARENTS NEWS

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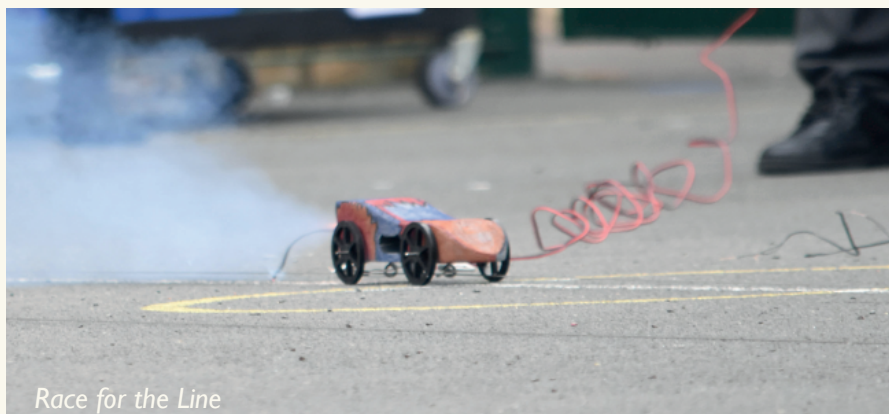
## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to our Year 11 and Year 13 students who worked very hard on revision during the Easter break. We had a very full programme of activities throughout the two week break with excellent attendance from our students who are about to embark on their examinations this summer.

Please note that the written GCSE examinations will begin on Monday 13 May, but the vast majority of the year group will be in lessons (or examinations) until the Whitsun half term. Study leave ahead of half term is only granted in exceptional circumstances. Year 13 students will also be in normal lessons until half term. As we begin the summer term we also expect that Year 12 students will very shortly begin their A2 units of work.

We anticipate that the removal of AS examinations from the Year 12 timeline will mean that students should have moved well beyond the AS curriculum by the end of this academic year.



Race for the Line

## Year 7 students take part in the exciting Race for the Line challenge

On Tuesday 2 April, our year 7 students were finally able to see their foam rocket cars in action during the Race for the Line competition. The challenge was part of a project run across the country to increase young people's interest in STEM subjects, by getting them to work in teams to design, build and race their foam rocket cars. The race track was built in our MUGA where students and staff gathered to watch the exciting race. We were pleased that all the cars met the safety instructions and arrived at the finishing line intact. Many thanks to all staff involved in delivering the workshops and organising the racing event.



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## RESPONSIBLE

Dropping one crisp packet cannot make a big difference – can it? But if everyone dropped litter, our sites would quickly become a mess of paper and plastic wrappers.

We often have the choice about whether or not to do the right thing. When we are responsible, we think about the consequences of our actions for ourselves and other people, and we exercise the self-control to act in the interests of our community.

Every person at Alperton is **responsible** for their actions. We ask ourselves, “**What would happen if everyone did this?**” and use the answer to help us to do the right thing.

## Sustainable fashion workshops with artist and stylist Cinta Miller

On Friday 26 April, our year 10 textiles students participated in a series of workshops with the artist and stylist Cinta Miller, as part of the Artists in Residence programme. The workshops encouraged sustainable fashion, hence the students were taught how to create garments from recycled materials. Some of the students will be attending London Fashion Week next year so this project was a great source of inspiration for them.



## Exeter University students visit Alperton

At the beginning of April, five students from Exeter University visited our school. They attended a number of classes - maths, science, RS, physics, MFL and English - and shadowed different teachers from various departments to gain secondary school experience. They had a very positive experience with our staff and students for the 3 days they were with us and said they were inspired by our classroom pedagogy and the behaviour ethos of our school. At the end of their visit the students left a thank you card for us with the most wonderful comments about our school: *"Thank you so much for being so kind and welcoming during my time at your school. I had a really positive and valuable experience observing and participating in lessons over the three days. Alperton felt like a really special place and I feel lucky to have spent my time with you"* (Claudia Kelly, University of Exeter)

## Alperton student undergoing work experience at the House of Parliament

Last week, our year 12 student, Antonia, spent two days at the House of Parliament undergoing work experience. Some of the things she did were: attending Parliamentary Questions, going through the Order Paper, drafting questions to ask at PQ and helped updating an MP's social media account. Many thanks to Blerina Hashani who supported Antonia throughout the process.



## Alperton Community School Food Bank Service

Alperton Community School are pleased to be starting a 'Food Bank' service. If your child receives free school meals and you are struggling to provide food at home, a free box of food might benefit you. If you would like more information about this service and how to receive help from our Food Bank, please email [j.powell@alperton.brent.sch.uk](mailto:j.powell@alperton.brent.sch.uk) for more information and we can confidentially help you out. We understand this is a sensitive matter and we will ensure every effort is made to provide this service discreetly and of course without judgement.

## Words of the Week



**WORDS OF THE WEEK**  
ACADEMIC WORD LIST

WEEK BEGINNING

29 April 2019

feature

final

focus

impact

injury

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## Dates for your Diary

7	<b>Thursday 2 May - Year 7KLN PQ R</b> Year 7KLN PQ R Parents Evening
7	<b>Thursday 9 May - Year 7STV WXY</b> Year 7STV WXY Parents Evening
8 9 10	<b>Thursday 16 May - Year 8,9,10</b> Year 8,9,10 Steps to Success Evening
9	<b>Wednesday 22 May - Year 9</b> Y9 NPQR Literacy Drop Down
9	<b>Thursday 23 May - Year 9</b> Y9 STVX Literacy Drop Down
ALL	<b>27 May - 31 May</b> All students - Half Term