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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. This letter provides some important information ahead of the start of the new academic year.

I would like to take this opportunity to firstly share some fantastic news and celebrate another significant milestone in our school's journey. This year, more students have achieved the grades needed to secure places at their preferred sixth form colleges, further education providers, universities, apprenticeship and workplace programmes, than in previous years. These outcomes reflect the dedication, hard work and resilience of our students, the commitment of our staff and the support you provide as parents and carers. Looking ahead, we remain firmly committed to continuing this improvement journey. We will build on this success and continue our relentless focus on improving the life chances of our young people.

A Strong Start to the New Academic Year

We are excited to welcome all our students, including our new Year 7's, back to school and look forward to another successful year together. At Alsop High School, our mission is simple: to provide every child with an exceptional education in a calm, safe and ambitious environment where they can thrive both academically and personally. The positive culture we have established over the past years has been recognised by visitors to the school and more importantly, has created a learning environment where students can succeed. We will continue to build on these high standards throughout the coming year.

Returning to School

Please refer to the information on our website for full details regarding the return arrangements for each year group, including arrival times, induction activities and first-day expectations. Students should ensure they arrive on time at the Walton Village entrance, in full school uniform, fully equipped and ready to learn.

[Return to School Information September 2026 | Alsop High School](#)

Year 7	Wednesday 2nd September -arrival between 8am- 8:25am in full school uniform. Day will end at 1pm Thursday 3rd September – arrival between 8am – 8:25am in full PE kit. Day ends at 3pm
Year 8, 9 & 10	Thursday 3rd September - All students should arrive in full school uniform between 8am-8:25. Day ends at 3pm
Year 11 & 13	Wednesday 2nd September - Students are invited to attend a 15-minute 'Kickstart Mentoring Meeting' at School, accompanied by a parent or carer. Appointments will take place throughout the day, and a separate letter has been sent with your allocated time. Thursday 3rd September - All students should arrive in full school uniform between 8am-8:25. Day ends at 3pm



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Welcoming New Staff

As we begin the new academic year, I am delighted to welcome several new members of teaching staff to our school community. They bring a wealth of experience, expertise and enthusiasm and share our commitment to delivering outstanding teaching and learning. These appointments further strengthen our already skilled staff team and reinforce our commitment to providing the very best education for every child.

New Staff Member	Department / Role
Mr N Murphy	Interim Vice Principal
Mr C Taylor	Teacher of Maths
Ms T Ugur	Teacher of Science
Mr J Seddon	Teacher of History
Ms I Harwood-Moss	English Department - Future Teacher Programme
Mrs D Shopova	Receptionist
Miss T Rigby	Student Services Administrator (Maternity Cover)
Mr J Tudor	Teaching Assistant (EAL)

Our Values and Learning Habits

Everything we do at Alsop is underpinned by our core values of **Ambition, Respect and Community**.

Our Learning Habits continue to provide a consistent framework for success, and we ask for your continued support in reinforcing these expectations at home.

This year we will continue to focus on:

- Excellent attendance and punctuality
- Full school uniform every day
- Arriving fully equipped for learning
- Respectful behaviour towards everyone
- Safe movement around school
- Working hard

Uniform Expectations

We continue to take great pride in our school uniform and ask that all students arrive each day in full, correct uniform. As previously communicated, all students are expected to wear **plain black leather or leather-look polishable shoes**. Please visit our website for further details [School Uniform | Alsop High School](#)

Thank you for supporting us by ensuring students arrive fully prepared from the first day of term.

Mobile Phone-Free School

From this academic year, Alsop High School is proud to become a **mobile phone-free school**.

Students should bring a school bag large enough to store their secure phone pouch throughout the day. This important initiative will help maximise learning, reduce distractions and encourage positive social interaction throughout the school day. [Phone Free School | Alsop High School](#)

Disruption-Free Learning

As we continue to prioritise disruption-free learning, I would like to share some important updates to our behaviour processes for the new academic year.



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Our priority will always be ensuring that teachers can teach without disruption and that every child has the opportunity to learn in a calm, safe and purposeful environment. The vast majority of our students meet these expectations every day and we are proud of the positive culture that continues to develop across the school. When a student's behaviour begins to impact the learning of others, staff will work with them to make better choices and remain in the classroom wherever possible. However, if disruption continues, the student may be removed from the lesson and supported in our 'Removal Room' so that learning can continue uninterrupted for everyone else.

Students who are removed from lessons will be expected to complete an appropriate detention. Depending on the circumstances, this may take place at breaktime, lunchtime or after school. These consequences are designed to impact a student's social time rather than their learning time, reinforcing the importance of making positive choices in lessons. Please be assured that students will always have the opportunity to eat lunch, access toilet facilities when required and receive appropriate pastoral support throughout the school day.

Where a same-day after-school detention is issued, parents and carers will be notified through the **Bromcom MyChild at School (MCAS)** app with sufficient notice to avoid any confusion or inconvenience at the end of the day. These changes form part of our continued commitment to creating a calm, orderly school where every lesson counts and every child can succeed. Full details of our updated Behaviour Policy, including our graduated behaviour process and sanctions, will be available on our school website in the new academic year.

Reducing Suspensions and Keeping Children Learning

As part of our continued commitment to school improvement, we have also reviewed and strengthened our approach to internal suspensions. Whilst the safety of our school community and disruption-free learning will always remain our priority, we are equally committed to avoiding external suspensions wherever it is safe and appropriate to do so.

Where a student's behaviour reaches the threshold for suspension, we will always carefully consider whether this can be managed through an **Internal Suspension** instead. This allows students to remain in school, continue with their education, maintain positive attendance habits and routines and access the support they need to make better choices moving forward. To support this approach, we have redesigned our Internal Suspension provision.

From September, the provision will be based in the **Rectory Building**, operating each day from **9:00am until 3:15pm**. It will be staffed by experienced behaviour, pastoral and therapeutic colleagues who will provide a calm, structured environment where students can continue their learning while reflecting on the choices that led to their placement. The vast majority of our students will never experience an internal or external suspension. However, we felt it was important to share this change with all families as it reflects our approach that, wherever possible, we want to keep children in school, learning, supported and safe, whilst ensuring that every classroom remains calm, purposeful and free from disruption.

These developments are another important step in our ongoing improvement journey. They demonstrate our commitment to maintaining the highest standards of behaviour, protecting every child's right to learn, and ensuring Alsop High School continues to be a safe, respectful and ambitious community for all.



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MyChild at School App

We encourage all parents and carers to use the **MyChild at School (MCAS) App**.

The app allows you to:

- Monitor attendance and punctuality.
- View behaviour and achievement information.
- Receive important school communications.
- Access reports and key information.
- Keep your contact details up to date.

IMPORTANT: From September, we will also be using MCAS app for school payments, including lunch payments, trips and other school-related payments, as we move away from ParentPay. Separate guidance will be sent to you explaining this change and how to make payments through MCAS. Please be assured that all existing ParentPay balances will be transferred across, so you will not lose any funds.

If you have not yet registered, we strongly encourage you to download and register for the MCAS App before the start of term, so that you are ready to use the new payment system from September. Information can be found on our website [Parent App | Alsop High School](#)

Looking Ahead

This promises to be another exciting year for Alsop High School. We will continue to invest in our curriculum, our facilities and most importantly our young people. Every decision we make is driven by our ambition to provide the very best education and opportunities for the families we serve. Our expectations remain high because we know that high standards, strong relationships and excellent teaching change lives.

Thank you once again for your continued support and partnership. Together, we will continue to build on the excellent progress made over the past year.

We very much look forward to welcoming all of our students back in September and wish every family a successful and enjoyable start to the new academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Mee
Head of School