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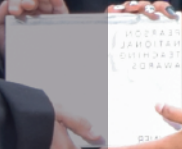
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SPECIAL EDITION

ALPERTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL

HAS BEEN AWARDED
THE PEARSON
NATIONAL SILVER
AWARD FOR
“MAKING A
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SECONDARY SCHOOL
OF THE YEAR”



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The Award for
MAKING A DIFFERENCE -
SECONDARY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

SILVER AWARD

PEARSON NATIONAL TEACHING AWARDS

We are delighted to announce that Alperton Community School has been named as one of 80 Pearson National Teaching Award Silver Award winners across the country. Alperton is honoured with a Silver Award in the Award for 'Making a Difference – Secondary School of the Year for their outstanding commitment to changing the lives of the children they work with every day'.

Our school is one of the most ethnically diverse places in the country with 130 languages spoken in the school. Students achieve qualifications, employability skills and cross-community experiences by setting high aspirations through an excellent careers provision, an extensive pastoral care programme and high quality teaching and learning.

As a Silver Award winner, Alperton Community School has now been shortlisted to win one of just 16 Gold Awards later in the year. These once in a lifetime achievements will be broadcast on the BBC's The One Show as part of a week-long celebration of teaching, which sees famous faces honour award winners every night in the run up to the ceremony.

The Silver Award winners were honoured as part of the wider celebrations for national 'Thank a Teacher Day', bringing together everyone across the country to celebrate the schools and colleges at the heart of our communities.

The Pearson National Teaching Awards is an annual celebration of excellence in education, founded in 1998 by Lord Puttnam to recognise the life-changing impact an inspirational teacher can have on the lives of the young people they work with. This year marks its 23rd year of celebrating school teaching staff across the UK.

SILVER AWARD FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Dear Parents and Carers,

On 1 April this year, I received an email to say that a member of the public had nominated Alperton Community School for a national award. Initially, I thought, "it's the first of April, April Fool's Day; this must be a practical joke." I contacted Pearson to check whether the email was genuine. It was! My thoughts were – "How kind! It's nice to be appreciated." I tried to find out who this thoughtful person was, so I could personally thank them, but to no avail – I was told this information was strictly confidential. "Well, that's the end of the matter", I thought.

And it was, until I received another email in May. We had been shortlisted for the award. We were in the top 30 schools in the country for "Making a Difference." Just as I was about to tell everyone we were in the top 30, I read the bottom of the email - the Pearson judges wanted to talk to our students, teachers, parents, governors and members of our community to find out whether we deserved the award.

So many people were involved in the presentation, it was incredible! Mr Rayleigh did an amazing job putting everything together. The judges grilled us on examination results, safeguarding, professional development, careers, apprenticeships, Duke of Edinburgh, sports, the Inclusion Quality Mark, our school buildings and facilities, the sixth form, charity work, pastoral care and student voice. Every aspect was as intensive as an Ofsted inspection.

We eagerly waited to hear about the outcome and then, on 26 May, we found out that we were the national silver winners. Excited as we were, we organised a celebration as quickly as we could. We invited our local MP, Barry Gardiner, our local councillors, parents, teachers, governors and students for a fantastic evening of celebration. We even bought a special cake. Thank you to Ms Ernestine and Ms Kipling for the fabulous music and drama performances.

We really wanted to share our celebration with all the families in our community, so here is a special newsletter to say thank you to everybody for your amazing work. You are the people who make this school such a special place to be.

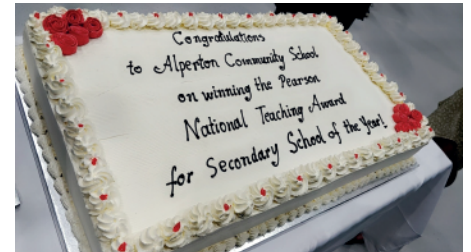
Mr McKenna
Headteacher

A SHORT CLIP WITH HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE AWARDS CELEBRATIONS ON THE THANK A TEACHER DAY



Congratulations to Alperton Community School on this incredible achievement, and for the hard work and dedication which led up to it. Winning this award is impressive, well-deserved and shows Alperton's commitment to helping students

**Education Secretary
Nadhim Zahawi**



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When we were informed that Alperton Community School had won the prestigious Silver Award for Secondary School of the Year, I was absolutely overwhelmed and couldn't quite comprehend it. It was without doubt one of the proudest moments of my professional career.

This is truly an award for absolutely everyone involved with the school: the teachers, the students, the parents and carers, the support staff, the canteen staff, the site team, the receptionists, the governors, the HR and finance teams, the external stakeholders and the whole of the community.

We are so proud to be acknowledged for making a difference. The award represents the tremendous work ethic and 'can-do' attitude that is embedded within the culture of this truly amazing community.

One of the best things about winning the award was how it made everyone feel. The staff felt they were appreciated, respected and valued. The students and their families felt proud of the school.

The award gave everyone a lift - it was a recognition of everyone's commitment and contribution to our school and our community. It brought us all even closer together and even more committed to the success of our students!

(Mr Rayleigh, Head of Careers)

Congratulations to the Silver Winners! Each school has had the same purpose in mind which is to provide the very best for their young people, they have each done it in different ways but all had the same aim. What a joy it is to celebrate the incredible work of schools and to make what is often unseen, so visible.

**Rachel Johnson,
CEO at PIXL**



I am really happy and proud that the school won this award. The teachers are very caring, supportive and always go the extra mile to create the best opportunities for us and a perfect atmosphere for learning and personal development. They really deserve this award! (Student, Year 9)



Photo: Headteacher Gerard McKenna, Chair of Governors Mona Shah and Alperton students proudly holding the Pearson Award

The school is very supportive and I am very proud of every teacher at Alperton Community School. They are always so willing to give up their time for us and it's wonderful to see their work being recognised. (Student, Year 13)

**Thank
a Teacher
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Thank you to all the teachers at Alperton Community School for your hard work and for always trying to make a difference in your pupils' lives and their education. Your care and support helps them become responsible adults.



A big thank you to Ms Hussain and her team for the ongoing support given to my child over the years.



To Ms Shariff, thank you for being an exceptional teacher. We appreciate all your hard work and thank you for preparing such interesting lessons.

Thanks for this awesome year at Alperton! God bless the whole school.

Thank you to all teachers at Alperton for supporting and encouraging my two children over the years. Your hard work and commitment are highly appreciated.



Thank you to all school staff for the wonderful work they do every day, for their care and support and for motivating and inspiring our students.



A big thank you to all staff at Alperton Community School. I am very grateful for everything you've done so far for my son. You are all amazing. Thank you!

I would like to thank everyone at Alperton for a great start to my child's first year at High School. Thanks to all the staff for their hard work and dedication.

Thank you for being there for my children throughout their whole journey at ACS. I can see them developing and getting more and more mature. I would like to especially thank Mr Varvias and his team for all the support and encouragement. Love this school!!

Big thank you to Mr Hawes for the continuous support he has given my child over the years. I really appreciate it.



I'm very grateful to be able to leave my child in the best hands with confidence! Bless you Alperton Community School!



I would like to thank Mr Varvias for his professional approach and ongoing support. Really appreciated!

Thank you to all teachers, support teams and everyone involved in my child's education and wellbeing. Thank you so much and have a wonderful Teachers' Day.

To Mr Raj, thank you for being an exceptional teacher! Thanks for all your hard work and feedback.

I would like to thank everyone at Alperton Community School for the support they provide to all students. Much appreciated.



The teachers are so helpful. A special thank you to Ms Green, my child speaks very highly of you. Thank you!

I would like to thank all the teachers at Alperton and especially Ms Lazare, Mr Hart, Ms Lucas and Ms McCarthy for all the support given to my child over the last few months in her hour of need. I really appreciate your help and support.

A big thank you to all Alperton teachers. Thank you for your support and I appreciate all your hard work, love and kindness.



Thank you Mr Tan for being a very supportive and nice PE teacher.

My husband and I wanted to thank Mr McKenna and all the wonderful teachers at Alperton. Our children have excelled because of ACS and we will never be able to thank you all enough for being there for them over the years. Thank you, thank you, thank you. A wonderful school that just continues to do great things.

Thank you for being a great school for my child. Thank you to all the teachers and support staff.

THANK YOU TO ALL PARENTS FOR THESE WONDERFUL COMMENTS!