

# Alt Bridge School

Head teacher's Bi-Weekly Newsletter  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November



Dear families,

There is so much going on at Alt Bridge as always! I know you will be waiting to read the report from our recent Ofsted inspection and I look forward to being able to share it with you once it has been received by the school. Thank you to all our fabulous parents and carers who spoke to the inspectors and were so positive about their experiences with the school. Your support is always hugely appreciated.

We have some continued building works going on at the moment on our sports area and I know that staff and students are very excited to be able to use these facilities once everything is ready. It is going to take more time but I know we will be very pleased with the outcome.

Tonight, Alt Bridge staff will be attending the Educate Awards! Fingers crossed for success with the Wow Recognition Award.

Our links with Shakespeare North Playhouse continue this year and we have some excellent activities planned with them which include vocalisation sessions, hip-hop workshops, a Hamlet and Book Art Exhibition project, the year 9 Heart of Hold workshop, scratch books sessions and spooky Shakespeare workshops also.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Mrs Menagh  
Head teacher

## SOME KEY DATES

### NOVEMBER 2023

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – Educate Awards – staff will represent Alt Bridge at the awards in the evening at the fabulous cathedral in Liverpool.

### DECEMBER 2023

**Year 7 Pantomime trip – Date to be confirmed in December**

**Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper days – to be confirmed!**

### END-OF-TERM REWARD ASSEMBLIES – PARENTS/CARERS WELCOME

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 9:15-9:30am** – Year 7 End-of-term assembly.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9:15-9:30am** – Year 8 end-of-term assembly.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 9:15-9:30am** – Year 9 end-of-term assembly.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 9:15-9:30am** – Year 10 end-of-term assembly.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 9:15-9:30am** – Year 11 end-of-term assembly.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 9:15-9:30am** – Post-16 end-of-term assembly.

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas form party day, form decorating competition judgement day and **LAST DAY OF TERM FOR PUPILS – 1pm finish**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – School INSET days, pupils remain home!

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024** – FIRST DAY BACK FOR PUPILS

#### 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.

## 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/>

## Therapy Dogs



At Alt Bridge School, we recognise the importance of therapeutic intervention to support positive mental health and wellbeing amongst our students. For the last 18 months, we have been working with Hope's Therapy Dogs to provide dog therapy to our students. We always enjoy seeing Lola in school. All sessions take place with trained animal intervention specialists. If you feel your child would benefit, please speak to a member of the wellbeing hub.

## Epraise Behaviour for Learning Champions

### EPRAISE UPDATES!!

The leading year group for the last week is **year 7!**

The new leading form group for the week is **7.4** with **5994 points** earned so far this year.

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.

## 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.**