



Alsop High School

16th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and best wishes for 2026.

Last week we were delighted to welcome students back to school after the winter break. We hope that everyone enjoyed a restful and enjoyable holiday. The start of a new year offers an important opportunity for a fresh start, and it has been pleasing to see students returning with renewed energy and enthusiasm, ready to engage with learning and settle quickly back into school routines, early starts included!

As we reflect on the achievements of last term, we are proud of the progress made across the school. Our collective efforts have laid strong foundations and we are well placed to continue improving the experience and outcomes for every student. We remain excited and ambitious as we build on this success and continue our rapid journey of improvement.

The spring term is always a full and demanding one, particularly for our examination year groups and it plays a crucial role in preparing students for success later in the year.

In February, our Year 11 and Year 13 students will take part in their mock examinations. These are an important milestone, helping students to check their understanding, identify areas for improvement, and build confidence ahead of the summer exams. We wish all students the very best during this time and thank parents and carers for the calm encouragement and support you provide at home, it really does make a difference.

Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you for your continued support in promoting excellent attendance and punctuality. Being in school every day is vital to your child's progress. Missing just 10 extra days of school can significantly reduce a student's chances of achieving strong outcomes. We ask that attendance and punctuality remain a priority throughout the spring term and beyond.

Attendance and punctuality are monitored closely by our pastoral team. At times, parents and carers may be contacted to discuss concerns. In more serious cases, the school is required to involve the Local Authority.

Mobile Phones and AirPods

We would also like to remind parents and carers that Alsop High School operates a no mobile phone policy. As some students may have received new mobile phones or AirPods over the Christmas period, your support in reinforcing this policy is essential.

The benefits of a mobile phone-free school day are well documented, including improvements in students' wellbeing, mental health, focus and overall learning experience. We firmly believe this policy helps to create the calm, purposeful environment our students need to engage fully and thrive.

We kindly ask that parents and carers do not contact students directly via mobile devices during the school day. Should you need to reach your child urgently, please contact the school office.

Spring Term – Key Dates

As the assessments for Years 9, 10 and 12 finish today, assessments for Years 7 and 8 will begin next week. Please ensure your child attends school every day and arrives on time so they are able to perform at their best during these assessments.

The mock examinations for Years 11 and 13 will run from 23rd February to 6th March and will provide all students with a valuable opportunity to experience formal examination conditions, identify areas for improvement and prepare effectively for their final examinations.

Dates for all Parents' Evenings this academic year are below. Further details will follow closer to each event. All evenings run from **4:00pm to 6:30pm**

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

Appointments for Year 10/12 Parents Evening are now available to book through the My Child at School app (MCAS). If you need help installing the app details can be found on [our website here](#).

As we move further through the school year, our focus remains on building progress in a calm and purposeful way across the whole school. We have recently completed staff and student surveys, which are helping us set our priorities. Later this term, we will also welcome your views during parents' evenings to support our continued improvement.

Thank you, as always, for the trust you place in the school and for your continued support. The last few weeks have been busy for everyone, but staff have really enjoyed seeing students respond positively to our high expectations and standards.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Mee
Head of School