

ACS NEWSLETTER

Summer Term 2022

COVID-19 COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Please click on the links below for
COMMUNITY and EMERGENCY support
information available in your area.

[BRENT COUNCIL](#)

[EALING COUNCIL](#)

[HARROW COUNCIL](#)

Message from the Headteacher

As the academic year draws to a close, I am pleased to say the school is working in much the same way as it did before the COVID pandemic struck.

In the penultimate week of term, we were able to run Sports Day and an action packed Activities Week for all year groups. The purpose of this week was to develop the character and cultural capital of our students. Indeed, all the students at Key Stage 3 had the opportunity to visit the heritage sites of national importance along the river Thames on a day trip to central London.

I am sure Year 11 and Year 13 were less keen on the return of public examinations this summer. We look forward to receiving their GCSE, A Level and BTEC results in August. If you are the parent of a student who is currently in Year 10 or Year 12, it is important to know that examinations return to normal in 2023. Students sitting examinations this summer benefitted from a reduction in content, pre-release materials and more generous examiner marking and grade boundaries. Unfortunately, this will all change next year, so it is extremely important for these students to make the very best use of the summer break and home learning time throughout next year to make sure they catch up on any gaps they were unable to cover during lockdown.

The end of term is always a sad time for us because we say farewell to colleagues who are leaving us. This year we say goodbye to a number of staff who have been with us for many years. Ms Sheard (Art) retires this summer, having worked at Alperton Community School since 1985. Ms Minott-Statham (Special Needs and Mental Health Lead) leaves us after 22 years and we also say farewell to Ms Wali who has taught Social Sciences for almost 13 years. Ms Minott-Statham was overjoyed to hear that two of our Year 13 students with special needs have both been offered places at university.

We were also overjoyed to hear that we had won another national award – the school has won the Pearson National Silver Award for “Making a Difference – Secondary School of the Year”. I do hope you had the chance to look at our [special newsletter](#) which celebrated this tremendous achievement.

A very important reminder for the start of term - from September 2022, mobile phones with internet access are banned. If a mobile phone with internet access is seen by a member of staff in school, it will be confiscated and you (parents/carers) will need to come to the school to collect it. Please note that we will no longer be able to facilitate casual visitors to the school. We will require all visitors to make an appointment before coming to the school.

Finally, a reminder about the start of term in September. All students return to school on Monday 5 September. Year 7 and Year 12 must arrive at 8:30am and will be in school until 3:10pm. All other year groups must arrive at 9:30am; these groups will finish slightly earlier at 2pm.

I wish you and your family a peaceful and restful summer break.



Silver and Bronze DofE practice expedition in the Ashridge area



On Saturday 2nd April, forty-one Alperton students took part in the Silver and Bronze practice expedition in the Ashridge area. The students met staff at the Ivinghoe Carpark and from there, they set off in groups completing an 8 hour walk. When they arrived at camp they set up their tents and cooked some amazing food on their personal stoves. That night the temperatures dropped - it was a difficult night for

everyone. Yet this did not dampen the spirits of the students, they were up with smiles on their faces. One group in particular woke up at 5.30am to do some running in the field to warm up. From there they packed up and started the day 2, an 8 hour walk. The students once again navigated with confidence and arrived at camp tired and aching, but proud. The field was beautiful and some of the students were able to see the many deer as they ran through the back of the field.

A huge and special thank you to all staff who joined the expedition and who gave up more than just their time to support the students over the weekend despite the weather challenges. Another thank you to the 6th form helpers AKA Gold Ambassadors, Adelina, Corey, Tala and Ali who came all the way to share their expertise with the students, supporting them through the walk, safe cooking and tent assembly. Without you the expedition would not have been possible. (Ms Ernestine)

Year 10 and Year 12 students take part in the DofE Silver Qualifying Expedition



At the beginning of July, the DofE students from year 10 and 12 took part in their qualifying Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award and it is our pleasure to announce that they all passed with flying colours! They did an absolutely incredible job representing the students of Alperton Community School.

They navigated around 18 miles through woodland and field using only a map and a compass. They showed such determination as they battled under the weight of roughly 15kg

rucksacks packed with their food supplies, tents, sleeping and cooking equipment. They showed resilience when it got tough and their navigational skills were challenged.

When they arrived at camp, they cooked as a team, played games and had a wonderful time together. The students raced to get to the camp with friendly competition and they took every opportunity to enjoy the beauty of their surroundings.

During the expedition the Headteacher of Charters School came across our students. At that moment he did not tell them who he was, but then he kindly took the time to send our Headteacher Mr McKenna a complimentary email praising the skills and exemplary behaviour of our students. Well done everyone and many thanks to all staff who accompanied the students.



Safeguarding Newsletter

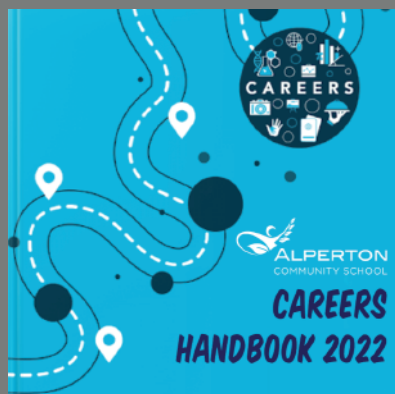
Please click on the link below for the latest edition of our Safeguarding newsletter highlighting some of the current safeguarding themes and providing some help and advice for families regarding the Cost of Living.

Keeping Safe and Activities during Summer Holidays

Below you can find a guide with some useful information about how to stay safe this summer holidays and for suggestions about activities and workshops you and your child can engage in during the summer holidays.

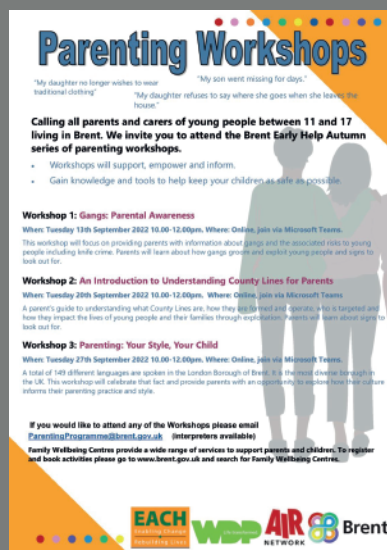
Alperton Careers handbook 2022

To help you make an informed decision about your child's career we have put together a digital handbook with information about careers opportunities and resources that you and your child can explore together. To access the e-book, click on the image below:

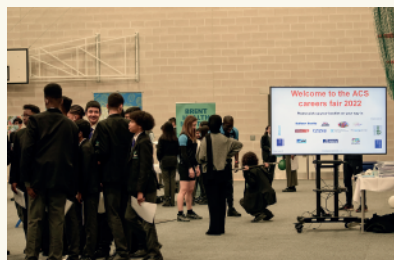


Brent Parenting Workshops

All parents and carers of young people between 11 and 17 living in Brent are invited to attend the Brent Early Help series of parenting workshops. These workshops are designed to provide parents with information and tools to help them gain a better understanding of how to keep their children safe. For more information about the workshops and their available dates, please see the poster below.



Alperton Community School hosts an excellent Careers Fair for KS3 students



As part of our commitment to providing students with opportunities to raise aspirations, develop employability skills and make informed choices about their futures, we organised a Careers Fair for our KS3 students that took place on Wednesday, 27th April at our Ealing Road school.

There were almost 20 local organisations attending the event from a wide range of professions including: The Army, The Police, bankers, The National Health Service, architects, engineers, personal trainers and artists. Over the course of the day, almost 1000 students had the opportunity to speak to different companies about the skills, qualifications and experiences that they would need to be successful in these particular careers.

Students were provided with a booklet that had various different competitions to complete during their time at the fair such as bingo, a scavenger hunt and decoding a secret message. These could only be completed by interacting with the professionals. It was really nice to see the students conduct themselves in such a mature and professional manner when speaking with the organisations. The aim of the careers fair was to encourage and inspire students at KS3 and to help them understand why it is so important to work hard in school and that it is never too early to start thinking about future careers. We would like to extend a thank you to everyone who supported the careers fair and to the organisations that gave up their valuable time to ensure that the event was such a great success. The visitors were really impressed by the event, the school and of course our students.



A successful second Business Breakfast at Alperton Community School



Following on from the success of the inaugural business breakfast last year, Alperton Community School invited more local employers to have breakfast at our Ealing Road school in order to network, discuss potential career opportunities for our students and to continue to build long term relationships with local employers.

The event was organised by our Head of Careers, Mr Rayleigh, and we had representatives from Brentford Football Club, Brent Libraries, St Georges Developers and The Education Development Trust. The staff were greeted by a number of student career ambassadors with whom they talked about the school and their own career aspirations. The guests were then given a tour of the school and discussed ways in which they could help ACS, such as coming in and giving career talks, attending careers fairs, discuss work experience opportunities and apprenticeship placements.

The breakfast was another success and the employers were all very keen to work with the school and our students in the future and we once again look forward to hosting more business breakfasts with other local companies, as this will continue to provide our students with opportunities to learn about what work is really like and what it takes to be successful in the workplace.

Student-MP Climate Surgery

A big thank you to Barry Gardiner for joining our staff and students at the beginning of July for the Student-MP Climate Surgery. Students took part in an interesting and stimulating discussion about climate change and its impact on all walks of life. Barry spoke with great passion about the grave dangers of climate change and engaged in a question and answer session with our sixth form geography and politics students. Thank you to Ms Banerjee, Ms Khan and Ms Verma for supporting this event.



Student-MP Climate Surgery

In June, our students spent an excellent afternoon at Mount Pleasant Open Space with Cllr Anton Georgiou, Mayor of Brent and a group of dedicated volunteers planting two saplings to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. Thank you to everyone who attended the event and helped improving this green area for the wider community.



ACS Eco Leaders are relaunching the Eco School programme



The ACS Eco Leaders have joined the Eco Committee and they are keen to relaunch the Eco School programme interrupted during the Covid-19 pandemic. The Eco Schools is the largest educational programme in the world, engaging millions of pupils across 70 countries, empowering children to drive change and raise environmental awareness.

Thanks to the remarkable dedication of the Eco Committee, ACS won the Green Flag Award in 2019. The new ACS Eco leaders are keen to resume the programme and renew our Green Flag Award.

Working towards ACS Green Flag Award Renewal, the Eco committee students carried out their Eco School work initiatives. In the Spring Term, the Eco Committee completed an Environmental Review to evaluate the strengths and areas of development in regards to ten environmental topics: Waste, Litter, Marine, Biodiversity, Transport, School grounds, Global citizenship, Energy, Water and healthy living. According to their findings, the Eco committee decided to focus their action plan on Waste, Biodiversity and Transport topics.

So far, the Eco Committee students ran a successful paper-recycling programme to reduce paper waste, and took part in a litter pick on the canal during the Great British Spring Clean.



In April our students were involved in two engaging Eco activities. The sixth formers participated in a SmartPhone repair workshop organised by Brent West London Waste and the Restart Project. The students were taught skills in repairing and replacing parts in a phone with the objective of valuing their mobile phone for longer and minimising digital waste. Together we can help demand better, more sustainable electronics for all. The second activity involved our Year 7 and Year 8 students who participated in the Bikeability Project, a programme designed to train students to cycle in order to encourage sustainable travel.



Thank you to the Sixth Form Team and Ms Cathcart for organising these two activities.



In May, the Eco leaders took part in a workshop in collaboration with the Canal and River Trust. They created wooden bug hotels to increase biodiversity in their school playground and local community. Students found the workshop really enjoyable as they built bug hotels with friends using real tools. A student quoted: "I loved seeing the bug hotel come to life as we put it together." We would like to encourage families to create their own bug hotels to support insect life in their own gardens by following these instructions on [How to make a DIY bug hotel](#).

In June, we organised a Walk or Cycle to School Week encouraging students to use sustainable means of transport and to raise awareness of the health benefits of walking and cycling to school. Well done to all students for taking part in these activities and we look forward to hear more about their eco initiatives and future plans next year.

Football manager and former player Gary Waddock visits Alperton Community School



At the end of June we had the pleasure of welcoming to our school our alumni and football manager and player Gary Waddock. Gary is a former professional footballer and he is assistant head coach of Cambridge United. He formerly managed Queens Park Rangers, Aldershot Town, Wycombe Wanderers and Oxford United, and has previously worked at MK Dons as Head of Coaching and Portsmouth as assistant and caretaker manager. Gary

grew up in Alperton and attended Alperton community School from 1973 to 1978. A big thank you to Gary for taking the time to visit our school, speak with our students and share with them some of his amazing experiences!

Students enjoy a lively and exciting week of extra-curricular activities

At the beginning of July, Alperton organised a week full of engaging and exciting activities, trips and workshops. All students showed a lot of enthusiasm in learning new skills and taking part in so many different activities. On Tuesday, they enjoyed a day full of competitiveness, team work & fun activities during our Sports Day. On Wednesday, they spent the day with Army In London, engaging in lots of interactive exercises and practising their problem solving and organisational skills. On Thursday they were

involved in department-led Character Education events and on Friday, they took on the 'Soap Box Challenge', a fun and creative workshop that involved students in designing, manufacturing and marketing a soap product. Students also had the opportunity to visit heritage sites along the river Thames on a day trip to central London. Many thanks to all staff for all their hard work and to Ms Ernestine for organising such a successful and inspiring week.



The artwork 'The Bird Seller: Are You Listening?' by Lubaina Himid on display at our school



On Monday 4 July, Alperton students had the great opportunity to be introduced to the artwork 'The Bird Seller: Are you listening' by Turner Prize winner Lubaina Himid. The artwork was on display at our school for a whole day and students took part in engaging workshops run by curators from Lindon Gallery. Many thanks to charity Artists in Residence and Lindon & Co for creating the amazing opportunity for our students. You can read more about the event [here](#).

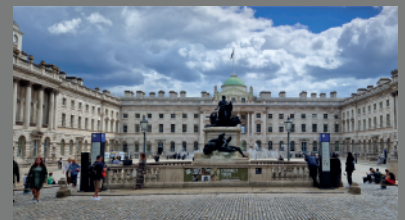
Chimera design competition

During the last week of term, our Year 8 students were encouraged to take part in a Chimera design competition and it was wonderful to see the extent of their imagination as they produced the most interesting mythical creatures. Please click on the image below to see their designs.



Inspirational visit to Courtauld Gallery

At the end of June, the Year 10 Art students enjoyed an inspirational visit to the Courtauld Gallery. The students behaved really well in the gallery, enjoying the artworks on display and being wonderful ambassadors of our school. Please click on the image below to see some photos taken during their visit.



Summer BBQ Ideas

Check out the leaflet below from our catering company Innovate for a few tips from their Chefs for Summer BBQ that you and your family can enjoy at home over the holidays.



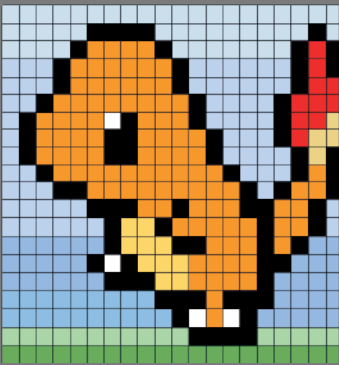
Art and Media exhibition

Lots of creativity on show during our annual art, textiles, photography and media exhibition. To view some of the work that was on display, please click on the image below.



PiXL Art

Here are some wonderful pixel art pictures created by our Year 7 students highlighting the connection between maths and art.



Alperton Family Support

To support our students, their families and the wider community during these difficult times, we have made contact with a number of organisations and charities who can provide help for families. Below you can find a presentation with more information about these organisations and links to a number of useful resources - please take a minute to read through them.



Family Support & Summer Activities

Alperton Community School is keen to support its students, their families and the wider community during these very difficult times. We have made contact with a number of organisations and charities who can help families - information and links are below - please use these as they are all willing and able to help.

Food Help	Holiday Clubs	Money Advice	More Help
-----------	---------------	--------------	-----------

Aspire Commit Succeed

ACS students deliver an outstanding performance of *Matilda Jr*

At the beginning of July our school put on a brilliant drama performance of 'Matilda JR'. The singing, acting and choreography were superb – a tremendous testament to the enormous amount of work staff have put into auditioning, rehearsing, encouraging and supporting our students. It really showed how amazing our students are at rising to challenges; the higher our expectations, the greater their achievements.

The production illustrated the incredible array of talent we have in our school and demonstrated the amazing ability of drama, music and dance to develop one of the most important characteristics in our students – confidence. Thank you to the stellar work of all the staff involved, particularly Ms Kipling, Ms Farwell, Ms Ernestine, Ms Fretwell, Ms Cripps, Ms Smith and Ms Patel. Below you can find some photos and a short clip with highlights of the live performance.



Celebrating the success of our students at Wildhearts Awards Ceremony



On 14 July, our school had the pleasure of attending the Wildhearts Awards Ceremony hosted by Alison Thewliss MP at the House of Commons to celebrate the success of our students. During the event, the students took the opportunity to share their entrepreneurial projects and social ideas with the audience and there was an overwhelming amount of support for these young and talented people. Well done everyone and thank you to the staff who prepared the students for this programme.

ACS students take part in the new launch of the Wembley and Ealing Road Art Trail

On Thursday 21 July Alperton students took part in an exciting event celebrating the newest additions to the ever-expanding Wembley & Ealing Road Arts Trail, an initiative run by the charity Artists in Residence in partnership with Brent Council. A performance by the Alperton Community School kettle drum band kicked off the event while the community admired the latest mural created by the artist Nathan Evans,

celebrating the strong women of Brent. At the event were also present Cllr Muhammad Butt and representatives from Brent Council celebrating the opening of the new Arts Trail site. As Cllr Butt kindly pointed out, diverse and vibrant public art is bringing the road to life, from the mural to Barclay's new Green façade to our vibrant shop shutters. Below you can see a video of the musical performance and some photos from the event.



Platinum Jubilee Mosaic Portrait

As part of our Activities Week, our Year 7 art students created a mosaic portrait of the queen using different mixed media for each separate part. The aim of the Character Building workshops was to develop a sense of cooperation, patience, and resilience. When it all came together, everyone was amazed at the spectacular result!



Design & Technology Work of the Month

Our Design & Technology department has put together an exhibition of artworks created by our students. Please take a moment to check out below the best entries of the month and get inspired by the creativity of our students.



DT - WORK OF THE MONTH
June

STUDENT SUMMER MARKET

Our art teacher Ms Reid is working with Wembley Park Market to host weekly Saturday markets over the summer holidays where young people (accompanied by their parents/guardians) will be able to sell their work in the heart of Wembley for free. Ms Reid will also be working with BOXPARK Wembley to host similar monthly markets and events in October and November. The events will be led by young people and will celebrate Black History Month & Diwali by showcasing their art, business and music. Funds will be used to support young people to sell their work at Wembley, for space hire, marketing and promotion.

For more information, please email: j.weir-reid@alperton.brent.sch.uk

If you'd like your son or daughter to participate in this amazing project, then please donate to get involved by following this link.

Brent VAWG Support Services

Please see below a leaflet from Brent Council with a list of services offering support in relation to Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG). A Gujarati translation of the leaflet is also available.

Brent VAWG Services
National and Pan-London
National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0800 0283307

Women's Aid (See Chat)
If it's unsafe or you're unable to speak on the phone
Support for Men, Women and Survivors 0800010227

ALOP LGBT+ Domestic Abuse Helpline
02077420201 or 0200066402

Heorgaan Helpline
Support around other issues 0800008141

Women and Girls Network
Counselling, advocacy and advice for women and girls
0800118807 or 0200066402

Beary Lamplight Trust
National Stalking Helpline 0800003006

Refuge
Refuge Advice Service 02086681157

Signposts
Support for self-harm/suicidal thoughts of abuse
0208472601 / 0797939397 / 0208472601

Support
Support for people with hearing disabilities and autism
0207708770

Support
Support and advice for preparation of abuse
0208026412 or 0200066402

The Shalom Project
Support for South Asian Women 02045243221

Forward
Support for women and girls affected by violence including
FCM and other harmful practices 0783418141 / 0273770379

Asian and Middle Eastern Women's Rights Organisation (AMWRO)
0207200443

Latin American Women's Rights Service (LAWRS)
0778188174 or 0200066402

The Irish & Irish Traveller Project
Support for Irish and Irish Traveller Women and their children
0204722222 / 0782418911

The Forced Marriage Unit
Information on forced marriage 020 7784 8161

Rights of Women
Free, confidential legal advice 02072514477

બ્રેન્ટ વોલગ સર્વિસ
National and Pan-London
National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0800 0283307

વોમન ઓફ હેલ્પ (ચેટ કરો)
જો તે અસુરક્ષિત છે અથવા તો તમે તે સાથે વાત કરી શકો છો

સુપોર્ટ ફોર મેન, વોમન અને સર્વાઈવર્સ
0800010227

ALOP LGBT+ ડોમેસ્ટિક અબુઝ હેલ્પલાઇન
02077420201 or 0200066402

હેઓગાન હેલ્પલાઇન
અન્ય સમસ્યાઓ માટે સુપોર્ટ
0800008141

વોમન અને ગર્લ નેટવર્ક
સલાહ, અભિયાન અને સહાયતા માટે સહાયતા
0800118807 or 0200066402

બેરી લામ્પલાઇટ ટ્રસ્ટ
નેશનલ સ્ટાલકિંગ હેલ્પલાઇન
0800003006

રિફ્યુજ
રિફ્યુજ સલાહ સેવા
02086681157

સિગ્નપોસ્ટ
સહાયતા માટે સહાયતા
0208472601 / 0797939397 / 0208472601

સુપોર્ટ
સહાયતા માટે સહાયતા
0207708770

સુપોર્ટ
સહાયતા અને સલાહ માટે સહાયતા
0208026412 or 0200066402

શોલમ પ્રોજેક્ટ
સુપોર્ટ માટે સહાયતા
02045243221

ફોર્વર્ડ
સહાયતા માટે સહાયતા
0783418141 / 0273770379

એશિયન અને મિડલ ઈસ્ટ વોમન'સ રાઇટ્સ ઓર્ગેનાઇઝેશન (એમ્વોરો)
0207200443

લેટિન એમેરિકન વોમન'સ રાઇટ્સ સર્વિસ (લાવર્સ)
0778188174 or 0200066402

આઇરિશ અને આઇરિશ ટ્રાવેલર પ્રોજેક્ટ
સહાયતા માટે સહાયતા
0204722222 / 0782418911

ફોર્સેડ મેરિજ યુનિટ
સહાયતા માટે સહાયતા
020 7784 8161

વોમન'સ રાઇટ્સ
ફ્રી, કોન્ફિડેન્સિયલ લેગલ એડવાઇસ
02072514477

Urgent Mental Health Support

Young people and parents can get urgent support from NHS mental health advisors. Check out the poster below for more info:

URGENT MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT 24/7

Worried about your mental health?

Young people and their parents can get urgent support from NHS mental health advisors. Check out the poster below for more info:

Young people and their parents can get urgent support from NHS mental health advisors. Check out the poster below for more info:

AREA	ADVICE COVERED	24/7 SUPPORT NUMBER
North West	Mental health problems, anxiety, depression, self-harm, and suicidal thoughts	0800 013 4444
North East	Mental health problems, anxiety, depression, self-harm, and suicidal thoughts	0800 101 0444
Yorkshire and the Humber	Mental health problems, anxiety, depression, self-harm, and suicidal thoughts	0800 101 0444
West Midlands	Mental health problems, anxiety, depression, self-harm, and suicidal thoughts	0800 101 0444
East Midlands	Mental health problems, anxiety, depression, self-harm, and suicidal thoughts	0800 101 0444
East of England	Mental health problems, anxiety, depression, self-harm, and suicidal thoughts	0800 101 0444
London	Mental health problems, anxiety, depression, self-harm, and suicidal thoughts	0800 101 0444
South East	Mental health problems, anxiety, depression, self-harm, and suicidal thoughts	0800 101 0444
South West	Mental health problems, anxiety, depression, self-harm, and suicidal thoughts	0800 101 0444
Wales	Mental health problems, anxiety, depression, self-harm, and suicidal thoughts	0800 101 0444
Scotland	Mental health problems, anxiety, depression, self-harm, and suicidal thoughts	0800 101 0444
Northern Ireland	Mental health problems, anxiety, depression, self-harm, and suicidal thoughts	0800 101 0444

KEY DATES

Autumn Term 2022

Staff Training Day (No students in school): Thursday 01 September 2022

Staff Training Day (No students in school): Friday 02 September 2022

Year 7 & 12 Induction: Monday 05 September 2022

Year 8-11, Year 13 Normal Lessons: Monday 05 September 2022

Half Term: Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October 2022

Staff Training Day (No students in school): Monday 21 November 2022

Academy Day (No students in school): Friday, 02 December 2022

Last Day of Term: Friday 16 December 2022

Christmas Holiday: Monday 19 December 2022 to Monday 02 January 2023

Bank holidays: Monday 26 December 2022, Tuesday 27 December 2022 &

Monday 02 January 2023

Spring Term 2023

Spring Term begins: Tuesday 03 January 2023

Half Term: Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February 2023

Last Day of Term: Friday 31 March 2023

Easter Holidays: Monday 03 April to Friday 14 April 2023

Bank Holidays: Friday 07 April 2023 and Monday 10 April 2023

KUMON
MATHS ENGLISH

NEW CENTRE NOW OPEN
Wembley Central Study Centre
020 8426 1222

Kumon Maths and English Study

Come and visit our new study centre for children! Kumon develops confidence and independence in Maths and English. Call us now for your child's free assessment. Free registration for digital registrations (saving you £45)

Call us on tel 0208 426 1222 or email: wembleycentral@kumoncentre.co.uk

Ofsted registered. Discounts available

DISCLAIMER - The content provided is for informational purposes only and should not be taken as an endorsement of any kind by the School.