

ACS NEWSLETTER

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Newsletters with information about books
and library events.

[ER Library Newsletter](#)

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Message from the Headteacher

I am very pleased to inform you that we have had a very calm and orderly return to school over the last two weeks. It has been a real pleasure to pop into lessons and see so many children happy to be back in class. From the outset, we have tried to get things back to normal as soon as possible so our students can quickly return to the very best learning habits and routines. Thank you to all our parents and carers for your wonderful support during lockdown. We are all aware of the incredibly supportive role you played at home to encourage your children to engage with online learning. As a mark of our success, attendance over the last two weeks was 94%, well above the national average for secondary schools and very close to our typical attendance for this time of year.

On Friday afternoon we completed our last in-school lateral flow test. Over the last two weeks every year group (years 7 to 13) has completed three tests, culminating in a final total in excess of 5000 tests. Unfortunately, we did detect one positive result which resulted in a number of students having to self-isolate for ten days. This was an important reminder that coronavirus has not gone away! We must continue to keep to the simple procedures that will keep us all safe: HANDS. FACE. SPACE and good VENTILATION. In particular, please continue to remind your children about the importance of good hand hygiene. We expect every student to sanitise their hands as they enter every classroom.

I am very grateful to the many parents who volunteered to support lateral flow testing in school. It was wonderful to see so many staff and parents working so effectively with each other – the team work was incredible. We hope to form a parent support group which will continue to come into school to support our children with their learning.

I am sure you are aware that from Monday 22ⁿ March, students must test themselves at home two times every week (letter to parents and carers). Our testing days are MONDAY and THURSDAY. The children watched a very detailed video on Friday morning which explained what they needed to do to conduct their test at home, including logging test results on the NHS test and trace website and on the school Google Form in Google Classrooms. Every student has two boxes containing six test kits which will see them through to Easter. Further testing kits will be distributed next week, so home testing can continue over the Easter break.

Please note we have made changes to our term dates. On Monday, 7th June is Staff Training Day (There will be no students in school). Please [click here](#) to check the term dates on our website.

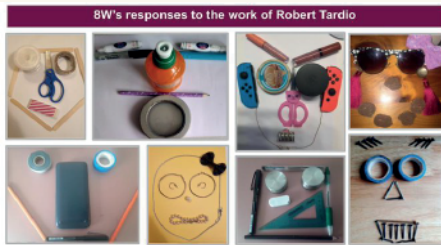


ACS poetry competition 2021

Once more we find ourselves in a situation where we can feel restrained. To keep our spirits up, we would like to provide a space for our students to share their thoughts and express themselves. We are therefore holding a second poetry competition for our students, on the theme of *connecting*. There are prizes to be won and the best poems will be published in an anthology! Please click on the poster to the left for more details.

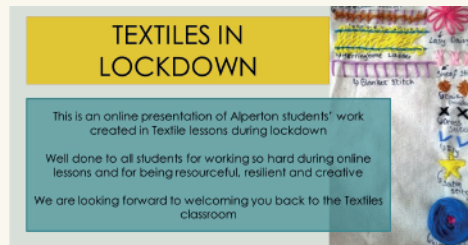
Year 8W artwork inspired by artist Robert Tardio

Click on the image below to see some innovative designs created by our Year 8W students during lockdown on the theme of 'Portraits and Composition'. The designs were inspired by the work of the influential photographer Robert Tardio.



A brilliant presentation of textile works created during lockdown

Below is a presentation of artworks created by our students in Textile lessons during lockdown. We are very proud of all students for working so hard during the online lessons and for being so resourceful, resilient and creative. Well done everyone!



Artists in Residence Wembley Outdoor Gallery

Alperton students took part in the Wembley Outdoor Gallery Competition organised by the Artists in Residence Charity, which is run by our art teacher Andria Zafirakou. Our students have created a piece of artwork on the theme "What should Wembley look like in 20 years time?". The winning designs will feature in an outdoor gallery on Wembley High Road. Good luck to all students who submitted entries!



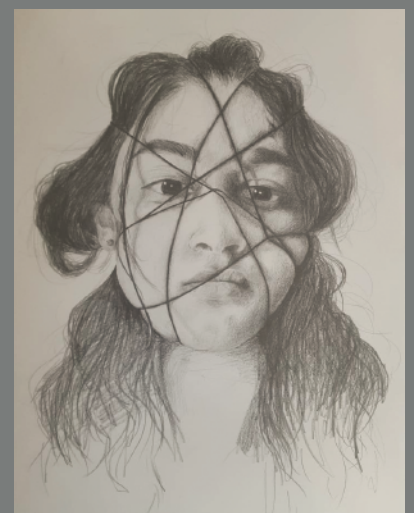
National Careers Week - Guide for Parents

This year our students celebrated National Careers Week by taking part in online activities, including exploring different jobs, attending virtual career talks and reflecting on their own skills, all of which will support them when they move onto employment. Please click on the image below to see a guide for parents with more information about the National Careers Week.



Explorations of emotions during lockdown

This brilliant drawing was created by our Year 12 art student Khushi. The theme of the artwork is: 'Exploration of emotions during Lockdown'.



Brent SEND Strategy - Survey for Parents and Carers

The Brent Children's Trust is updating its Strategy to support children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Please [click here](#) to complete a survey for parents to help them improve their services and to ensure every child and young person has access to the right support and opportunities.

They survey is anonymous and it takes around 5-10 minutes to complete.