

ACS PARENTS NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week was a phenomenally busy week! On Friday we joined forces with students from our local primary schools to support the 'Big Pack' charity event. Students and staff packed 5000 boxes full of school equipment that will be sent to deprived children in Malawi, Africa. On Tuesday we had a brilliant Sports Day. I heard the phrase "best Sports Day ever" a number of times from teachers and students alike. The A Level Biology students had a very successful three day fieldtrip to Sussex and over four days we welcomed Year 5 students from Oakington Manor, Lyon Park, Barham and Vicar's Green. As well as this we even managed to squeeze in an Induction Day for our new Year 6 students on Tuesday.

On Monday 15 July we will welcome all our parents to our end of year Academic Review Day. Every parent will be provided with a 15-minute meeting to discuss your child's end of year examination results as well as their behaviour and attitude to learning over the course of the year. We are piloting a new online booking system for our Year 7 meetings. Parents in Year 8, 9, 10 and 12 will receive appointment letters on Tuesday.



Excellent Year 5 Taster Days at Alperton Community School

Last week Year 5 pupils from our main feeder primary schools were treated to a variety of activities and lessons as part of our Year 5 Taster Days. All the sessions delivered by Alperton staff were very well received by our year 5 pupils coming from the following primary schools: Oakington Manor, Lyon Park, Barham Primary and Vicar's Green. We were particularly proud of how well our staff collaborated in order to accommodate the needs of the excited year 5 pupils.

Our students who welcomed the year 5s were a real credit to the school. All the primary staff were impressed and many pupils commented that they would go home and tell their parents that they wish to make Alperton their first choice of secondary school. The highlights of this week was witnessing the smiling faces of every child who left us at the end of their exclusive day. If your child contributed in any way to this week, please congratulate them for being a shining example for the younger pupils and for making us very proud.

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RESILIENT

RESILIENT - Adapting well in the face of adversity or significant sources of stress, such as exams.

Resilience helps us to maintain balance in our lives and improves our mental wellbeing. Try some of these strategies to build your resilience:

- Treat problems as a learning process and use challenges as opportunities to master skills and build achievement.
- Avoid making a drama out of a crisis. Stress and change are part of life. How we interpret and respond to events has a big impact on how stressful we find them.
- Take positive action. Doing something in the face of adversity brings a sense of control, even if it doesn't remove the difficulty.
- Developing confidence in your ability to solve problems and trusting your instincts helps to build resilience.

'You never really fail until you stop trying'
Albert Einstein

Sports Day 2019

Sports Day was a fantastic success this year. Many thanks to everyone involved in organising the event. Students and staff had an amazing time participating in a great deal of activities. Great sportsmanship and great fun!



Authors Annabel Pitcher and Ashley Hickson-Lovence visit Alperton



Alperton was lucky enough to have two authors visiting last week! Poet and author Ashley Hickson-Lovence spoke to Year 12 English students about his journey from Hackney council estate to published author of the novel 'The 392'. Students got an insight into the publishing process as Ashley took them through the importance of finding the right agent and publisher, as well as fellow authors to

support your work. Now completing his PhD in Creative Writing at the University of East Anglia, he gave students a glimpse of the early stages of his second novel, which focuses on the life of football referee Uriah Rennie. Ashley followed this with a creative writing workshop for 30 lucky Year 7 and 8 students. He performed some of his own spoken-word poetry, and after analysing imagery in a variety of poems, students put pen to paper to write about their home. Those brave enough to present their work shared some stunning, evocative poems.



Later in the week, author Annabel Pitcher spoke to Year 8 students about her book 'My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece', which they have been reading in form time this year. In a fascinating presentation, Annabel explained how 9/11 and the fallibility of childhood memories had inspired her to write the novel. She answered questions from students about the writing process and the importance of

tackling difficult topics such as racism and grief. After her talk, Annabel ran a dynamic creative writing workshop for selected students in which they were challenged to write a horror story with a twist. After acting out a terrifying walk past a bike outside an abandoned house – with sound effects! - students produced some truly chilling openings to their stories.

Students pack 5,000 school starter packs to be shipped to Malawi

On Friday 5 July Alperton Community School took part in the Love to Learn charity event organised by WildHearts. Alperton students, staff and pupils from our local primary schools packed 5,000 school starter packs full with educational resources that will be shipped to Malawi. The educational resources will be used to help children in Malawi get off to the best possible start in their education.



Words of the Week



WEEK BEGINNING

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Dates for your Diary

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Tuesday 9 July - All students
Sports Awards Evening

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Thursday 11 July - All students
Performing Arts Evening

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Wednesday 17 July - Year 10
Careers Day

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Thursday 18 July - Year 7
Sponsored walk

ALL

Thursday 19 July - All students
End of Term

Library Newsletters

Click on the images below to see this month's editions of our ER and SA Library Newsletters, packed with interesting information about books and library events.

SA Library Newsletter

ER Library Newsletter

