

ACS NEWSLETTER

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COVID-19 COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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Photo: Mr Gerard McKenna BSc(Hons) NPQH

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the Government eases lockdown, it is extremely important for us to continue to adhere to the rules and procedures set up to prevent the spread of coronavirus. While the national picture continues to improve, Alperton and Wembley continue to see the highest number of cases in Brent. Therefore, we will continue with all of our school health and safety procedures for the immediate future e.g. hand sanitisation, wearing facemasks.

A reminder that students must continue with lateral flow testing twice every week - our testing days are MONDAY and THURSDAY. Your children must log their test results on the [NHS website](#) and [TestRegister](#). Please note that self-isolating students must join lessons via Google Meet. Please contact your Pastoral Manager if you need support in arranging this.

As previously mentioned, due to the pandemic, the summer 2021 GCSE and A Level examinations will not take place. Instead, teachers will prepare, mark and moderate assessments in order to submit teacher assessed grades for Years 11, 12 and 13. You can read the guidance for parents, carers and students [here](#). To support our teaching staff with this we have made two modifications to the school calendar. Thursday 20 May will be a remote learning day when children will be set tasks to complete at home using Google Classroom. We have also added a Professional Development Day on Monday 7 June when the school will be closed to students.

We have all witnessed the terrible situation in India as a devastating second wave of COVID-19 engulfs the country. We are currently collecting money to donate to charity. The India COVID Crisis Fund will purchase and deliver oxygen concentrators, emergency medical equipment and therapeutic food rations for those who are struggling. A team of sixth form students will be collecting money from children in school on Tuesday 11 May or you can donate directly through your ParentPay account.

I am sure many parents have read about the concerns raised by the "Everyone's Invited" website. In order to evaluate our safeguarding procedures and the quality of

Dates for your Diary

Y12	Thursday 20 May Year 12 - Parents Evening
ALL	Thursday 20 May All students - Remote Learning Day
ALL	Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June All students - Half Term
ALL	Monday 07 June Staff Training Day - No students in school
ALL	Friday 02 July Staff Training Day - No students in school

our PSHE/RSE curriculum, a small team of Governors will visit the school on Friday 14th May to speak to staff and students. In order to support children and adults who believe themselves to be victims of abuse, the NSPCC has launched a new helpline. The Report Abuse in Education helpline can be reached on 0800 136 663, on Monday to Friday 8am - 10pm, or 9am - 6pm at weekends, or by email at help@nspcc.org.uk.

We are currently considering arrangements for the next academic year. We can see a number of benefits in our current arrangements at Ealing Road and Stanley Avenue we would like to take forward. One significant change we will make will be to move Year 12 to Stanley Avenue, so the sixth form are united on one site. This will mean Key Stage 3 will be based at Ealing Road while Key Stage 4 and 5 (Years 10, 11, 12 and 13) will be based at Stanley Avenue.

Fun and engaging clay modelling workshops with sculptor Brian Alabaster

Last week, sixty Year 7 students had the rare opportunity to participate in two fun and engaging workshops with sculptor Brian Alabaster. The workshops were organised as part of the St George Sculpture Art Project who is commissioning a public art sculpture for the new Grand Union Canal Development. Following the workshops three students will be selected to be models for the sculpture, which will be prominently located just off Beresford Avenue and outside the new community centre.

St George has been working closely with public art consultant Leyla Fakhr from Art Square Projects, to come up with a brief for the sculpture. The brief was for a thought provoking and visually stimulating piece of art that relates to and celebrates the area and people of Alperton and they were particularly inspired by Alperton Community School teacher, Andria Zafirakou winning the Global Teacher Prize in 2018.

Brian, a Suffolk-based sculptor and a member of the Royal Society of British Sculptors, has produced a maquette (a mini sculpture) of his design idea for three school-age children climbing on three piles of books. Brian has chosen to make reference to education and achievement by depicting the children struggling to climb three seemingly unsteady, uneven piles of books. This difficult climb, gaining both height and a different viewpoint alludes to the progression and achievements made by pupils and achieved with the help and guidance of their school and excellent teachers.

Brian will be modelling from life and the modelling sessions are to be completed during the summer holidays. Please see below a selection of photographs taken during the workshops:



Women's Health Survey

The government has launched a 12 week call for evidence to better understand women's experiences of the health and care system. If you wish to participate, please complete the public survey below:



Mental Health Awareness Week

This week we are celebrating the Mental Health Awareness Week. Below you can find a presentation about the important role nature plays in maintaining a good mental health and activities students can try to engage more with nature.



Mental health - Asking for help

Please click on the image below for a guide with information for students about how to ask for help if you are concerned about a mental health problem.

