

ACS NEWSLETTER

Monday 21 September - Friday 09 October, Issue #2

COVID-19 COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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Photo: Mr Gerard McKenna BSc(Hons) NPQH

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your tremendous support since the start of term. We have had a very positive start to the year as our students have eased back into our normal routines and procedures. I would like to congratulate your children on their positive attitude and resilience since returning in September. Attendance continues to improve across all seven year groups with our overall school attendance well above national average. A reminder that you should not send your child to school if they are displaying any of the three coronavirus symptoms.

I am sure you are aware that the Government is planning to introduce a three tier lockdown system due to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases across the country. In order to make our school as COVID-safe as possible, we have decided to follow World Health Organisation guidance so that both staff and students are now expected to wear face coverings when moving around the building. Children will not be expected to wear a face covering in lessons or outside the building. Please make sure your child brings a face covering to school every day. For more information about making, and safely using a face covering, please [click here](#).

From Monday 12th October, students in Years 7 to 11 will be allowed to wear sports kit to school on the days they have a sport and health lesson. This is because we currently use our two very large activity studios at Ealing Road as changing rooms; however, as the days get colder and wetter we will need to make use of these indoor spaces for sports activities. Please check which day your child has a sport and health lesson to make sure they are not wearing sports kit on the "wrong day."

Finally, our new catering company, Innovate, have updated their school meal menu. You can view the daily menu and costs on the [school website](#).

Please make sure you continue to check our website and MyED app for the most up to date news and information. Once again, thank you for your continued support in these very challenging times.

Dates for your Diary

13	Thursday, 15 October 2020 UCAS Early Bird Deadline
ALL	Monday, 26 October - Friday, 30 October All students - Half Term
ALL	Friday, 27 November Academy Day. School closed.
ALL	Monday, 30 November Staff Training Day. No students in school
ALL	Monday, 21 December - Friday, 01 January School Holidays

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



This month we are celebrating **Black History Month**. Students will be involved in a number of activities and classroom projects and learn about **influential personalities**. A number of **events taking place across London** can be found [here](#).

The new NHS Test & Trace app

The new NHS COVID-19 app is a vital part of the NHS Test and Trace service and is now available to download for **FREE** in England and Wales. The app is the fastest way to see if you're at risk from coronavirus and has a number of tools to protect you. Brent Council has also put together explainer videos in some of the most commonly spoken languages in Brent: **English, Somali, Arabic, Gujarati**. For more information about the app, please visit our [website](#).



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARENT GOVERNOR?

Please click on the flyer to the right to find out more information. Apply by Friday 23 October.



Alperton Community Schools takes part in the World Education Week 2020

We are proud to announce our school was one of the 100 schools selected to take part in the World Education Week which took place last week. Each school hosted a one hour online event focusing on a key educational topic. Our school featured on Thursday 8 October and showcased how to achieve excellence in a multicultural community through an inclusive curriculum and school culture. World Education Week is the world's biggest education conference

and its aim is to support an inclusive and equitable quality education and lifelong learning for all. The featured topics covered a wide range of educational themes, such as enhancing employability and life-skills; deepening family and community engagement; the use of technology; a focus on wellbeing; and promoting the science of learning and teaching. You can watch a recording of our presentation [here](#) (using Microsoft Teams).

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL OFFICER

Brent Council is looking for a School Crossing Patrol Officer outside Alperton Community School to assist children to cross the road safely on their way to and from school. Please [click here](#) to see the job details on the Brent Council website.

EAL Induction Celebration

Last week our EAL students had an inspirational morning with our Headteacher Mr McKenna discussing the completion of their EAL induction programme. They were very excited and proud to receive their induction certificates. One of the students said: "I've learnt so much in the last 2 weeks. I feel more confident now heading back into lessons". Well done to all students for all their hard work.



On Friday our students and staff showed their support for the World Mental Health Day by wearing a green ribbon as a symbol of their solidarity with people who are experiencing emotional difficulties. For further advice and information about Mental Health & Wellbeing, please watch this short video from our Wellbeing Lead and this presentation.

Please see below translations of the DfE Guidance for Parents and Carers on schools and colleges in the autumn term: **Arabic, Bengali, Chinese – traditional, Chinese – simplified, French, Gujarati, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Romany, Somali, Turkish, Urdu**.