

26th August 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have managed to enjoy a restful summer break, it's hard to believe that the new school year is almost upon us. Please find below some important information about the start of the 2025–26 academic year.

On our results days, we were delighted to see a steady stream of students securing their preferred next steps. Many achieved the grades needed to progress to sixth form colleges, apprenticeship programmes or post-18 pathways such as university and higher-level training. These outcomes are a reflection of the dedication, determination and resilience of our students, the support of our staff and the encouragement provided by you, our parents and carers. Looking ahead, we remain firmly committed to continuing this improvement journey. We will build on this success and keep our focus on improving the life chances for the young people of Liverpool.

# Start of Term – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September

As per my letter in July, I have once again enclosed an important Information which gives you the full details for the start of term and key dates. In summary:

## Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Year 7 to arrive between 8am and 8:25am, in full school uniform, via the Walton Village entrance. The day will end after lunch at 1pm.

**Year 11** to arrive for their scheduled appointment time for their 'Kickstart Mentoring Meeting'. It is compulsory for Year 11 students to attend the 15-minute meeting at School, accompanied by a parent or carer. Students are not required to attend for the full day and do not need to wear their unform to their allocated meeting, but they MUST attend their meeting. Please enter via the Music, Art & Drama building entrance. Year 11 parents/carers will have received a letter with your appointment time and arrival details for your meeting.

During the meeting, students will:

- 1. Set personal goals for their final 160 school days at Alsop
- 2. Review and strengthen their college applications
- 3. Reflect on their Year 10 report and agree next steps
- 4. Plan for the year ahead using key dates and available support
- 5. Discuss any barriers to learning and how we can help overcome them

### Thursday 4th September

Year 7 to arrive between 8am and 8:25am, in full PE Kit for a full day.

Year 8, 9, 10 & 11 to arrive between 8am and 8:25am, in full school uniform, including plain, black polishable shoes for a full school day.

All information can also be found on our website here





#### **Parent Pay**

We are currently experiencing a technical issue with setting up new ParentPay accounts for our new Year 7 students. Please be assured that this matter is being investigated and we are working hard to resolve the issue as quickly as possible. We will inform you as soon as the accounts are ready to use. In the meantime, there is no need to take any action or worry about your child's account. We will provide you with clear guidance once the system is fully up and running. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

#### Mobile phone free school

As you are already aware, we have made the decision to make our school a phone-free school. This is aimed at supporting our students' well-being and enhancing their learning experience. The system we introduced ensures students can continue to have their phones for use on the way to and from school. For now, we will continue to enforce our we will enforce our "never seen, not heard" policy:

- If a phone is seen or used during the school day, it will be confiscated.
- Confiscated devices will be returned at the school's discretion, either to the student or their parent/carer.

This is the first step in fully implementing our mobile-free school policy. Over the coming weeks, I will share more about how we plan to further strengthen our approach to mobile phone use, always with the goal of supporting learning and enhancing student wellbeing.

# Our Values & Learning Habits

At Alsop High School, our Learning Habits provide a consistent framework that brings our core values of Ambition, Respect, and Community to life each day. Every student is expected to uphold these values, and we are grateful for your continued support in reinforcing them at home. Please click this link to read our Learning Habits.

## **Full School Uniform**

We take great pride in our school uniform and the way our students represent Alsop in the wider community. Uniform is an important part of our school identity and helps to establish a calm, focused, and respectful learning environment. All students are expected to attend school in full, correct uniform every day, without exception. Please click the link the read about our School Uniform.

#### **Footwear**

As you are already aware, from September we will be reinforcing our expectation that all students wear plain black, leather/leather like polishable shoes as part of the school uniform. For clarity on what is and isn't acceptable, please refer to the guidance or visit our school website / uniform policy page here.

## **Home-School Agreement**

A copy of our Home-School Agreement, which outlines the values and expectations we uphold at Alsop High School can be found here. By choosing to send your child to Alsop, you are agreeing to support the school in meeting these expectations and working in partnership with us to ensure the very best outcomes for all students.

### My Child at School App

As part of our commitment to keeping families informed and engaged in their child's education, we are encouraging all parents and carers to download and use the BromCom My Child At School app (MCAS). 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, timetable, school calendar dates and important announcements and communication. To help you get started, please click here for details on how to



download and set up the app. If you need any support with the set-up process, please don't hesitate to contact us at: mcas@ahs.omegamat.co.uk

#### **Free School Meal Allowance**

Having listened carefully to feedback from our students, we are making a positive change to how the free school meal allowance can be used from September 1st '25. From this date, students will have the option to choose when they use their allowance. If they prefer to have a substantial snack and drink at breaktime (11:10am), they are welcome to do so. Alternatively, they can wait and use their allowance at lunchtime (12:30 KS3) and (1:30pm KS4), as usual.

#### New Staff

As we approach the start of the academic year, I am delighted to share that we will be welcoming several new teaching staff to our school community. Each of them brings a wealth of experience and a proven track record of improving student progress and delivering high-quality teaching and learning. We are committed to providing the very best education for your child, and I am confident that these appointments will further strengthen our already dedicated and skilled team.

Staff	Role
Mrs A Robinson	Vice Principal: Quality of Education-Associate Director of Standards
Mr M Murray	Teacher of Maths
Mr S Hope	Teacher of Maths
Miss L Bloxam	Teacher of Maths
Miss H Kilner	Assistant Head of Faculty - English
Miss S Meighen	Assistant Head of Faculty - English

Finally, as we look forward to the next academic year, we remain committed to our mission of providing the highest quality education and creating an environment where every child can succeed. Our efforts are making a real difference in the lives of the families of Liverpool, and together, we will continue to build on this success.

We are looking forward to welcoming our students back to school in September.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Mee

**Head of School** 



