

## Changes to School Timings

Please note we have slightly modified our school day to allow students a longer lunchtime. This will give students more time to enjoy their lunch and allow more time for staff and students who need to commute between sites. The changes below will take effect from Monday 31 October 2022:

**Lunchtime - 13:30 - 14:20**  
**End of Day - 15:20**

Please click [here](#) for a pdf copy of the new School Timings.

## Dates for your Diary

ALL

**Monday 21 November**  
Staff Training Day - No students in school

ALL

**Thursday 24 November**  
Sixth Form Open Day

ALL

**Friday 02 December**  
Academy Day - No students in school

ALL

**Friday 16 December**  
Last Day of Term

ALL

**Monday 19 December - Monday 2 January**  
All students - Christmas Holiday

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term has passed so quickly - we have almost reached November and there is so much to tell you about.

The 2022 School Performance Tables have been published for the first time since the COVID pandemic. You can read all about our excellent examination results on page 2. Our Progress 8 score is +0.75, which means that on average our students **achieved 3/4 of a grade better than expected in every examination they sat**. This puts us well above the national average (-0.03) and means that we outperformed all of our local secondary schools (e.g. the Brent average was +0.50). Although we do not have a 2022 value added score for Year 13s (no GCSE examinations in 2020), **while national results declined, our Year 13 outcomes significantly improved**. Our average A Level grade has risen to a **B grade** and the average grade for applied and vocational subjects is **Distinction**. These results illustrate the tremendous attitude, hard work and application of our staff and students. Well done to the class of 2022.



Left to Right Mr Jatla (Director of Finance & Resources), Ms Shah (Chair of Governors), Mr McKenna (Headteacher), Mr Rayleigh (Associate Assistant Headteacher) receiving the Silver Award.

We are all looking forward to the announcement of the Gold Winners of The 2022 Pearson National Teaching Awards. You will recall that we received the **Silver Award** for 'Making a Difference – Secondary School of the Year' in the summer term. The Gold Award winners will be announced during a week-long celebration on **BBC's The One Show** (from 21st November) and at the prestigious Pearson Awards ceremony on 26th November. You can find out more by visiting [this link](#).

I am sure you will enjoy reading about the wonderful initiatives and events we have been involved in this term such as achieving the Green Flag Award and Wear Red Day for anti-racism. We achieved amazing results in the Senior UK Maths Challenge competition and took part in the BBC 100 celebrations, when celebrity presenter Martin Dougan visited our school for a special assembly with Years 7, 8 and 9. It was also a great honour to be invited to unveil the bronze sculpture of three Alperton Community School students last weekend - you can visit the sculpture which stands next to the Grand Union Community Hub on Beresford Avenue.

The next half term will be crucial for our Year 11 and Year 13 students as they sit their first mock examinations at GCSE and A Level. All other year groups will sit mid-year examinations in January 2023. Year 11 parents should also make sure to keep the evening of Thursday 24th November in their diaries for the Sixth Form Open Evening. As has been the case in recent years, we have already received numerous applications from external students for places in our Sixth Form.

We are more than aware of the impact COVID has had on student learning in spite of the best efforts of primary and secondary teachers during lockdown. Because of the loss of learning across the country, both the Department for Education and Brent have made student attendance to school their number one priority. Consequently, parents should appreciate that holidays during term time will not be permitted unless there are highly exceptional reasons. It goes without saying that students already have a quarter of the year (13 weeks) for holidays and trips abroad. It is therefore unacceptable for these visits to take place during term time.

A final reminder to parents that we have added an extra 10 minutes to lunch time to support student and staff wellbeing. From 31st October, students should continue to arrive at their normal start time (8:30am in the playground at the very latest), however, school will end at the slightly later time of 3:20pm.

## Congratulations to all our students on an excellent set of GCSE and A Level results



Alperton Community School has produced an excellent set of results this year, despite the challenges of COVID, home learning and all the associated disruptions.

At GCSE, the results for the most able students were exceptional with 32% of students achieving the top grades (9-7) in English and maths. There were 182 grades at 9-7 in the sciences – biology, chemistry and physics. In total, Alperton Community School

students achieved 658 grades at 9-7. Our students achieved 151 of the highest possible grades (Grade 9) results with 45 Grade 9s in English and maths.

The progress students have made since their primary school is excellent, particularly given the school time lost during COVID. The school has achieved a huge increase in the percentage of students achieving grades 5 and above in English and maths, with two thirds of students achieving a strong pass in these subjects. 47% of students achieved above their expected grade in English and 62% above their expected grade in maths.

Congratulations to Ritesh Makvana who achieved Grade 9 in English literature, maths, further maths, biology, chemistry, physics, geography and Gujarati; to Mazneen Kaleelur Rahuman who achieved seven Grade 9s and three Grade 8s; and to Artur Zhemchuzhnikov who made exceptional progress since arriving from Ukraine at the start of Year 10. He achieved a Grade 7 in religious studies, Grade 6 in both English language and literature as well as Grade 5s in business, geography and science.

At A Level, 76% of examinations were awarded the top A\*-B grades and over 91% of students achieved Distinction\* - Merit grades on our Level 3 vocational programmes. With 157 A\* and A grades and 36 Distinction\* (star) grades, our students should be very proud of their achievements. As a result, many of our students have been accepted at prestigious Russell Group universities including Bristol, Imperial, Kings, LSE, Queen Mary, Southampton and UCL.

Special congratulations go to Ali Saliman, Dhruv Patel, Vishva Patel, Kundan Mahitkumar, Alfie Davis and Aarsh Amin who all achieved A\*A\*A\*. As well as Medicine and Dentistry, Alperton students have embarked on a wide range of degree courses including Accounting, Business, Economics and Finance; Aerospace, Civil and Chemical Engineering, Computer Science, Nursing, Pharmacology, Pharmacy and Radiography; Psychology, Philosophy, Fashion, Politics, Law, Social work and History. The range exemplifies not only the broad range of our curriculum, but the wide range of student interests at Alperton Community School.

We were also especially pleased to hear that 14 of our students were accepted onto top-level apprenticeships with employers such as KPMG, Deloitte, IBM and PWC. Congratulations to all students and best of luck in their future endeavours.



## Black History Month

Our Design & Technology department has put together a special presentation with artworks celebrating Black History Month. Please take a moment to check out their fantastic designs.



**DT - BLACK HISTORY MONTH**  
October

## Innovate catering

Please take a few minutes to check our new School Meal Menus. We have a wonderful selection of hot and cold meals offered on a three week rotation. You can view the daily menu and costs on the school website:



## Parent Pay Account

Please remember to check your child's Parent Pay account every Friday to make sure it is topped up for the following week. To find out more information about this service, please click on the image below:



## Support with the Cost of Living

If you are struggling with the rising prices, help is available through Brent Council during the autumn and winter to support you through the cost-of-living crisis. They can help with bills, food or other household essentials and emergency assistance. To ask for help, please visit their website: <http://brent.gov.uk/costofliving> A leaflet with more information can be downloaded by clicking on the link below:



**Supporting you with the cost of living**  
Tackling tough times together

Get help and advice at [brent.gov.uk/costofliving](http://brent.gov.uk/costofliving)

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## Alperton Family Support

Alperton Community School is here to support its students, their families and the wider community during these very difficult times. If you are struggling with financial hardship, please click on the link below for more information about the support services available from your council and other local organisations:

# NEED EXTRA HELP WITH FINANCES?

Please click on this link to find out what support is available

## Alperton students attend the BMW PGA Golf Tournament at Wentworth



On Saturday, 10th September, a number of students were lucky enough to be invited to attend the BMW PGA Golf Championship which took place at Wentworth. None of us had ever been to a Golf tournament before and everyone at the venue were really friendly. There were many different activities which you could take part in such as Golf and Rugby and a game where you had to kick the football into various different holes in the wall to win a prize.

We then saw a whole range of performance cars and brand new BMWs. You were allowed to sit in them and play around with the infotainment features which were amazing.

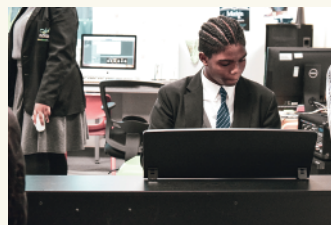
Afterwards we went to watch the Golf and it was fascinating to see so many famous golfers in real life competing for the prestigious tournament. We also went on a tour of the media centre and the pressroom where we learnt that there are many different career paths within sport. For example, we learnt that you can be a tour guide, control the cameras and even control what is going to be broadcast on live television. We then learnt that the people who control everything for the media and TV have to work from huge trucks which are highly sophisticated and furnished with the very best technical equipment. We were very lucky to have the opportunity to look inside one of them and it was amazing to see all the screens with different camera angles of the golf field. We then visited the pressroom where the golf players are interviewed after each round. We would like to thank Mr Rayleigh for providing us with this memorable experience.



## Alperton Community School Open Day 2022

On Wednesday 28 September, we were delighted to welcome to our school over 400 parents and students for our annual Open Day event. The guests had the opportunity to try out various lessons and workshops and to speak with our students and staff to find out more about our school, our amazing learning facilities and the application process. Our student ambassadors did a fantastic job in meeting and greeting the guests, conducting tours

and showing them around the school. The guests were invited to hear a talk from our Headteacher Gerard McKenna and also to try out various lessons and workshops and to speak with our pupils and staff to find out more about the school. Parents were impressed with our fantastic facilities and the great variety of extra-curricular activities we offer and with how well the school is organised. Please take a moment to check out the photos taken on the day.



# SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

## THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER, 5.30pm-7.30pm



### Excellent A Level Results at Alperton

- 76% of the examinations were awarded A\*, A or B grades
- 91% achieved Distinction\* - Merit grades on our BTEC National and Cambridge Technical Level 3 programmes
- 157 A\* and A grades and 36 Distinction\* (star) grades
- Three quarters of our A level students achieved grades A\*/ A / B in Chemistry, Maths, further Maths, Physics, Art, ICT and Economics
- Many of our A level students have been accepted onto top degree courses at prestigious Russell Group universities



To book a place, please visit our website:  
[www.alperton.brent.sch.uk](http://www.alperton.brent.sch.uk)

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## Inspiring and uplifting Sports Awards evening celebrating Alperton talent



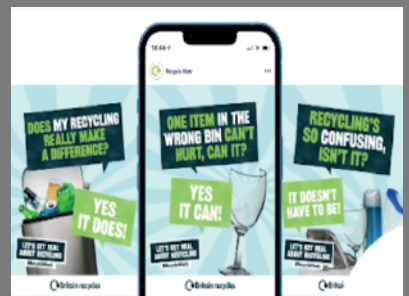
On Thursday 29 September we invited our school community to join us at our annual Sports Awards evening to celebrate the great achievements of our students. The event was inspiring and uplifting and made us feel very proud of our gifted and ambitious students who were rewarded for their hard work. Congratulations to everyone who won an award and we hope more students will feel inspired this year to join an after-school club or other sporting activity.

A big thank you to the Sport and Health team for organising and presenting such a wonderful event! Please see below some photos from the event.



## Alperton Green Flag Award

Thanks to the passion and commitment of our Eco committee, our Green Flag award was renewed in August 2022. The Eco representatives will be continuing their work this year, setting as their top priorities Recycling Paper and Reducing Plastic Waste. Well done to all our students for their hard work and their determination to improve the school and the local environment.



## ACS Recycling Week 2022

In the last week of term, our students took part in a fantastic week of activities as part of ACS Recycling Week 2022, designed to raise awareness about environmental issues and encourage recycling behaviour. Thank you to our Green Ambassadors and everyone else who got involved!



## KUMON MATHS & ENGLISH STUDY

For more information and to book your one-week Free Trial, contact Navaz Sethna on 0208 426 1222 or book your child's assessment at: [www.kumon.co.uk/wembley-central](http://www.kumon.co.uk/wembley-central)



Click here for more info

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## Wear Red Day

On Friday 21 October Alperton celebrated the Wear Red Day 2022. Students and teachers were invited to wear a red item to show their support and to make a donation to the Show Racism the Red Card, the UK's largest anti-racism educational charity. To find out more or to get involved, please click on the image below:



## Bikeability Project

Last week, some of our KS3 students took part in the 'Bikeability' project, a programme designed to train students to cycle safely and to encourage sustainable travel. Please click on the link below to read some comments from our students.

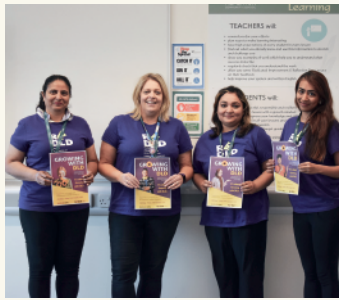


## Alperton Free School App

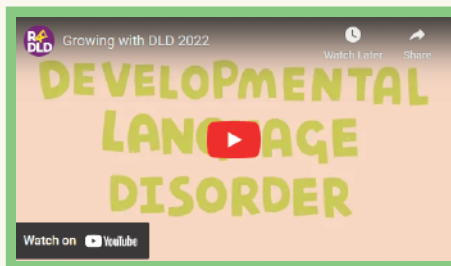
Our school provides a free school app to help parents keep track with their child's attendance, timetable, absence records, achievements, behaviour and much more. Please click on the following link to find out more about the app and for instructions on how to download it.



## Alperton takes part in the Developmental Language Disorder Awareness Day 2022



On 14 October we celebrated Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) Awareness Day. Many thanks to Joanna Hickey from Brent Children's Specialist Services for visiting our school to celebrate the event and help raise awareness about DLD. The theme for this year was 'Growing with DLD'. Developmental Language Disorder is a common condition that affects 1 in 14 people causing difficulties understanding and using language for no known reason. Below you can find out more about the DLD and what support is available.



## Official unveiling of Bronze Sculpture at the opening of a new Brent Community Hub

On Saturday 15 October, members of the Brent community and Alperton Community School were invited to the grand opening of a new Community Hub in Alperton as part of the Grand Union Project. The event was marked by the official unveiling of a bronze sculpture depicting three children climbing stacks of books that was modelled after three Alperton students. The sculpture is called The Next Step and was created by leading artist Brian Alabaster. Our students and staff worked with the artist throughout last year and were really proud to have had the opportunity to take part in this project and make a contribution to their community.

The new Hub will be at the centre of the Brent community and people will be able to hire the Hub for different activities, such as courses or enjoy the onsite Café. The canal will also host water sport activities, such as kayaking. "The Grand Union project has totally regenerated and revitalised this neighbourhood and we cannot wait to see the community play a leading role in the running of this Hub" said Cllr Shama Tatler, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Planning.



# Alperton takes part in the 'BBC 100 Share Your Story' educational project



On Thursday, 29th October, we were delighted to welcome to our school the BBC and take part in their educational project 'BBC100 Share Your Story'. The programme is part of the BBC's 100th birthday celebrations and aims to inspire young people to achieve their ambitions and career goals.

We were extremely lucky to be visited by a high-profile BBC celebrity, Martin Dougan, who is well known for being the main reporter on Newsround. He is a very charismatic presenter and as part of the programme he introduced a colleague who shared her career journey with the students.

Her story was very personal and explained the challenges that she had overcome along the way. She spoke with great passion and showed our students that no matter what you go through, you can still achieve your goals. Students were also given the opportunity to ask questions to find out more about her story.

Videos highlighting how the BBC have been storytelling for 100 years were shown and students were encouraged to share their own stories through the BBC's Young Reporter Scheme.

The panellists then discussed careers within Storytelling such as advertising, News and Sport reporting, game design and script writing. The sessions were designed to support our school's careers provision and to help students connect with local employers.

The students really enjoyed the event and it was a great opportunity for them to learn about the importance and power of stories. They left the event inspired that they could go and make their own positive stories in life as well as understanding the different types of careers that exist within the BBC.



# Alperton students achieve excellent results at the Senior UK Maths Challenge

Congratulations to all the Year 12 and 13 students who competed in the Senior UK Maths Challenge. Once again, our students performed brilliantly with 2 gold, 7 silver and 25 bronzes. The two gold awards went to Nikhil Kirticumar and Dev Shah who have been invited to the Andrew Jobbings Senior Kangaroo challenge next month. A special thank you to Ms Kerai for her tremendous organisation and enthusiasm for our students and thank you to the maths team for their support, particularly, Mr Surendram, Ms Bektas, Mr Kirupharan and Ms Rajmohan.

# 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 below.

# 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: