

# ACS PARENTS NEWS

Monday 3 February - Friday 14 February, Issue #19

## Dates for your Diary

ALL	<b>Friday 14 February - All</b> End of Half Term
ALL	<b>Monday 24 February - All</b> Start of Half Term (08.30am start)
7 8 9	<b>Wednesday 26 February - Year 7, 8 &amp; 9</b> Year 7, 8 & 9 More Able Parents' Evening
9	<b>Thursday 27 February - Year 9</b> Year 9 Parents' Evening - 9L, 9N, 9P, 9Q and 9R
9	<b>Thursday 12 March - Year 9</b> Year 9 Options Evening

## Library Newsletters

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

ER Library Newsletter



SA Library Newsletter



Photo: Mr Gerard McKenna BSc(Hons) NPQH

### Message from the Headteacher

I am sure that many parents will have noticed that the DfE School Performance Tables for 2019 have been updated and published. Once again, our results were "above average" for GCSEs with a P8 score of +0.28. Our academic A Level results were overall in line with national progress, while our Applied/Vocational results were "well above average" and almost one whole grade above expected (+0.9). At A Level we were in the top 3 schools for the highest percentage of students with the top grades of AAB or better. Well done to our students and thank you to all the teachers and support staff who contributed to these results. Please remember how important attendance is. Our student attendance for the most recent year (2018-2019) was 0.6% above national averages – this is well above national standards.

Thank you to all the parents who supported our Year 10 Parents Event last Thursday. The parent turnout was 95%. A special well done to 10T who achieved a 100% turnout – congratulations Mr Rivard and Ms Rajpara!!

Finally, our Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) for Year 11 begin in the week after half term. If you are a parent of a Year 11 student, please remind them of the importance of this week – they should revise for at least six hours every day. Also, for parents of students in other year groups, please make sure you check Show My Homework as all the students have plenty of home study for the half term break.

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## RESPONSIBLE

**Accept responsibility for your actions, be accountable for your results, take ownership of your mistakes (Anonymous)**

You are responsible for your learning at school; you are responsible for your learning at home. These are responsibilities that you must take seriously. In fact, thus far, for most of you, this is your most important responsibility. You are developing into an adult. The work to become a therapist, lawyer, doctor, pharmacist, artist, actor, businessman/woman, salesman, Youtuber, or whatever you choose to be, starts now. It started on that first day in September when you were a year 7 student. Don't leave it until it's too late. Be ready to take responsibility for your learning. The rewards will be great.

## ACS students: journalists of the future

Media Studies students from Alperton Community School visited The Guardian Foundation Education Centre on Thursday, 6th of February. This was a great opportunity for them to further their understanding of the newspaper industry and prepare them for their GCSEs. Students were paired and tasked with creating a broadsheet newspaper front page using Mac computers and Adobe InDesign. This involved teamwork, working towards tight deadlines and decision making. Our students did extremely well and were praised by the organisers. To find out more, please [click here](#) to read the article on our BBC Young Reporter blog.



## Year 7 students to take part in Alesha Dixon's Star Switch Competition

To celebrate the launch of Alesha Dixon's new book, Star Switch, our Year 7 students will take part in a creative writing competition organised by Scholastic Publishing. The lucky winner will be given the chance to meet Alesha at her recording studio in London. The winner will be given VIP treatment with a private car and other Star Switch goodies, including a copy of her new book, signed by Alesha herself! To win the competition the students will have to write a story about the star they wish to swap lives with and explain why. Alesha will be reading all stories and will be choosing a winner to accompany her on the World Book Day, on Thursday 5 March. Good luck everyone!



## YEAR 11 PARENTS INFORMATION

This term Year 11 students have been extremely busy completing course content, working on their areas of improvement from PPE1 and taking part in excellent study skills workshops on making revision timetables, note taking and memory. Over 75 free tuition sessions have run weekly with excellent attendance whilst our lunchtime study room and library provision to 5.00PM every day continue to provide a great opportunity for quiet study. After half term students will take their second set of Pre Public Exams (PPE2) from Monday 24 February to Friday 6 March. To help support your child at this critical time please take a look at the following information and advice from our PiXL partners on building resilience and handling the pressure of external exams. These documents and other valuable information such as the Free Tuition Timetable, the PPE2 Timetable and Top Tips for Success documents can all be found in the parent information folder in the **Year 11 VIP Zone**.

PiXL Building Resilience

PiXL Handling Exam Pressure

## Words of the Week



WORDS OF THE WEEK  
ACADEMIC WORD LIST

WEEK BEGINNING  
10 February 2020

- academic
- adjust
- alter
- amend
- aware

## Working for Alperton 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.



## 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:

