



Alder Community High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Third Autumn Term newsletter 2017

Staff news

We welcome Miss Lang to the English department after Christmas to replace Mr Taylor who emigrated to Australia in November.

Closure in exceptional circumstance such as severe weather conditions

Please see the school website for further information. We will only close the school for safety reasons. We will always send a text, and update the website and school Facebook page to keep parents/carers informed.

Remaining Parents' Evenings

Year 7 Thursday, 17th May 2018

Year 8 Thursday, 8th March 2018

Year 10 Tuesday, 27th March 2018

Year 11 Wednesday, 14th February 2018

Pre public Exams (PPEs)

During the first two weeks of the Spring term year 11 students will embark upon their Pre Public Examinations. Obviously we want students to rest over the Christmas period but there will be an expectation that they prepare for the exams early in the New Year in preparation for Monday, 8th January. Mr Muddiman will send a letter this week detailing the arrangements.

As we did last year, we are going to replicate GCSE results day for Year 11 with their pre-public examination results. Students will be given their results once marking is complete.

Mission for Christmas

On Wednesday, 20th December we will be supporting 'Mission Christmas' for children in poverty over the Christmas period. Students can wear a Christmas jumper in place of their blazer (all other uniform as normal please) for a £1 donation. Alternatively, students can bring in a new, unwrapped present. Of course, students don't have to wear a Christmas jumper and can just donate as they wish.

Please note, a traditional Christmas lunch will be on the menu on Wednesday, 20th December and apart from a vegetarian option there will be no alternative, so please bring a packed lunch or pre-

order a grab bag if your child does not want a turkey lunch. The pasta bar and deli bar will be closed on Wednesday.

Community Christmas Carol Service at Hyde Chapel, Knott Lane, Gee Cross

I hope that you will be able to join us on Wednesday, 20th December at 5.30pm as we host our Community Christmas Carol Service at Hyde Chapel, Knott Lane, Gee Cross, SK14 5SQ. There will be a selection of Christmas readings by students and staff along with lots of your favourite traditional carols to join in with.

Arrangements for the last day

Lessons will continue as normal this week. However, on Friday, 22nd December, we will have a variety of activities to celebrate the end of term and the beginning of the Christmas holidays. We will finish at 12.30pm (no lunch available). Students may be in non-uniform on the last day for a contribution of at least £1.00 towards school fund.

Bikes

I am encouraged that a number of students are keeping active by cycling to school; however, it is also important to stay safe. With the dark mornings and nights upon us it is particularly important that students are visible to drivers. We have had reports of near misses on the road because students are not visible on their bikes. Please ensure your child has lights on their bike, wears a helmet and it is a good idea to wear a high visibility vest/jacket on the roads. Please note, it is unacceptable to ride on the roads (and probably illegal) on a bike without brakes.

Calendar Dates

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

Spring Term:

Monday, 8th January 2018 – Friday, 16th February 2018

Monday, 26th February 2017 – Thursday, 29th March 2018

Summer Term:

Monday, 16th April 2018 – Friday, 25th May 2018

Monday, 4th June 2018 – Friday, 20th July 2018

Easy Fundraising

Easy Fundraising is a website that allows you to raise money for school fund whilst you shop online. We use any money raised to benefit our students in a variety of ways. It is free to join:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/aldercommunityhigh/

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a peaceful and restful Christmas.

Yours sincerely



R O'Regan
Head teacher