



# Alder Community High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Re: Third Autumn Term Newsletter 2018

### Staff news

We say goodbye to Mr Sowler at Christmas who will be taking up a head of Mathematics and ICT position at Great Academy Ashton in the New Year. I would personally like to thank Mr Sowler for his years of service to Alder and for all he has done for our students. We wish him well for the future. Also, Miss Ramsey, Mrs Hillier and Mrs Tennant are leaving for pastures new.

### Alder Community Christmas Carol Service

Following on from the successful event last year, we will be holding another Community Christmas Carol Service on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 5pm to 6.30pm at Hyde Chapel, Knott Lane, Gee Cross. We hope that you will join us in this traditional celebration of Christmas. Everyone is welcome.

### 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/Twitter pages to keep parents/carers informed.

### Pre Public Exams (PPEs) results

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 on 16<sup>th</sup> January.

### Arrangements for the last day

Lessons will continue as normal this week. However, on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> 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 which will go towards restocking our new library.

### Work experience

Year 10 students will take part in work experience week, 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Please support your child with approaching employers and securing a placement as soon as possible.

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](mailto:t.eaton@alderchs.uk)



## Year 9 options assemblies

Year 9 will soon begin the process of choosing their GCSE options. During the Spring term we will deliver a series of assemblies to inform students of the GCSE courses on offer. This will help inform their decisions and in conjunction with Options Evening (date to be arranged in March) should give them the confidence to choose what is right for their future studies.

## Calendar Dates

We break for the Christmas holiday at 12.30pm on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018. Term dates for the remainder of the academic year are as follows:

### Spring Term

Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

February half term holiday: Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019

Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Easter holiday: Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019

### Summer Term

Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 – Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

May half term holiday: Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019

Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 – Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019

### Remaining Parents' Evenings

Year 7 Wednesday, 1st May 2019

Year 9 Wednesday, 27th February 2019

Year 10 Tuesday, 25th June 2019

Year 11 Thursday, 17th January 2019

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

Yours sincerely



**R O'Regan**  
Head teacher

