



Alder Community High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Summer newsletter 2017

Change of date for start of new term

Building work is being carried out in school during the summer holidays as some rooms are being re-configured. Owing to this, students will start the autumn term on **Wednesday, 6th September** and not Tuesday, 5th September as was previously planned. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but, unfortunately, we are in the hands of the builders.

Uniform – important update

Disappointingly we are experiencing issues with our suppliers not being able to meet our requests satisfactorily for September 2017 for the amendments to the school uniform. As a result **we are delaying compulsory introduction of the new trousers/skirts until September 2018**. However, you may still have the option to purchase these items for the new academic year if they are available. The trousers and skirts from our preferred suppliers are of high quality when compared to cheaper supermarket alternatives.

Governors took the decision to introduce this change to alleviate issues with unsuitable school wear. When purchasing uniform for the new academic year please check our uniform policy to ensure items are compliant. I appreciate your support and understanding in this matter. Full details of our uniform and equipment policy are available on the school website or by contacting the school.

Sports Day/Fundraising

Sports Day is scheduled to take place on Monday, 17th July and so we have decided to tie in fundraising events on the day and throughout the week. This will be a non-uniform day for those students who wish to make a contribution of at least £2.00, but please note that competitors who are taking part in the sports must bring Pe kit. Mellors Caterers have kindly donated bottles of water for the competitors. It is likely that refreshments will be on sale during Sports Day and any money raised will go to charity.

During the morning students will put their contribution of £2.00 on a large outline of the 'Manchester bee' in the school hall. All proceeds will go to the 'We love Manchester' emergency fund run by the British Red Cross.

Arrangements for last day of term

Apart from Sports Day, the rest of the week will run as normal in school uniform. The last day will consist of assembly/form time during period 1 followed by normal lessons periods 2, 3, 4 and 5; the only difference being that we will finish school at 1.00pm. Please note that whilst there will be snacks available at break, there will be no lunch provided at 1.00pm when we finish.



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

Dates for your diary:

Monday, 17th July - Awards Evening

Friday, 21st July - School closes at 1.00pm

Term dates 2017-2018

Autumn Term

Wednesday, 6th September 2017 – Friday, 27th October 2017

Monday, 6th November 2017 – Friday, 22nd December 2017

Spring Term

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

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

Summer Term

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

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

Teacher Training Days / Bank Holidays

School will be closed to students on the following days:

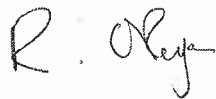
Friday, 29th September 2017

Friday, 1st December 2017

Bank holiday – Monday, 7th May 2018

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a restful summer holiday and thank you for your continued support in making Alder the school that it is today.

Yours sincerely



**R O'Regan
Head teacher**