

Alt Bridge School

Head teacher's Newsletter
October 2025



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Dear families,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

Half term break will soon be upon us and it is a longer one this year by three days. We finish on Wednesday 22nd October and the students are back after half term on Tuesday 4th November.

It has been a busy term, and we have enjoyed getting to know our newest students and working with others to help them to become used to the challenges that a new year at school brings. We support transition in various ways and prepare students as well as we possibly can, however, it isn't until we have begun the term and new routines become established ones that we begin to settle fully.

Today I enjoyed a tea party with 30 students across school who had been nominated by their heads of year and teachers to come and enjoy some lovely refreshments and cake! These students were nominated for their excellent behaviour for learning and for being role models to others. It has been lovely spending time with them this afternoon

I hope everyone enjoys the longer half term break than usual and that everyone one returns refreshed and ready for Autumn 2!

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

OCTOBER 2025

Thursday 23rd October – Staff INSET – Students **do not attend**

Friday 24th October – Staff INSET – Students **do not attend**

Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October – HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 3rd November 2025 – **SCHOOL CLOSED** – Students do not attend

Tuesday 4th November 2025 – **SCHOOL OPEN** First day back after half term break

Alt Bridge Careers Fair 2025

The Alt Bridge Careers fair is always a popular annual event and this year was no exception. Our wonderful Careers team organised a truly informative event and welcome providers across the local area to provide details about options for students once they leave us in year 11 or in year 13.



Everton in the Community Sessions



Some of our students have enjoyed attending sessions with Everton in the community and getting involved in engaging activities.

A visit to Goodison Park, the digital skills lab and getting involved in a group social action tasks were just some of things our students were able to get involved in.



Autumn time in the library!

Our library relocated at the end of last term to a new location in school. The new library is lovely and cosy with a full range of books and an Autumn theme currently!



Football!

Our year 8/9 boys football group played in the first round of league fixtures at Greenbank this month and between them achieved 5 wins, 4 draws and only 2 defeats. A huge well done to the students representing their school in sports and conducting themselves brilliantly throughout the event!



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 Murphy – 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.