



Alder Community High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: April newsletter

I hope you all had an enjoyable time over the Easter period and that your child/children returned to school well rested for the final term of this academic year. For Year 11 students this term is a busy one as all of them are now well under way with their examinations and, hopefully, all are revising well so as to achieve the best grades possible.

Bike safety

It is pleasing to see so many students riding to school on their bikes. However, we have had some issues with students being unsafe on the road and I would ask that you speak to your child about the importance of wearing a helmet and riding sensibly on public roads.

Anti-social behaviour and damage

I am aware of a number of incidents of anti-social behaviour in the local community over the Easter holidays. Also, school caretaking staff have been abused by youths and stones were thrown at our brand new minibus causing hundreds of pounds worth of damage. Obviously parents cannot know exactly what their children are up to when they are out but I would be grateful if you could ask your child/children to remain vigilant whilst out in the community and report any anti-social behaviour to you, school staff or the police. By working together we can ensure our community is a safe and caring place for everyone; there is no place in our society for anti-social behaviour.

Trousers/skirts from September 2017

Following on from my letter in December, we will be introducing our new trousers and skirts from September 2017. This will ensure that your child is not wearing incorrect uniform sold in so called 'back to school' sections in supermarkets and shops. Our trousers and skirts can be identified by a green band on the garment, unique to Alder, and they will be available in a range of sizes.

We expect all students to wear the new trousers/skirts from September 2017. These new items of uniform are of better quality and designed to last longer. They will be available from our 2 local suppliers, Kidstop (0161 368 4500) and JFC Sports (0161 367 7700).



"Alder Community High School is a GOOD school" (Ofsted, June 2014).

Extra-curricular activities

There is a lot going on after school at Alder. Please find attached a programme of sporting activities.

Sporting news

The Year 7 + 8 boys Handball team recently won the Tameside Cup and progressed to represent Tameside at the Greater Manchester School Games at the National Cycling Centre. They finished in a commendable 6th place, winning 3 out of their 7 matches.

Remaining Parents' Evenings

Year 7 Wednesday, 10th May 2017 - 4.00pm – 7.00pm.

Calendar Dates

Term dates for the remainder of the academic year are as follows:

Summer Term

Wednesday, 19th April 2017 – Friday, 21st July 2017

Bank holiday – Monday, 1st May 2017

May half term holiday: Monday, 29th May 2017 – Friday, 2nd June 2017

Other dates for your diary:

Year 10 examinations - weeks commencing Monday, 19th June and Monday, 26th June 2017

Year 10 Tameside Careers & Apprenticeship Fair - Thursday, 22nd June

Year 11 Prom - Friday, 23rd June

Year 10 BTec Music assessment evening - Wednesday, 5th July - 6.30pm – 8.30pm.

Year 10 students at Tameside/Clarendon College - Thursday, 6th July

Sports Awards Evening - Thursday, 13th July

Awards Evening - Monday, 17th July

Easy Fundraising

Identified below is a website which gives details of how to raise money, which would obviously benefit both school and the students, whilst you shop. We use any money raised to benefit our students in a variety of ways.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/aldercommunityhigh/>

Yours sincerely



R O'Regan
Head teacher



Half Term 5: April & May

Unless stated, all clubs are for both boys and girls in all year groups.

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EXTRA-REGULAR CLUBS

APR - MAY	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Lunch	Indoor Rounders	Indoor Cricket Nets	1. Dodgeball 2. Dance Club	Trampolining	1. Year 10/11 Indoor Football 2. GCSE & BTEC Club
After School		1. Girls Rounders Practice 2. Cheerleading Club		Dance Club	Basketball

SCHOOL GCOMPETITIONS

<p>Wednesday 26th April Year 7 & 8 Tameside Olympics Dodgeball</p> <p>Wednesday 3rd May Year 9 & 10 Tameside Olympics Dodgeball</p> <p>Tuesday 6th June Year 7/8 Quadkids Athletics</p> <p>Thursday 8th June Year 9 Rounders @ STM</p> <p>Wednesday 14th June Tameside Olympics Cycling</p> <p>Thursday 15th June @ Fairfield Year 8 Rounders</p>	<p>Tuesday 20th June Tameside Olympics Relays</p> <p>Wednesday 21st June Tameside Olympics Triathlon</p> <p>Thursday 22nd June 1. Year 7 Rounders @ NCA 2. Year 7 & 8 Tennis</p> <p>Thursday 29th June 1. Tameside Athletics</p>	<p>TO BE ARRANGED</p> <p>1. Tameside Olympics Frisbee</p>
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