

ACS NEWSLETTER

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COVID-19 COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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LIBRARY NEWSLETTERS

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month's editions of our ER and SA Library
Newsletters with information about books
and library events.

ER Library Newsletter

SA Library Newsletter



Photo: Mr Gerard McKenna BSc(Hons) NPQH

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

As previously reported, the Department for Education has replaced this summer's GCSE and A Level examinations with Teacher Assessed grades. From Easter onwards, our teachers have been preparing, marking, standardising and moderating assessments in order to gather evidence, which will be used to assign these grades for Years 11, 12 and 13. I am pleased to say that we have very nearly completed this arduous task. In order to conclude our internal quality assurance procedures there will be a Development Day on Monday 7th June when the school will be closed to students.

Thank you to the many parents who supported the return of PCR tests for analysis by NHS test and trace. Regrettably, we received very little information from Public Health England before the PCR test kits were delivered to the school; we appreciate the difficulties a number of families had following the instructions to log the test kit online. We do hope this exercise will help determine the extent to which different variants have spread in Brent and our local community.

On Friday 14th May, three of our Governors visited the school to meet with staff and students to evaluate our safeguarding procedures and to determine the quality and impact of our PSHE/RSE curriculum. We look forward to receiving and sharing their report very shortly.

A special thank you to all the parents and students who donated money to support the children and families in India who have recently been affected by a second wave of COVID-19. I am pleased to say that we collected just over £2000, which we have donated to the British Asian Trust. Our donation will fully fund two high flow oxygen concentrators and will help 1,100 of the most seriously affected patients.

We look forward to welcoming our Year 11 students back to school for five days of sixth form transition activities after half term. The students will be with us on Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th, Thursday 17th June, then Wednesday 23rd, and Thursday 24th June. The transition programme will afford students the opportunity to sample a range of A Level lessons and to be introduced to pastoral activities in the sixth form.

Once again, thank you for your tremendous support and resolve during this half term. Please make sure your children take the time to rest and recuperate over half term, so they are fully prepared for their End of Year Examinations. You can find plenty of information about the summer examinations on our website by clicking [here](#). Our revision materials are available in the VIP zone. We very much hope we will be able to meet with parents in school to discuss end of year results during our Academic Review Day on Wednesday 14 July.

Key dates:

YEAR 7 EXAM WEEK: Monday 14 June
YEAR 8, YEAR 10 & YEAR 12 EXAM WEEK: Monday 21 June
YEAR 9, YEAR 10 & YEAR 12 EXAM WEEK: Monday 28 June
ACADEMIC REVIEW DAY: Wednesday 14 July

School drop off and collection : Alperton Underground Station



Please be aware that the space in front of Alperton Underground Station is a "No entry" area and only emergency vehicles are allowed in this space. Please note that you may be liable to a fine if you enter this area. For your safety, please arrange to pick up your child(ren) at a suitable location.

Alperton students' artwork on display at Wembley Outdoor Art Gallery

Alperton students took part in an exciting art competition organised by Brent Council and the charity Artists in Residence, run by our art teacher Andria Zafirakou. The competition was launched as part of an innovative project to decorate a giant 100m long hoarding in front of building works on Wembley High Road. Artists in Residence invited pupils from local school to produce their own artwork on the theme "What should Wembley look like in 20 years' time?". Over 600 entries were received from children aged 5-18 from seven primary and secondary schools in the area including Alperton Community School. Andria Zafirakou said: "The aim of the competition was to encourage students to use their imagination and to communicate their thoughts on what their local area could be like in the future. Their views on fantasy,

sustainability, environmental preservation and cultural inclusion were all taken into consideration and I couldn't be more delighted with the incredible response we had. The quality of the images produced, along with the ideas the topic clearly prompted, was outstanding. Bold colours, bright ideas and huge energy and imagination, as we always find when young people make art. There was everything from spaceships to the kinds of outfits pets will be wearing. There was a lot of work featuring bicycles and a clear emphasis on the desire for a greener future, which came through strongly." Our students submitted the two fantastic designs below which are now on display at the Wembley Outdoor Art Gallery. Why not take a stroll of Wembley High Road to admire this amazing display!



Daily Contact Testing Study

Our school will be taking part in a new study called "Daily Contact Testing" which is being led by the Department for Health and Social Care. Please click on the link below for more information:



Social Media guide for parents

The internet offers huge opportunities. From a young age, children have the chance to learn, research, play games, have fun and connect with family especially in lockdown. But it's important to help them to use the online world in a way that's safe and positive for their mental health. Please click on the image below to download a Social Media Guide for parents.

Download The Guide

Download these ten guidelines on how to talk to your child about social media and the internet.

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Looking after your mental health

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