

Spring Term 2 Enrichment Express



Altruism



Leadership



Diversity



Excellence



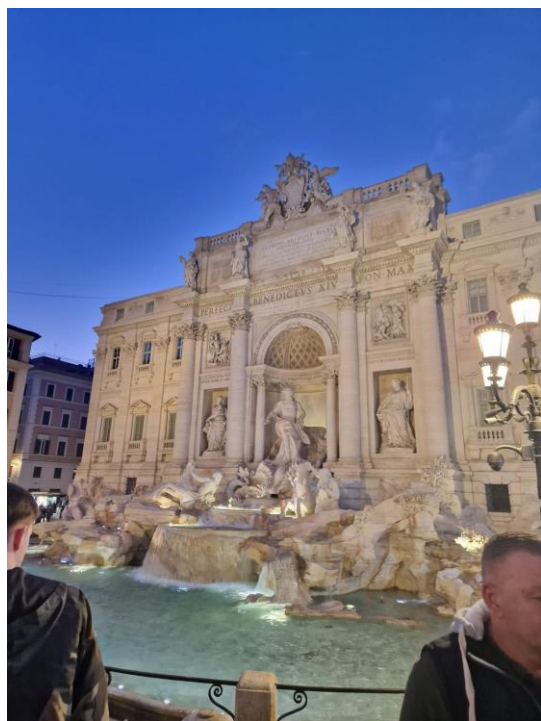
Resilience

Alder goes to Rome

This March a group of Year 9 students jetted off to Rome, Italy, for 4 days with the Humanities department. Whilst there, they were immersed in Italian culture staying in Rome City Centre.

Students visited and learned about famous historical attractions such as the Colosseum, Roman Forum and Archaeological Sites. They explored fascinating religious buildings such as the Vatican and Sistine Chapel. In addition, they had the opportunity to climb a volcano, Mt. Vesuvius, and visit the town of Pompeii. Oh, and don't forget all of the Italian food!

Many of these students had never visited Italy before; it truly was a once-in-a-lifetime experience to be immersed in a new culture together with their peers. Alder sends a huge well done and thank you to the whole Humanities department.



Alder celebrates World Book Day 2023

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The month of March also brought World Book Day. As a result, we had lots of activities in the library and around school to celebrate. Students practised origami and design skills when they made their own books and bookmarks to be used by staff and students. We also had book quizzes with chocolate rewards and celebrated with our returning annual competition, The Masked Reader. Every child in KS3 was given a World Book Day book, free of charge. On World Book Day itself, teachers read extracts throughout the day from *The Man With The Yellow Face*, a sinister story with a twist at the end! Everyone in school listened to the same story, creating a buzz about reading and enjoying stories together.



The National Theatre visits Alder



Students have said:

"It was amazing and honestly an amazing experience for not only me but the students at Alder."

"I would like to watch another one of their plays because [the actors] were amazing and [the play was] interesting."

"I felt mesmerised throughout the play because the actors were playing the characters so well."

On Wednesday 15th February, the English Department welcomed The National Theatre into school. Our whole Year 7 cohort were able to watch a performance of Shakespeare's play, Hamlet. Students were able to contribute to sound effects, and enjoy a modern twist on the play.

This was an exciting opportunity for our Year 7 students; many shared that they have never been to the theatre or watched a performance like this live. Some students are also going to be completing an Arts Award inspired by their experience, which will be a fantastic opportunity for students to demonstrate their creativity.

Year 8 compete at Indoor Athletics

A group of Year 8s have represented Alder at the Indoor Athletics Tournament. They competed in running, throwing and jumping events showing impeccable school pride. The students represented all of their Alder values as well as true sportsmanship. Congratulations Year 8; great team spirit!



Gee Cross: Pause For Thought Garden

Alder Roots, in collaboration with the Gee Cross Brabyns Community Group, have begun construction on Gee Cross' first Pause For Thought Garden. The purpose of this garden is to give people a space to slow down and talk to one another. Our amazing Year 8 and Year 9 volunteers have been instrumental to designing the garden, planting flowers and shrubs, and creating the centre-piece bench.



Improving mental health is at the heart of this project, so we couldn't think of a better way to celebrate Mental Health Week. We are pleased to share the engraving on the bench, chosen by Alder students:

"Sometimes you just need a break in a beautiful place. Quiet time to pause, time to figure everything out."

"In the moments of quiet reflection, you will see how far you have really come."



Year 8 & 9

ROCK Arundale Primary School!

Students from Year 8 and Year 9 represented the Music department by delivering an assembly at Arundale Primary School. They went along with Miss Hardy to perform for the whole school and should be very proud of their professionalism and musical performances. It was a very interactive assembly which saw the Arundale pupils participating, singing along, and even joining our Alder students on the stage. Students had the opportunity to present themselves and their music to others. They enjoyed working together in advance of the event to prepare group pieces and to plan a set list for the performance. They were rewarded by the welcoming and appreciative students and staff at Arundale.



Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh cohort are cooking up a storm!

A group of Year 9 students are training for their Duke of Edinburgh Award, in collaboration with the volunteer instructors at Youth Adventure Tameside. Last week they learned how to cook a three course meal on a methylated spirit Trangia stove, in preparation for their expeditions in Summer. We had tomato soup, followed by tofu in Italian Sauce with pasta, and chocolate pudding and custard for desert! The students have already learned how to navigate, pack a rucksack and do First Aid. Next week is tent pitching.



Citizenship Club



- Find out what it means to be an active citizen.
- Take part in fun activities and projects that link to Citizenship, PSHE, our school and the local area.
- Have an opportunity to choose projects that you would like to help with in school and the community .

Our first project will be to design and make activist-style fabric banners; they will then be displayed in school to show the Alder values of Diversity and Altruism.

**Every Wednesday lunchtime in F9
starting 8th February.**

Any questions, please ask Mrs Marsh



Year 8

learn how to restart a heart!



In order to introduce the Step Into The NHS competition, Year 8 were invited to take part in the Restart A Heart campaign, run by St. John's Ambulance Service. Our Year 8s learned the essential first steps that are needed to save somebody who is suffering cardiac arrest. They were taught how to correctly administer CPR and use a defibrillator. Life-saving skills, along with sensational engagement from our Year 8s!

Year 10 head to the theatre

The year 10 GCSE Drama group and Year 9 Drama club students attended Oldham Coliseum Theatre on Friday 17th March to watch a performance of Malorie Blackman's Noughts and Crosses. Attending the performance has allowed students to enhance and embed their knowledge and understanding of the set text that they have been studying this term for their GCSE course. It has also given students the opportunity to watch a live performance in a theatre setting. This was a truly enriching experience, giving them first-hand understanding of how lighting, sound, set, props and costume impact the overall performance.



Don't forget to try something new in April!

Mr Ashton has challenged the whole of KS3 to try something new for 30 days. Starting April 1st, try a new hobby or activity that you have never tried before, or perhaps have always wanted to try. For just 30 days. It could be as small as finishing a book for the first time, or learning to crochet; or, it could be as huge as trying karate or learning how to ride a bike.

If you have the means, try something new and improve your skillset! Investing your time in yourself will only make a more well-rounded individual and certainly a more interesting one!

YOUR 30-DAY CHALLENGE

Year 10 visit to PrintCity MMU



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PrintCity, a 3D digital manufacturing centre based at Manchester Metropolitan University, invited our students to take part in an outreach day. This included a tour of PrintCity and an introduction to the PrintCity Network. They had the chance to engage with 3D prints made by several machines during the tour. Our students had the opportunity to interact with the prints rather than merely observe them. Students were given a tour of PrintCity's CIRMAP concrete printing research lab for the first time. Our students listened to a lecture on the use of CAD in real world advertising, tried their hand at creating their own water bottles on Autodesk Fusion 360, and got to create their very own 3D printed key rings.



Get involved!

There is a whole host of clubs at Alder that you can get involved in at lunch time and after school.

Here are the clubs available at lunchtime each week:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Lunch				
Art Club B5	Art Club B3	Art Club B3	Art Club B5	Ps Photoshop B2
Game Design C10	Dance Club Studio	Alder Roots F10	Chess Club A4	
Fitness Suite	Fitness Suite	Fitness Suite	Fitness Suite	
Indoor Games Sp. Hall	Indoor Games Sp. Hall	Indoor Games Sp. Hall	Indoor Games Sp. Hall	
	Yr. 7 Vocal C15	IDEA C10	Table tennis Studio	
		Citizenship F9		

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Here are the clubs available after-school each week:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
After-school				
Art Club B5	Indoor Games Sp. Hall	Art Club B3	Art Club B5	Basketball Sp. Hall
Badminton Sp. Hall	Dance Club Studio	Drama Club B4	Culture Club 6th Oct	KS4 Book Club (not weekly) A12
Fitness Suite	Fitness Suite	Fitness Suite	Fitness Suite	Fitness Suite
Girls Football Yr 7/8/9 Astro	D & D Library	Chess Club A4	Boys Football Yr 7/8/9 Astro	
		Textile club C21	Instrumental C17	
		School Band C17		

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		Textile club C21		
		School Band C17		

Don't forget: there also quiet places you can work, reflect, read and get support with your homework.

- The Library
- Prayer Group
- Computing Club
- Homework Club

