

25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Summer Term newsletter 2018**

We finish for half term today (25<sup>th</sup> May) and the GCSEs are in full swing. I would like to congratulate Year 11 on their conduct and attitude towards their examinations, which has been impeccable so far. Also, I would like to thank Years 7-10 for their consideration and respect by being quiet outside examination rooms at key times during the day.

**Update on building work**

As mentioned in the March letter, Alder has been asked by the Local Authority to increase our Published Admissions Number (PAN) to 180 in Year 7 from September 2018 onwards; this is up from our current PAN of 155 in Year 7 and 8 and 150 in Years 9-11. We have filled all 180 places for September 2018 and remain heavily oversubscribed.

The new room on D corridor is now complete as are the two new rooms on F Corridor (the old library). Work will begin on G Block over half term and this will be ready for September. There is a slight delay on the block of 4 classrooms to be built externally adjoining the Technology department whilst the Local Authority is negotiating prices with contractors. We are very excited about the new classrooms!

**GDPR**

With the onset of the general data protection regulations (GDPR) we have been updating our privacy notice, in line with the new laws on data protection which came into force in the UK on Friday 25 May. Please see the school website for more details.

Our privacy notice explains what personal information we collect, why we collect it and how we use it. Also, it details how we store your data securely, for how long we store and the ways in which you can update your details and preferences.

**School bags**

Please ensure your child's bag is fit for purpose. As per the uniform policy, all students should have a suitable bag for school.

### **Holidays during term time**

Please can I remind you that family holidays during term time will not be authorised. I understand that sometimes there are reasons why a child may require leave of absence from school and I would invite parents to discuss their individual circumstances with an appropriate member of staff.

### **Visit to Manchester City**

A group of Year 10 students visited Manchester City Academy training ground to take part in an employability workshop to encourage them to think about their future careers and education. They were given the opportunity to meet and interview Manchester City's women's first team players Nikita Parris, Esme Morgan and Ellie Roebuck about how they have progressed in their careers to date. There are pictures on our Twitter and Facebook pages.

In addition, experts from Hays Education in the North West provided top tips on how pupils can create a CV and what skills they need to think about developing. Also, students heard from an intern from Manchester City's content team on what they hope to achieve in their role, and were given a football skills session by the coaches 'City in the Community'.

### **Calendar Dates**

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

#### **Summer Term**

Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Students start back at school on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Term dates for the next academic year are on the school website but please bear in mind training days have not been arranged yet.

### **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/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/aldercommunityhigh/)

Let's hope the sunshine continues into half term –enjoy the break!

Yours sincerely

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