

# ACS NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 1 September - Friday 18 September, Issue #1

## COVID-19 COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Please click on the links below for  
COMMUNITY and EMERGENCY support  
information available in your area.

**BRENT COUNCIL**

**EALING COUNCIL**

**HARROW COUNCIL**



Photo: Mr Gerard McKenna BSc(Hons) NPQH

### Message from the Headteacher

Thank you for your tremendous ongoing support as our students returned to school over the last two weeks. I am pleased to say that attendance has been excellent across all seven year groups with percentages well above national averages.

I would also like to congratulate your children on their positive attitude and resilience. The students have responded extremely well to the new COVID-secure procedures. I hope you were able to read the letters sent out over the summer which summarised the ways in which we have changed our school procedures to help keep your children safe. Both letters are available to read [here](#) as well as our recent guidance on the use of face coverings in busy areas of the school such as corridors. We now encourage students to wear a face covering when moving around the building.

Now that we have established the safe return of staff and children we have two key priorities. First, we need to determine whether any children have developed gaps in their knowledge during lockdown. Once identified, we will initiate a programme of catch-up intervention to address these gaps. Secondly, we need to prepare for the possibility of further lockdowns or quarantines. If you have not done so already, I strongly recommend that all households purchase a laptop or tablet, ideally one for each child, in case we do need to revert to online learning.

There are a number of very useful resources online to help parents support their children at home. Parent and carers may find the Elevate programme helpful. You can watch a free webinar on setting students up for the coming academic year and independent learning skills on Tuesday 22nd September from 6:00 – 7:00pm by registering [here](#).

Please make sure you keep checking our website and MyED app for the most up to date news and information. I would strongly recommend that you also keep a copy of the guidance below which sets out what you and your family should do in the event of a child or member of your household exhibiting symptoms of coronavirus. Once again, thank you for your continued support in these very challenging times.

## Dates for your Diary

ALL	<b>Wednesday, 23 September 2020</b> Open Evening
ALL	<b>Monday, 28 September 2020</b> Remote Parents Information Evening
13	<b>Thursday, 15 October 2020</b> UCAS Early Bird Deadline
ALL	<b>Monday 26 October - Friday 30 October</b> All students - Half Term
ALL	<b>Friday 27 November</b> Academy Day. School closed.



# VIRTUAL Open Evening

Wednesday, 23 September, 5pm

Check our WEBSITE for DETAILS

[www.alperton.brent.sch.uk](http://www.alperton.brent.sch.uk)



## Excellent GCSE and A Level Results 2020

Congratulations to all our students on an excellent set of GCSE and A Level results. In spite of the coronavirus pandemic and examination chaos, our students have demonstrated incredible resilience and determination to succeed and achieve the results they deserve.

At GCSE, the results for the most able students were exceptional with just under 25% of students achieving the top grades (9-7) in English and maths. There were over 100 grades at 9-7 in the sciences – biology, chemistry and physics. In total, ACS students achieved 422 grades at 9-7.

With 93 GCSE Grade 9 results, the progress students have made from their primary school is excellent. In the last few years, the school has achieved a considerable increase in the percentage of students achieving grade 4 and above equivalent in English and maths. This year, over 80% students made better than expected progress in English and maths.

We are also pleased to say that the vast majority of our A Level and Level 3 students have been able to progress to their chosen destinations. This is a reflection of all their hard work over the last two years of their courses.

Our students have been accepted onto courses at Oxbridge, Russell Group and other leading universities. They are now leaving Alperton Community School to read a wide range of subjects including medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, economics, finance, law, computing, psychology and media. Headteacher Gerard McKenna said "our students are amazing! Our community has a wonderful belief and spirit which means that we all work together and support each other to achieve the very best we can."

Please remember it is still important to wash your hands, cover your face and make space to help reduce the spread of coronavirus.



We must  
keep on protecting  
each other.



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FACE



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## Looking after your mental health

Every Mind Matters has just released new, practical tips and advice to help look after the mental wellbeing of children and young people. Visit Every Mind Matters to learn more.

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## Our new catering company

We are excited to let you know that we have a new catering company called Innovate. They have a wonderful selection of hot and cold meals offered on a three week rotation. Please click on the image below to find out more.

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Being **READY** to learn means being organised for the learning. One simple way to do this is to pack your school bag the night before, checking your timetable to make sure that everything is in there for your lessons the following day.

But the most important part of being ready to learn is that students arrive to lessons with a positive attitude, are actively taking part, asking lots of questions and trying their best at all times.

READY

## ACS Book Reviews

Check out this brilliant collection of book reviews posted online by our students during lockdown as part of their summer reading challenge:



**DANNY**  
David Almond  
A story of a boy who is taken to a new school and has to learn to live with his new friends and teachers.



Rowling