

Alt Bridge School

Head teacher's Newsletter
September 2024



Dear families,

It has been a busy start to the academic year at Alt Bridge. It has been wonderful to welcome all of our new students and to begin to get to know them and all of our new parents and carers joining us. I hope this will be the start of a positive relationship between us for many years to come.

During the summer, we were delighted to be informed that we have achieved accreditation with the National Online Safety organisation. This is the second time we have been certified for our ongoing work to keep students safe online. The award is given in recognition of the additional staff training we undertake, the provisions in place for online safety and our curriculum focus on online safety also.

Students in post-16 have begun their programme of Duke of Edinburgh award this week, enjoying the start of their weekly trips out to engage in a range of exciting outdoors activities which support their personal development goals. Thankfully, they have had some nice weather to enjoy the activities with!

In other good news, I have shared our GCSE results in this newsletter for year 11 and post-16 students who entered examinations in the summer term. Our students also achieved entry levels, functional skills, Arts Awards, ASDAN and vocational qualifications.

Please enjoy reading this newsletter. Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend!

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 COMING UP

SEPTEMBER 2024

September is our transition and settling month with a key focus on building relationships and becoming familiar with routines.

OCTOBER 2024

October - October is Black History Month

Tuesday 22nd October – OPEN evening for prospective parents and carers

Thursday 24th October – Students finish for half term

Friday 25th October – Staff INSET – students do not attend

Head Students 2024!



We would like to introduce this years head students; Annabelle and Joel have been selected to represent our school this year. They demonstrate our four core values in everything that they do and are brilliant role models to our younger students. Annabelle and Joel represented Alt Bridge School earlier in the year at the Knowsley Education Awards. We look forward to sharing with you, what they get up to this year.

GCSE Exams Results 2024

We are always proud of the many achievements our pupils make each year, whether that be GCSE level or Arts Awards qualifications, entry levels or functional skills or vocational qualifications and ASDAN courses. Each year we see our year 11 and post-16 learners collecting their exams results in the summer on results day and it is lovely to be able to be there to discuss results and next steps with them.

Our 2024 GCSE results for English and Maths are as follows;

Measure	Number in Cohort	Number Achieving	Percentage (<i>Number achieving / number in the cohort</i>)
Grades 1-9 (Graded) in English at KS4	14	14	100%
Grades 1-9 (Graded) in English at KS5	5	5	100%
Grades 4-9 (Standard Pass) in English at KS4	14	5	36%
Grades 4-9 (Standard Pass) in English at KS5	5	1	20%
Grades 5-9 (Strong Pass) in English at KS4	14	2	14%
Grades 1-9 (Graded) in Maths at KS4	14	14	100%
Grades 1-9 (Graded) in Maths at KS5	2	2	100%
Grades 4-9 (Standard Pass) in Maths at KS4	14	4	29%
Grades 1-9 (Graded) in both English and Maths at KS4	11	11	100%
Grades 1-9 (Graded) in both English and Maths at KS5	1	1	100%
Grades 4-9 (Standard Pass) in both English and Maths at KS4	11	3	27.2%

Our students achieve across the full ranges of GCSE levels which support their access to college courses. As you will see, all of our students who are entered for GCSE maths and English achieve a grade and some achieve at grades 4 or above in both subjects.





Huge thanks also to our wonderful staff member Ms Forrester who baked all of our leavers and achievers a well-done celebration box! Miss Dallas and Mrs Young spent the day before results day ensuring that all students had an envelope to collect with all of their results and many other staff came in to either help prepare the cake boxes, set up balloons or set out the hall and serve teas and coffees to parents and carers.

Knowsley SEND drop-in Dates and locations

SEND Parent Support Drop In



Come along to our parenting support drop in for a coffee and chat to a member of our parenting team regarding any questions you may have about your child. SEND drop-in sessions are run by Knowsley Health Visitor and Home Start Knowsley for all parents of children aged 0-25 years with any SEND concerns/enquiries. Just pop in!

**Northwood Family Hub at The Pride,
2 Simonswood Lane, Northwood, L33 5YP**
Every 2nd Thursday of the month 9.30am-12noon
Thursday 12th September
Thursday 10th October
Thursday 14th November
Thursday 12th December

**Hilltop Children's Centre, Bedford Close,
Huyton, L36 1XH**
Every 3rd Wednesday of the month 9.30am-12noon
Wednesday 18th September
Wednesday 16th October
Wednesday 20th November
Wednesday 18th December

**New Hutte Children & Family Hub, Litchfield Road,
Halewood, L26 1TT**
Every 4th Wednesday of the month 9.30am-12noon
Wednesday 25th September
Wednesday 23rd October
Wednesday 27th November

For any further information please call a member of our parenting team
on: 07792540131/ 0738514 6408.



National Online Safety Award 2024



Alt Bridge has successfully completed a comprehensive online safety training programme demonstrating its commitment to keeping children and young people safe online.

Our school has received a National Online Safety Certified School Accreditation for its whole school community approach to protecting children in the online world.

National Online Safety is a multi-award winning digital training provider with extensive resources in online safety, developed in line with the Department of Education's statutory requirements.

Kindness Champions

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

Sean (7.2)

Sean had two votes! *'for trying his hardest to make friends with class mates that he had issues with by sharing his Lego that he had brought in from home'. 'For helping friends in class. Another parent's mum has emailed to thank him'. Well done Sean!*

Lorenzo (Infinity Class)

'for helping me on the yard and for making everybody smile daily'

Mrs Beddows

'she always makes us smile and helps us with our art work. She is kind and the best'

Staff Changes

At the end of this half term, we say farewell to Mr Buxton who is moving onto another school in a senior leadership post. We thank Mr Buxton for the support he has given our students during his time at Alt Bridge and wish him well in his next role.

We have welcomed a number of new members of our staff team to Alt Bridge this term. We are delighted they have joined us and glad to see everyone settling in well.

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;

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;

Safeguarding Team

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

Mrs Rodgers – Assistant Head teacher
Miss Pritchard – Pupil Welfare Coordinator
Mr Randall – Assistant Head teacher
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.

Epraise Behaviour for Learning Champions

EPRAISE UPDATES!!

Our top points achievers this *week* are;

Zackary (7.4) with 164 points
Frankie (7.4) with 133 points
Lilly-Ella (7.4) with 131 points
Annabella (7.4) with 130 points
Ricardo (7.4) with 127 points
Johnny (9:2) with 112 points
Mackenzie (9:2) with 111 points
Ethan (9.6) with 107 points
Michael (9.6) with 100 points
Warren (9:2) with 97 points

Well done to these students who are leading the way on Epraise and are off to a great start this year!