



Dates for your Diary

ALL	23 December - 03 January All students - Christmas Holiday
ALL	Monday 6 January - All students First Day of Spring Term (08.30am start)
ALL	Thursday 9 January - All students ELD 3 - Literacy
8	Thursday 16 January - Year 8 Year 8 Parents Evening 1
8	Thursday 23 January - Year 8 Year 8 Parents Evening 2

Thank you all very much for your commitment to the school and our students. On behalf of the Governors at Alperton Community School I wish you a peaceful and restful Christmas and New Year.



Photo: Mr Gerard McKenna BSc(Hons) NPQH

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Thursday our students took part in an exciting array of events during our Extended Learning Day. Alperton students visited the National History Museum, the Science Museum, the National Maritime Museum, the RAF Museum, the Royal Holloway University, Tate Modern, Canary Wharf Cross Rail, the Royal Academy of Art, the National Gallery, the National Portrait Gallery, the Victoria and Albert Museum as well as participating in walking tours around the famous sights of Central London. Students in school participated in an amazing display of flamenco dancing and preparing a traditional Christmas Day meal, while our Year 13 were preparing for university interviews. Many thanks to all our staff for co-ordinating this incredible feat.

Congratulations to Ms Edwards who worked with many of our students to achieve the Gold Award in the TfL STARS (Sustainable Travel: Active, Responsible and Safe) Accreditation Scheme. The scheme aims to decrease the number of vehicle journeys on London's roads and increase the amount of time young people spend exercising. Well done to you all!

We have just received the results from the inter-schools KS3 maths competitions. In the Year 7 Mangahigh Competition, ACS secured third place with 15 students achieving gold medals, while in the Year 9 TT Rockstars Competition, ACS was second out of the participating local schools. Our three most valuable players were Dhaval Jivan, Chirag Meghji and Dhruvik Solanki.

Please make sure you check your child's homework over the Christmas break. In total, students will have 16 days out of school – plenty of time to relax and enjoy Christmas as well as plenty of time to stretch their minds on some challenging extension activities.

As you are aware, there are many excellent (and free) museums, galleries and events students can enjoy over the festive season, both in Brent and in central London. I always think the best Christmas present a parent can buy for their child is a reading book.

Alperton has been awarded the Gold Award within the TfL STARS Accreditation Scheme



We are proud to announce that Alperton has been awarded the Gold Award within the TfL STARS Accreditation Scheme and we are now in the top 10% of London schools, having

demonstrated our commitment to increase safer and more sustainable travel amongst our school community. Our Travel Ambassadors have been working with Mrs Lucas to develop their plan to reduce car travel amongst students. We have also worked with Mrs Springer from Brent to ensure that our evidence is entered at the correct level, demonstrating the variety of travel activities our students get involved in. We must continue working on adding evidence under the categories of travel, supporting eco travel and consultation with parents and governors to maintain this level of award.

Alperton takes part in the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day



On Friday 13 December, our school took part in the "Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day" to help raise money for children in need. On the day, our staff wore their most wonderful woolies and donated £2 to the Save the Children Charity.

Coach Bright graduation at Kings College London



Many thanks to Coach Bright UK for organising such a wonderful graduation event at Kings College London for our Year 11 and 13 pupils. The students have really benefited from the high level of academic support and coaching received. We look forward to running another Year 10 programme in the Spring term.

University Professor visits Alperton

Last week, Dr Andreas Andreopoulos, Reader in Orthodox Christianity at University of Winchester, delivered a lecture to our Philosophy and Ethics A-Level students. Dr Andreopoulos spoke to the students about the Bible, its history and how it was written, and about the human understanding behind this source of wisdom. He also explained notions regarding afterlife, the sacraments of the church and miracles. Students were able to ask questions and discuss theological, ethical and philosophical concepts. During the assembly, students had the opportunity to learn about university life. This was a great event, inspiring students to progress in Philosophy and Ethics, and a great first experience with a university style lesson.

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