



Alder Community High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Summer newsletter 2017

Fundraising

Following the tragic events at Manchester Arena, students have come up with various ideas for fundraising. As Sports Day is planned to take place on Monday, 17th July we will also tie in fundraising events on the day and throughout the week. All proceeds will go to the 'We love Manchester' emergency fund run by the British Red Cross.

Uniform

We have high standards of uniform but the recent weather has made conditions inside the building difficult. You may have heard your child talk about 'non blazer days'; this is where I make a decision that students don't have to wear their blazer because of the high temperature both outside and within the building. When it gets really humid, as it has done this week, I have extended that to 'no tie and top button undone', but this is very rare. Common sense has to prevail and students and staff need to be comfortable. Thankfully with the weather cooling down we can go back to normal very soon.

Since last December I have been informing you about our change to trousers/skirts from September 2017. More details of the trousers and skirts are on the school website. These are available in a range of sizes and suppliers can also make a bespoke pair in consultation with school if necessary. **Please note these items are compulsory from September 2017.**

Trips

Instead of the traditional summer trips we trialled something different last year and (car parking aside!) it worked well for the students. We took students to Blackpool just before October half term and it proved to be a success in terms of value for money, so much so that the coaches have already been booked for Friday, 20th October; further details will be provided in due course.

Staffing

We say goodbye in the summer to Miss Billington who is moving to a school in Bolton as she has been successful in gaining a promotion; we wish her all the very best and thank her for her contribution to our school. We welcome Miss Muhammad as a new teacher of science in September and Miss Barber who is joining the Maths department; Mr Connorton, who has been with us since Christmas, will be leaving. In addition, Mrs Morley will become an additional teacher in the Maths department and Mrs Owen will be joining the Technology department.

LGBT week

We are supporting LGBT week from 26th June. Miss Howarth has given students a letter to bring home regarding this but if you have not received it there are spare copies on reception.



Dates for your diary:

Monday – Wednesday 26th – 28th June - Year 10 students on Duke of Edinburgh trip
Friday, 30th June - Year 10 Geography field trip
Tuesday, 4th July - Induction Evening (Year 6 students)
Wednesday, 5th July - Year 10 BTEC Music assessment evening (6.30 – 8.30pm)
Thursday, 6th July - Induction Day 1 for Year 6 students
Friday, 7th July - Induction Day 2 for Year 6 students
Wednesday, 12th July - 30 Year 10 students at Crown Court M/C
Thursday, 13th July - Sports Awards Evening
Monday, 17th July - Awards Evening

Term dates 2017-2018

Autumn Term

Tuesday, 5th 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

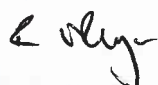
Monday, 16th April 2018 – Friday, 25th May 2018
Monday, 4th June 2018 – Friday, 20th July 2018

Teacher Training Days / Bank Holidays

School will be closed to students on the following days:

Monday, 4th September 2017
Friday, 29th September 2017
Friday, 1st December 2017
Bank holiday – Monday, 7th May 2018

Yours sincerely



R O'Regan
Head teacher