

Alt Bridge School

Head teacher's Bi-Weekly Newsletter
Monday 13th March 2023

Last week saw our fantastic week-long PGL visit go ahead for our students in years 10-13. Students engaged in a range of activities which supported resilience and relationships building alongside some healthy and engaging activities. Soon, our students in years 7 and 8 will have their turn to get stuck into their own residential visit supporting by our partners from Military School UK.

For our year 9 students, we recently held our year 9 options event which was well-attended by parents and carers. Students were able to select their curriculum options as they move up into Key Stage 4.

This week, Alt Bridge School are being assessed for the Parent Partnership Award through SSAT. This is something we have been working towards over the last year and our work has been led by our parent partnership leader Mrs Melling. We look forward to hearing back from our assessors and continuing to develop our positive relationships with parents and carers.

Our new anti-bullying policy is now finalised following consultation with parents, carers, staff, students and governors. Our new policy reflects our commitment to tackling bullying and preventing it from occurring in our setting. Any feedback from parents and carers is warmly welcomed.

Please note the following important dates coming up;

- **Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March** – SCHOOL CLOSED DUE TO INDUSTRIAL ACTION
- **Friday 24th March 9:15am** – Post-16 end-of-term assembly. Parents and carers welcome to attend.
- **Monday 27th to Wednesday 29th March** – Years 7 and 8 residential over two nights.
- **Monday 27th March** – parents evening for years 10, 11 and post-16
- **Tuesday 28th March 9:15am** – Year 9 end-of term assembly. Parents and carers welcome to attend

- **Wednesday 29th March 9:15am** – Years 10 and 11 end-of-term assembly. Parents and carers welcome to attend.
- **Thursday 30th March 9:15am** – Years 7 and 8 end-of-term assembly. Parents and carers welcome to attend.

As always, we look forward to meeting with our parents and carers and discussing each individual student's pathway.

Best wishes,

Mrs Menagh
Executive Head teacher

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

We ask that all parents and carers support school with our mobile phone policy by ensuring that students ***leave mobile phones at home*** when they board transport to school. Only students who are independent travellers would be expected to bring phones to school and these must be handed into our office on arrival.

Careers and Enterprise

We have an excellent careers programme at Alt Bridge, with more information available on our website at: <http://www.altbridgeschool.com/curriculum-offer/career-advice/>

Our year 9 students have been benefitting massively this year from our work experience visits to Knowsley Safari Park. Students have been accessing regular sessions to teach them about the world of work at Knowsley Safari Park.

Our careers leader Miss Beasley has also organised the following exciting events;

Tuesday 28th March 11:00 to 12:30 - Year 10 Speed Meet the Employee .
Opportunity for the Year 10's in groups to meet a number of different people who work for a wide range of organisations. (organisations so far include QVC, First Class Signs,)

Wednesday 29th March 10:00 to 14:15 - World of Work Day in Post 16. A number of carousel workshops including Labour Market Information, CV writing, Virtual Work Experience and or leadership or interview session.

If parents/carers would like to access any careers-related advice, please contact Miss Beasley on 0151 477 8310.



Also don't forget to join your child's form class on their creative enterprise café coffee mornings. So far, they have been well-received this year and enjoyed by all! These mornings provide more opportunities for work experience and enterprise activities for our students.

STAY CONNECTED

Would you like to know more about how your child is getting on academically and socially? Look no further!

Parents and carers have a wealth of information available to them on how their child is getting on in school. We send out letters, newsletters and information via **ParentApp** and we also use **SeeSaw** and **Epraise**. Both of these systems can be accessed by parents and carers.

SeeSaw will show you your child's work in school and comments by teachers. Each student's learning journal is available online. The link to log onto SeeSaw is via our website;

<https://www.altbridgeschool.com/remote-learning-2/online-learning-platforms/>

Epraise is our behaviour for learning system and we give students merits and demerits for behaviour for learning. You will be able to communicate directly with staff via Epraise as well and catch up on how they are getting on in school. The link to log onto Epraise is via our website;

<https://www.altbridgeschool.com/parent-carer-information/epraise/>

Zero Waste

Every week, we save a considerable amount of food from landfill by collecting it from supermarkets and distributing it for use by our families for free.

Our food collection and distribution days are Thursdays. If you would like any more information about this scheme, please contact Cathy Bruna via the school office on 0151 477 8310.

Epraise Behaviour for Learning

EPRAISE UPDATES!!

The leading year group for this academic year currently is **year 9!**

The new leading form group for the academic year so far is **9.5** with **5644 points** earned since September. They have just entered the lead!

The form group who earned the most points in the last week is **also 9.5** with **829 points!**

If any parent or carer still needs to log onto the Epraise support or needs support, please contact Mrs Richards via the school office. We will need your email address in order for you to get set up.

Parents/carers can keep up-to-date with their child's merits and points via this system and also send us messages.