

ACS PARENTS NEWS

Monday 6 January - Friday 10 January, Issue #15

Dates for your Diary

8	Thursday 16 January - Year 8 Year 8 Parents Evening 1
8	Thursday 23 January - Year 8 Year 8 Parents Evening 2
10	Thursday 06 February - Year 10 Year 10 Parents Evening
11 12 13	Wednesday 12 February - Year 10, 11 & 12 More Able Parents Evening
9	Thursday 13 February - Year 9 Year 9 Parents Evening
ALL	Friday 14 February - All End of Half Term
ALL	Monday 24 February - All Start of Half Term (08.30am start)

Words of the Week



WEEK BEGINNING

13 January 2020

parallel

parameter

phase

predict

principal



Photo: Mr Gerard McKenna BSc(Hons) NPQH

Message from the Headteacher

Happy New Year and welcome back to a short, but event-packed Spring Term. In total, twelve parent events will take place this term. The events include Year 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 Parents' Evenings, Year 9 Options, Year 8 Options and two events for the parents of our more able students. Please be aware that some parent events are specific to particular form groups e.g. Parents Evening for 8K, L, N, P, Q and R takes place on Thursday 16 January, whereas the Parents Evening for 8S, T, V, W, X and Y takes place on Thursday 23 January.

At this time of year, we also begin to think ahead to the summer examination series. For parents of Year 11, we have set a very important deadline for the submission of controlled assessments (coursework) which is Friday 14 February. We have also arranged for a renowned study skills company, Elevate Education, to deliver revision strategy workshops to our Year 11 students on Monday 20th January. Elevate Education will also deliver a parent-only session from 6:00p.m to 7:00p.m on the same day. The parent workshop will equip parents with strategies to support your child at this critical time in their education and will cover some of the most common issues for students studying at home, such as motivation and time management. There will also be an opportunity for you to ask questions. In order to attend this session, please reply to the letter sent last week by Mrs Rufo.

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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.

RESPONSIBLE

Year 9 and Year 10 students take part in engaging STEM assemblies



At the end of last term, our Year 9 and Year 10 students participated in STEM assemblies presented by Mr. Lazaroo, STEM coordinator and Physics teacher at Alpertown Community School, Mr. Ravindran, Engineer in the Railway Industry, and Mr. Ramanathan, researcher in Electrical and Electronic Engineering. The presenters spoke to the students about the fundamental role of

engineering and how it can provide solutions to real-life problems. They also discussed the key skills required to enter this field of activity and the exciting career pathways aspiring students could pursue. The two guest speakers also assisted Mr. Lazaroo with a number of Physics demonstrations in the classroom, providing students with further knowledge and understanding of the subject.

Alpertown students take part in the Green Plan It Competition Finals



A small group of ACS students in years 8 and 9 were selected to participate in the Green Plan It competition, hosted by the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS). The project brief was to research, plan and build a model of a garden that students would like to see in their school or local community. Over 10 weeks, students worked closely with a volunteer horticultural mentor

learning about the types of plants we can grow in the UK climate. On Tuesday 10th December, the students went to Capel Manor to present their final piece and did a fantastic job! Although they received no prizes, feedback from the assessors showed that the ACS team made it into the top three! The students were commended for their excellent research and presentation, and for their direct and honest answers!

Excellent ELD event celebrating Brent 2020, London Borough of Culture



Last week we had an excellent ELD event celebrating Brent 2020, London Borough of Culture, a year-long collaborative programme promoting culture across the capital. Students participated in a range of year-specific activities focusing on the four core questions of the programme: Where are we? Where we come from? How do we live? Where are we going?

Our year 7 students were asked to create a book of recipes, researching the origins and history of their favourite recipes. The year 8 created a performance piece celebrating a variety of cultural songs and poems, and the year 9 students engaged in a fantasy design brief for a local artist to transform an area in our school, reflecting our culture. Year 10 worked with Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge facilitators and were asked to present a speech about ways to improve the future of young people in Brent. Year 11 wrote and performed an original poem or a piece of creative writing about Ealing Road, whilst our year 12 students spent the day on workshops focusing on their UCAS application. Year 13 planned and created a podcast surrounding key issues affecting youth today, addressing topics such as politics and identity, love and dating, crime, culture and the environment. Many thanks to all staff involved in organising the event - the feedback received from students has been excellent!

Have you visited our new school website yet?

Among other features, the new website introduces a dedicated area for each year group, additional parent-friendly features, a new look and feel, and improved navigation structure. To check out these new features, click on the image below.



Parent Pay Account

Please remember to check your child's **Parent Pay account** every Friday to make sure it is topped up for the following week. To find out more information about this service, please click on the image below:



Working for Alpertown Community School

If you would like to join our school, please check the **Vacancies section** of our website to see the latest job opportunities and to find out more about the benefits of working for us.

