

# Alt Bridge School

Head teacher's Bi-Weekly Newsletter

16<sup>th</sup> May 2024



Dear families,

We are delighted that the weather has improved and it is great to see our students enjoying the outdoors areas in the sunshine. Please remember to send students in with refillable water bottles as things continue to warm up. There are fountains available in school for students to refill water bottles throughout the day. We are avoiding providing plastic cups due to the environmental impact so we ask parents to provide water bottles for this purpose and to support the hydration of students.

I wrote to you recently to inform you that from September, Alt Bridge will have a new Deputy Head Teacher. Mrs Parkinson has provided a short bio to introduce herself. Please enjoy reading and I am sure she will enjoy meeting parents and carers when opportunities arise in the future. As well as being an experience leader within a specialist setting in Liverpool, Mrs Parkinson is also a qualified teacher for the visually impaired, bringing this additional expertise to Alt Bridge. We are very much looking forward to working with her.

I hope you enjoying reading about things going on at Alt Bridge in this newsletter.

Best wishes,

Mrs Menagh  
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.

## SOME KEY DATES

### JUNE 2024

**Wednesday 5th June 2024 3.30pm – 5pm** – Dot Art Ceremony for entrants

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June** – Enrichment passport graduation (details to follow)

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June** – Enrichment passport graduation (details to follow)

### NEW SCHOOL TIMETABLE FROM SEPTEMBER 2024

School Times	
<b>8:00-9:15am</b>	BREAKFAST CLUB PROVISION Dining hall (students must be signed in)
<b>9:15-9:30</b>	Arrival of students – to main yard & greeted by staff
<b>9:30-9:45</b>	REGISTRATION/Form time
<b>9:45-10:15</b>	Reading development sessions for all students
<b>10:15-11:00</b>	Lesson 1
<b>11:00-11:15</b>	Morning break & snack
<b>11:15-12:00</b>	Lesson 2
<b>12:00-12:40</b>	Lesson 3
<b>12:40-12:45</b>	REGISTRATION at end of lesson 3
<b>12:45-13:45</b>	LUNCH
<b>13:45-14:30</b>	Lesson 4
<b>14:30-15:15</b>	Lesson 5
<b>15:15-15:30</b>	Form time and departure

### The Voice 2024

Each year we hold a school talent show called The Voice!

The voice heats have taken place over the last half term. Year 10 students plan and organise the event as part of their performing arts silver award. The grand final is next week on Tuesday morning. Parents of the pupils involved will be invited.

We have had over 40 singers and performers and year 7 particular were very keen to show their talents.



### Kindness Champions

Each week, students nominate others for Kindness awards. Our Kindness Champions for this week are;

Tamara (7.4)

Many nominations for always being a great friend and class member!

Theo (11.4)

For always showing a positive, pleasant attitude towards fellow students and staff and for being an excellent ambassador for the equalities team!

Alfie W (12.2)

For always showing a kind and courteous attitude to his fellow students and staff.

So nice to see so many acts of kindness this week, please keep encouraging students to use their weekly kindness vote!

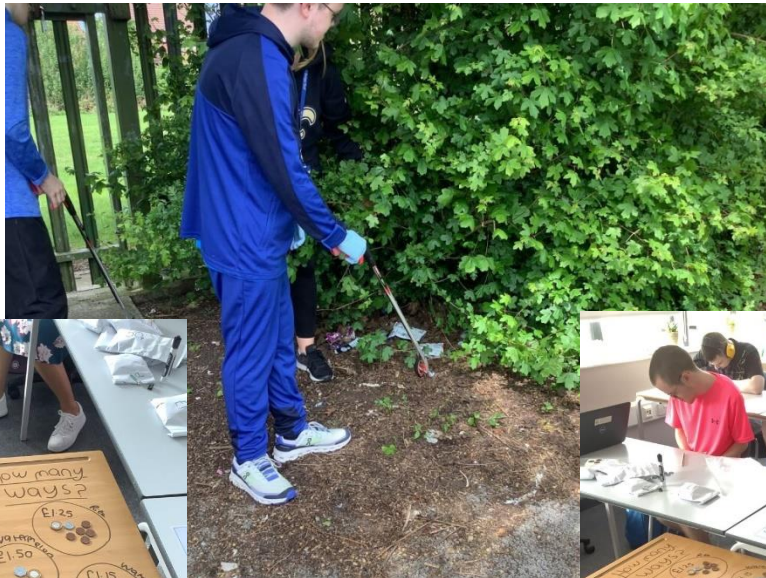
### Dot Art

Our students and their work are going to the dot-art Schools 2024 competition in St George's Hall and The Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool on Wednesday 5th June 2024 from 3.30pm – 5pm

The prize giving ceremony will involve revealing the overall winners and runners up for prizes. The ceremony will include presentations of certificates by The Lord Mayor of Liverpool, to the top three shortlisted students and vote winners exhibiting from each school.

## ASDAN qualifications

Students in Union class took part in volunteering activities as part of their ASDAN award. They did a litter pick across the school site and helped to maintain our wonderful outdoor space.



Other students are working hard towards ASDAN Numeracy skills award. They are currently working on their understanding of



money in prep for a visit to ASDA to purchase the items in the near future.

## Safeguarding Team

The **Designated Safeguarding Leader for the school is Miss Richards** (Assistant Head teacher). We also have four other members of staff who are trained to the level of Designated Safeguarding Leaders;

- Mrs Rodgers – Assistant Head teacher
- Miss Pritchard – Pupil Welfare Coordinator
- Miss Townson – Learning Mentor
- Miss Freeman – Learning Mentor

If you have any safeguarding concerns about a child who attends Alt Bridge, please report them to one of the DSLs above. You can also contact Knowsley Multi- Agency Safeguarding Hub on **0151 443 2600**.

**Please note if you believe a child, young person or adult at immediate risk, you should contact the police urgently, CALL 999 EMERGENCY.**

## Residentials

### UPCOMING RESIDENTIALS

**9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 9 residential visit to Bibby's Farm in Chorley for Duke of Edinburgh – key contact would be Miss Dallas

**Year 7/8 residential visit** – Provisional booking in place for the 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> July and 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> July.

## Strawberry Fields Visit

Our students from post-16 enjoyed a visit to strawberry fields recently. Students were fully engaged with the talk from their member of staff and enjoyed a tour of the learning area, cafe, shop and lovely grounds including some history about the site. It really was an informative and lovely visit and exceeded a few of our students' expectations.



**Epraise Behaviour for Learning Champions**

**EPRAISE UPDATES!!**

The leading year group for the last week is **year 8!**

The leading form groups for the school are;

7:4 with 25020 points  
10.5 with 21107 points  
7:2 with 17078 points  
7:1 with 16087 points  
8.5 with 15497 points

Our top points achievers this **week** are;

Jack from 7:1 with 193 points  
Joseph from 7:1 with 181 points  
Kevin from 7:1 with 181 points  
Nathaniel from 7:1 with 179 points  
Katherine from 7:1 with 174 points

Our top points achievers this **year** are students who have reached the governors award level! What an amazing achievement!

Thomas - 10.5 with 2673 points  
Paige - 10.5 with 2614 points  
Riley - 7:4 with 2496 points  
Tyler - 7:4 with 2410 points  
Lorenzo - 7:4 with 2394 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.