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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: End of Spring Term newsletter 2019

Alder Run for The Christie

The 13th Alder run takes place on Werneth Low at 4pm on Tuesday, 30th April. This is in aid of The Christie Hospital and is organised by an ex Alder teacher, Miss Aikin. Please encourage your child to take part (even if they only walk round the course) and feel free to come along to support the event. Consent forms and sponsorship packs can be collected from reception.

Year 8 Trip to Disneyland Paris

Year 8 had a wonderful time in Disneyland Paris earlier this term, they were a credit to our school. Students visited Disneyland; facing their fears on the big rides, watching parades, buying Minnie Mouse ears and other Disney paraphernalia whilst chasing characters for their autographs. They also visited Disney Studios where the Tower of Terror was found and conquered by the brave, Storm Troopers were spotted and jaws dropped at the amazing stunts in the stunt show! Cowboys' hats were the order of the day at Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show in Disney Village. A fantastic time was had by all.

Year 10 MFL Trip to Paris

Last weekend 35 of our Year 10 students spent a very busy and enjoyable weekend in Paris. Students had the opportunity to visit an authentic French chocolate factory, spent a full day exploring the sites of Paris including Notre Dame Cathedral and the Louvre as well as climbing the 1000 steps to the second floor of the Eiffel tower.

They also enjoyed spending a full day at Disneyland which included the amazing firework show at the end of the evening. It was a great opportunity for students to practise their spoken French and understand more about French life and culture and, as a staff team; we were particularly impressed with their behaviour and conduct throughout the trip. *C'était une expérience inoubliable pour tout le monde!*

Year 10 Work Experience 1st – 5th July 2019

We are looking for the support of any local employers to help place year 10 students with appropriate work experience. Do you work for, or know of a local business that could offer a work experience placement? If so, please contact our Careers Leader Mr Eaton on t.eaton@alderchs.uk

A letter was sent home earlier this week to all students who have yet to confirm that they have found a work experience placement. This letter can also be found on the school website. Please take advantage of the Easter holiday to support your child to find a work experience placement if they have not already done so. They must complete the form attached to the letter and return to Mr Eaton in school ASAP. This is a legal requirement to allow a risk assessment to take place with the employer.



Hyde United Spanish Survival Kits

Year 9 has spent the last couple of weeks creating Spanish Survival Kits to give to footballers at Hyde United FC who may get transferred abroad to a Spanish-speaking country. After a visit from the Academy players and Stefanie Todd, Lead Tutor & Sport Rehabilitator at HUFC, pupils were challenged to put their team-work, organisational and Spanish skills to the test before presenting their project to the class. Hyde United FC was very impressed by the quality, creativity and expertise of our Year 9 students! While it was difficult to choose just one winning group, Eloise, Kodie and Erinn thoroughly deserved their prize and will be enjoying a special VIP package for a match at Hyde United FC during the Easter holidays. Well done girls... ¡disfrutad del fútbol!

Easter Revision

There is a full programme of revision sessions available to year 11 over the Easter break, each session will be led by subject teachers. This is to further prepare our students for their forthcoming GCSE examinations. We will be running a similar programme of revision during the Whit half term holiday. Please encourage your child to attend.

House System

Following the success of our house system in PE we are expanding the concept across the whole school from September. We will introduce the houses to students next term. The 6 houses are: Viridis, Rubra, Crispa, Incana, Cordata and Nitida which are all varieties of Alder trees! Students will be informed of which house they have been allocated to after the Easter break. I will let you know more about this next term.

Website Photographer

On Wednesday, 8th May we have a photographer in school taking photographs for our website.

ParentPay

87% of parents are now benefiting from using ParentPay. This is an online payment facility for things such as school dinners, trips and purchasing revision guides. Also, we can use it to communicate via email which saves the school money. If you would like to register for ParentPay please contact school for an activation letter.

MyEd School App

If you are a priority 1 contact at school for your child, by downloading the MyEd school app, not only can you view your child's timetable, attendance and achievement points but it also means that school can send you messages for FREE meaning a significant cost saving throughout the year.

<https://www.myedschoolapp.com/>

Change to Parents' Evening dates

It has been necessary to switch the dates for year 7 and year 10 parents' evenings. The revised dates are:

- Year 7 Tuesday, 25th June 2019
- Year 10 Wednesday, 1st May 2019



Calendar Dates

We break for Easter today at 2.45pm and return at 8.20am on Tuesday, 23rd April (St George's Day). Term dates for the remainder of the academic year are as follows:

Summer Term

Tuesday, 23rd April 2019 – Friday, 24th May 2019

May half term holiday: Monday, 27th May 2019 – Friday, 31st May 2019

Monday, 3rd June 2019 – Friday, 19th July 2019

Term dates for the next academic year are:

Autumn Term

Monday 2nd September 2019: Training Day 1, school closed to students

Tuesday 3rd September to Friday 25th October 2019

Autumn Half Term Holidays: Monday 28th October 2019 to Friday 1st November 2019

Monday 4th November 2019 to Friday 20th December 2019

Christmas Holidays: Monday 23rd December 2019 to Friday 3rd January 2020

Spring Term

Monday 6th January 2020 to Friday 14th February 2020

Spring Half Term Holidays: Monday 17th February 2020 - Friday 21st February 2020

Monday 24th February 2020 to Friday 3rd April 2020

Easter Holidays: Monday 6th April 2020 to Friday 17th April 2020

Summer Term

Monday 20th April 2020 to Friday 22nd May 2020

Summer Half Term Holidays: Monday 25th May 2020 to Friday 29th May 2020

Monday 1st June 2020 to Thursday 16th July 2020

These dates are subject to the inclusion of 2 further training days.

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

Yours sincerely



R O'Regan
Head teacher

