



14th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

The past week has been exceptionally busy, with Year 11 & 13 mock exams, several sporting events, and visits from external guests. I am delighted to share that every visitor to Alsop High School continues to speak very highly of our students — particularly noting their excellent behaviour, good manners, and positive relationships with staff. We are extremely proud of them; they are a credit to themselves, their families, our school, and the community of Walton.

Our Year 11 & 13 students have also shown outstanding ambition and resilience during their mock exams. Staff and external invigilators have praised their focus, determination and effort in every paper.

Learning Habit: Attendance and Punctuality

I want to emphasise again the importance of attendance and punctuality in achieving academic success. As I have shared previously, attendance remains one of our top priorities. The link between good attendance and strong outcomes is clear — students who attend regularly are more likely to enjoy school, achieve highly, and go on to live fulfilling lives.

To encourage and celebrate this, between **24 November and 19 December**, we will be recognising students with **100% weekly attendance** with a selection of prizes. Building these positive habits now will give students the best possible chance of success.

Parents' Evenings

I am pleased to share the dates for this year's Parents' Evenings. Further details will be sent closer to each event, but all will run from **4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

Please note that appointments for Years 11 & 13 Parents Evening on 11th December are now live and can be booked through the My Child at School app. To ensure you receive all notifications, please check that your mobile contact details and email addresses are up to date in the app.

Year Group	Date
Year 11 & 13	Thursday 11 th December & Thursday 26 th March
Years 10 & 12	Thursday 5 th February
Year 8	Thursday 26 th February
Year 9 (including Guided Choices)	Thursday 12 th March
Year 7	Thursday 16 th April

Duke of Edinburgh Award – Year 9

The Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award programme has now been launched to all Year 9 students. The DofE is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop leadership skills, build confidence and enjoy new experiences with friends while working towards an internationally recognised qualification.

From those who expressed an interest, a group of students has now been selected to take part.

Parents/Carers of the selected students will already have received a letter inviting them to an



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information meeting about the programme. We look forward to seeing the students' progress as they embark on this exciting challenge.

End-of-Day Arrangements

To help keep all our students safe at the end of the school day, please avoid parking directly outside the school gates or on the zigzag lines. Parking in these areas creates significant congestion and poses a risk to the safety of over 1,300 students as they leave school.

Your cooperation and support are greatly appreciated as we continue to prioritise the safety and wellbeing of our students.

My Child at School App

Please ensure you have downloaded **My Child at School App(MCAS)** to stay up to date with school news, events and reminders. The app provides a simple and convenient way to access key information about your child's school life, including attendance records, achievement and behaviour updates. If you don't currently have the app, [please click here](#) for details on how to download and set it up. If you need any support with the set-up process, please don't hesitate to contact us at: mcas@ahs.omegamat.co.uk

Key Dates Reminder

- **Friday 28th November** – School will be closed for the full day for a staff INSET day.
- **Friday 19th December** – The school day will finish early at 12:30pm

Finally, as always, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Mee
Head of School