

Alt Bridge School

Head teacher's Bi-Weekly Newsletter
Friday 29th September



Dear families,

It has been an amazing start to the term and it has been wonderful to see our students settling in to new routines, new year groups and new classes.

I am absolutely delighted to announce that we have recently achieved the Careers Standards Award in recognition of the exceptional provision we have in place. This award highlights the work we do to support students, right from the start of their journey with us, to prepare for success in adulthood and to acquire their choice of careers.

We are also amongst the shortlisted schools for the North West Educate Awards WOW recognition award!! Fingers crossed for success. The awards will take place on the 17th November 2023.

We look forward to treating the students to two special days of Autumn fun at the end of the half term – more details will follow in a Halloween flyer.

SOME KEY DATES:

OCTOBER 2023

Thursday 12th October 9:45am-10:45am – POST-16 coffee morning for parents and carers

Wednesday 25th October – Halloween Disco day years 7, 8 and 9 – DRESS-UP allowed

Thursday 26th October – Halloween Disco day Years 10, 11 and post-16 – DRESS-Up allowed

Friday 27th October – School INSET days, pupils remain home!

Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November – HALF TERM HOLIDAY

As always, I look forward to seeing parents and carers soon. In the meantime, take good care.

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.

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;

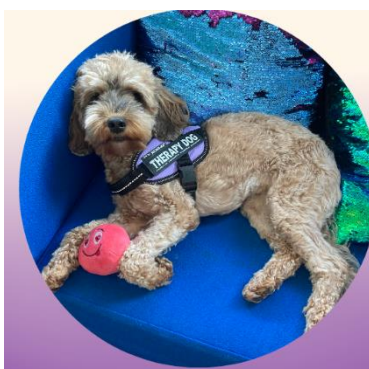
<https://www.altbridgeschool.com/remote-learning-2/online-learning-platforms/>

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

We are delighted to receive regular visits from our two amazing therapy dogs Lola and Dexter. They always bring such significant joy to our school community. If you think your child might benefit from some animal time, please get in touch. Animal contact can be very therapeutic for our students and the staff also love a cuddle with them!



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 **10.5** with **2956 points** earned.

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.

SHARE Knowsley

SHARe Knowsley is a registered charity that is set up to support refugees and asylum seekers that live in Knowsley. Our Alt Bridge students have thoroughly enjoyed their engagement with refugees and asylum seekers through participating in a range of activities and events recently.

We are so proud of our students as they continue to show us the meaning of inclusion and their commitment to equality!

‘SHARe Knowsley’ is a small grassroots charity that wants to help improve the lives of those living in our community who have left their homes and everything they know, to escape the horrors of persecution, violence, war and oppression.

We hosted a fantastic football tournament at Alt Bridge and also attended a games session alongside SHARe at the end of the summer term. We have decided to work towards the School of Sanctuary award in recognition of our ethos!



Year 7 & 8 Residential

In the next couple of weeks, we will be holding a parents/carers meeting for our year 7 & 8 residential which we are planning for the Spring Term 2024. Mr Randall will send out the details soon!

This will be an opportunity for parents and carers to meet the



team from British Military School and hear about the benefits of the residential and some practical arrangements. We have worked with the Military school for a few years now and our last residential with them was a huge success.

Once again, the venue will be YMCA Lakeside which as you can see is a stunning venue on the shores of Lake Windermere in the Lake District.

The Residential combines the amazing location with a range of adventure activities and an organised programme of personal development arranged in partnership with the British Military School



Safeguarding Team

Just a reminder to parents and carers that our safeguarding officers at school include;

Mrs Menagh – Head teacher
Mr Farrimond – Deputy Head teacher
Mrs Richards – Assistant Head teacher
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.