



**Alsop
High School**

Achieving Excellence Together

Year 11 Guide for Parents Kickstart 2025/2026



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* Throughout this guide, the term 'parent' is used to include all carers and guardians of our students.

Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 11, your child's final and most important year at Alsop High School.

The journey through Year 11 is one filled with opportunity, challenge and growth. This guide is designed to support you and your child in making the very most of this crucial time. Within these pages, you will find key dates, revision strategies and guidance on how we can work together to ensure your child achieves the success they deserve.

At Alsop, we are deeply committed to our values of *Ambition, Respect and Community*. These values underpin everything we do as we support students not only to succeed academically, but to grow as thoughtful, confident and resilient young people ready for life beyond school.

The Kickstart meeting is an important moment to reflect, plan and set clear, personal goals for the months ahead. We want every student to leave Year 11 with pride in what they've achieved and with the doors open to a future full of possibilities.

We recognise the significance of this year and the role we all play in shaping its outcome. With determination, consistency and a strong partnership between school and home, we are confident your child can meet and exceed their potential.

Together, we can help them turn ambition into achievement.

Kind regards,
Mrs A Robinson



Vice Principal: Quality of Education
Associate Director of Standards

Our Values

AMBITION

We believe in 1% improvements in everything we do, every day.

RESPECT

In a world where we can be anything, we choose to be kind.

COMMUNITY

We believe alone we can do so little, but together we can achieve so much.

Our Learning Habits

Be Ready



Perfect Uniform

Full school uniform, including correct full black footwear is expected to be worn by all students every day.



Correct Equipment

Students are expected to arrive every day with the correct equipment to support their learning.

Be Respectful



Positive Behaviour

Positive behaviour: we expect students to meet our school's relentless routines which are based on our school's values. This supports a safe and disciplined environment.



Manners & Respect

Our school expectation is that all students are kind and respectful to all members of our community.

Be Safe



Punctuality & Attendance

Our school expectation is that students attend and are punctual 100% of the time.



Calm Corridors

Students are expected to move calmly, safely and quickly between lessons.

Students not meeting our expectations will be given sanctions

Steps to Success!

Here are some steps to success that we know through experience give your child the best chance of achieving the results they want:



1

ATTEND SCHOOL

We need your support in helping our Year 11 students commit to their success by ensuring they attend every day.

We know that those students with 95% attendance and above are more likely to gain five 9-5 grades at GCSE!

This will give your child more choices post-16.

DID YOU KNOW...

Missing just 1 day of school can be the difference between grades in Year 11 due to the sheer volume of work covered in a day.

There are also lots of revision opportunities for students if they attend school.



2

TAKE PART IN REVISION

On average, students who attend our revision sessions improve on their mock results by 2 whole grades!



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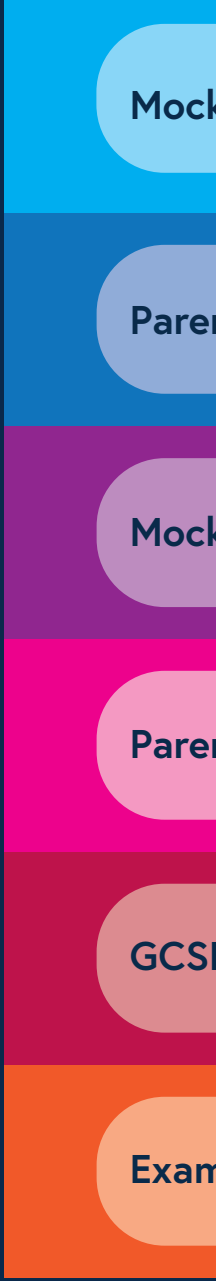
PLAN

Planning is essential for success!

Keep up to date with key dates such as mocks and Parents' Evenings. We'll keep in touch with you so you're always in the loop!

Year 11 Key Dates at a Glance

This is a big year for Year 11, and it's easy to feel overwhelmed and daunted at the prospect of what lies ahead. Organisation is key! Please find below key dates to help you and your child plan to succeed:



Mock Exams: 10th November - 17th November 2025

Parents' Evening: 11th December 2025

Mock Exams: 23rd February - 6th March 2026

Parents Evening: 26th March 2026

GCSE Exams: May/June 2026

Exam Results: August 2026

Year 11 Key Dates

Kickstart Meeting -
Wednesday 3rd
September 2025

Spanish Speaking
Mock Exam –
W/C Monday 3rd
November 2025

Other Mock
Exams Begin –
W/C Monday 10th
& Monday 17th
November 2025

Year 11
Parents Evening –
Thursday
11th December
2025

Practical Catering
Exam – Monday
24th & Tuesday
25th November
2025

Practical Drama
Exam – Thursday
29th January 2026

Practical
Construction
Exam – W/C
Monday 2nd
February 2026

Music Solo &
Ensemble Exam –
Thursday
26th March 2026

Parents Evening –
Thursday 26th
March 2026

Practical Drama
Exam – Friday
27th March 2026

Photography
Exam – Monday
13th & Tuesday
14th April 2026

Spanish Speaking
Exam – Tuesday
21st & Wednesday
22nd April 2026

Practical Art
Exam – Tuesday
21st & Wednesday
22nd April 2026

GCSE Exams
Begin – Tuesday
5th May 2026

GCSE Exams
End – July 2026

Dates are correct
at time of print and
could be subject
to change.

Revision Tips

1

REVISING EARLY

Starting early can help to avoid panic and stress. It can help students get into good habits and they will be able to remember more of the material. Check in with your child and their progress.



Helping your child with revision

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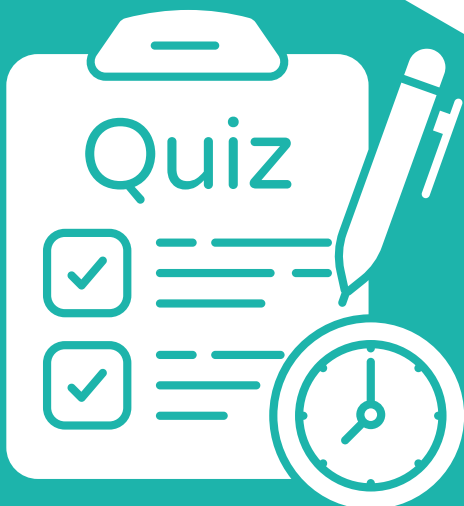
MORE THAN READ

Students will only remember around 10% of what they read. Help them by testing them and getting your child to write things down. When children summarise key points from their revision book in their own words, it can help them retain a lot more of the information.

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ENVIRONMENT

A revision spot with good lighting, the right stationery and no distractions such as the television or their mobile phone can help a child focus a lot more. Children focus best when the environment is quiet and tidy.



Revision Resources



Reading and highlighting text from revision guides or other sources is NOT effective revision.



Research demonstrates that just reading/highlighting and even mind-mapping is unlikely to embed information into long-term memory.



Effective revision has to be active rather than passive: students must engage with the information they want to remember. Please find below, two effective strategies that we encourage at Alsop High School!



FLASHCARDS

Students should make flashcards that have minimal information on them. For example, they might read a paragraph of text in a revision guide and then convert this into three or four bullet points on a flashcard. The most effective flashcards usually have a question on one side and an answer on the other.

Students should then test themselves on their flashcards.



QUIZZING

Students should use revision guides to write their own quiz questions based on the core knowledge. Quizzing improves transfer of knowledge, connection-building, and making inferences between different pieces of information.

To write their quiz questions, students can use information from revision guides provided by their teachers.



Revision Resources

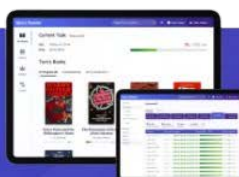
Sparx Learning



Sparx Maths

Building maths confidence through personalised homework.

sparxmaths.com



Sparx Reader

Building confident readers through regular reading practice.

sparxreader.com



Sparx Science

Improving scientific knowledge through thoughtful practice.

sparxscience.com

Sparx Maths

Sparx Maths provides online homework tailored to your child's ability. It reinforces classwork, tracks progress and builds skills through practice, support videos and weekly XP challenges for independent revision. Homework is set on Sparx maths every week.

Sparx Reader

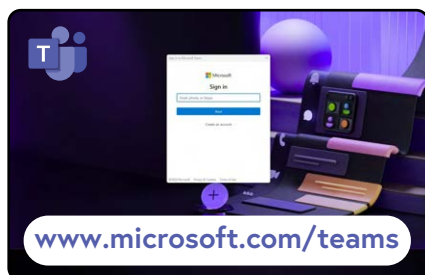
Sparx Reader is an engaging and supportive platform which can develop your child's reading and literacy skills. It supports revision through assigned reading, comprehension tasks and vocabulary challenges. Homework and independent activities help build reading stamina, language skills and confidence essential for GCSE success. Homework is set on Sparx Reader every week.

Sparx Science

Sparx Science builds scientific knowledge and understanding through personalised homework. It sets adaptive weekly homework designed to match your child's learning level and supports memory retention, builds understanding and encourages independent learning in preparation for GCSE science exams. Homework is set on Sparx Science every week.



Revision Resources



Microsoft Teams

Teachers upload revision guides, class materials and key resources to Microsoft Teams. Students can access everything they need for independent study anytime using their individual login from an electronic device.

BBC Bitesize

BBC Bitesize offers free, high-quality revision resources for all GCSE subjects. Students can access videos, quizzes and guides to help review key topics and reinforce learning at their own pace.

GCSE Pod

GCSE Pod provides expertly produced, short videos tailored to exam boards across all subjects. Students can revise key content, reinforce understanding, and build confidence. Students can access the information using their individual login.

Kerboodle

Kerboodle is an online learning platform where students can access digital textbooks, interactive resources and exam-style questions. It supports classroom learning and allows students to revise key topics independently at home. Your child will be issued a login if this platform is used for their option subjects.



Period 6 Revision Sessions

PERIOD SIX

Period 6 Revision Sessions

At Alsop High School, we are committed to helping every Year 11 student achieve their full potential. One of the most valuable opportunities we offer is our Period 6 revision programme. These sessions are part of the Year 11 timetable and play a key role in preparing students for success. Period 6 provides an additional hour of high-quality, subject-specific, targeted revision. Sessions focus on essential knowledge, exam techniques and building confidence across all subjects. Whether it's practising past papers, reviewing challenging content or closing knowledge gaps these sessions help students make meaningful progress.

Those who attend regularly often see significant improvements in both mock and final exam results. To find out when sessions are timetabled, please visit the revision section on our school website for the full Period 6 timetable.

We encourage you to support your child in attending, every session makes a difference.



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Education

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- Curriculum by Year Group
- Curriculum Subjects
- Personal Development
- Developing British Values
- Year 9 Guided Choices
- Homework
- Careers (EEAS)
- Revision & Exam Timetables
- Our School Council

Revision & Exam Timetables

Revision for exams is a vital part of learning. It involves hard work but also knowing which techniques work.

All our students from Year 7 onwards will be required to review for their mock exam and end of year assessments, and obviously this becomes vital when they reach Year 11 and 12. Students need to practice recalling and applying the knowledge they have and therefore they need to correct it as they learn.

Subject specific revision guidance will be shared on Microsoft Teams/Blackboard when your child's individual class teacher or Head of Faculty will upload revision materials.

In addition, to the revision provided by your child's teachers on Microsoft Teams/Blackboard, there are also very useful online platforms which can be found and students have access to the Alsop Knowledge Organiser for their year group which contains all the key knowledge your child will be assessed on during this academic year.

Year 10: Timetable for Week Monday 16th June to Friday 27th June 2025	+
Year 12: Timetable for PPE Exams: Monday 16th June to Friday 20th June 2025	+
Year 10: Timetable for Week Monday 9th June - Friday 19th June 2025	+
Year 10: Timetable for week: Monday 2nd June - Friday 6th June 2025	+
Year 10: Timetable for week: Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025	+
Year 10: Timetable for week: Monday 19th May to Friday 23rd May 2025	+
Year 10: Timetable for week: Monday 12th May to Friday 16th May 2025	+
Year 10: Timetable for week: Monday 5th May to Friday 9th May 2025	+
Year 10, Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13: Timetable for Revision Classes: Monday 7th April - Wednesday 16th April 2025	+



BBC Bitesize Years 7 - 9



BBC Bitesize Years 10 & 11



Sparx Maths



gcsepod
education on demand



Alsop High School
Revision Resources



Sparx Science

www.alsophigh.org.uk/education/revision

Student Wellbeing

At Alsop High School, we recognise that Year 11 can be both an exciting and challenging time. Preparing for GCSE exams is a significant milestone, and with it can come feelings of pressure, stress and fatigue.

We want to reassure you that your child's wellbeing is extremely important to us. While academic success matters, so does balance. Alongside revision and schoolwork, it's essential that students make time to relax and socialise. Maintaining a healthy routine helps improve focus, confidence and overall emotional health during this busy period. We are here to support your child every step of the way and if at any point you feel they need extra support, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Our school is proud to offer a comprehensive wellbeing and pastoral care system:

Mrs Dennis

Mrs Dennis is the Pastoral Lead for Year 11 and your main point of contact for both parents and students. She offers day-to-day support with behaviour, wellbeing and personal development. Mrs Dennis works closely with students to help them make positive choices, follow school expectations and achieve personal success.



Miss Myers

Miss Myers is the Assistant Year Manager for Year 11, working closely with Mrs Dennis to provide additional pastoral support. She helps ensure students feel safe, listened to and supported on a day-to-day basis, both emotionally and practically.



Ms O'Leary

Ms O'Leary is the Progress Leader for Year 11 and is responsible for monitoring the academic progress of every student in the year group. She works alongside class teachers to identify support needs, celebrate achievements and ensure all students are challenged, motivated and given the tools they need to reach their full potential.



Mental Health and Wellbeing Team

In addition to our Pastoral Team, we also have an onsite Mental Health and Wellbeing Team, who offer support with emotional and mental health, including exam stress and anxiety. For tips and tools on how to manage revision stress, sleep better and stay mentally healthy during exam periods, please visit the Mental Health and Wellbeing section of our website.



Sixth Form & College Timeline



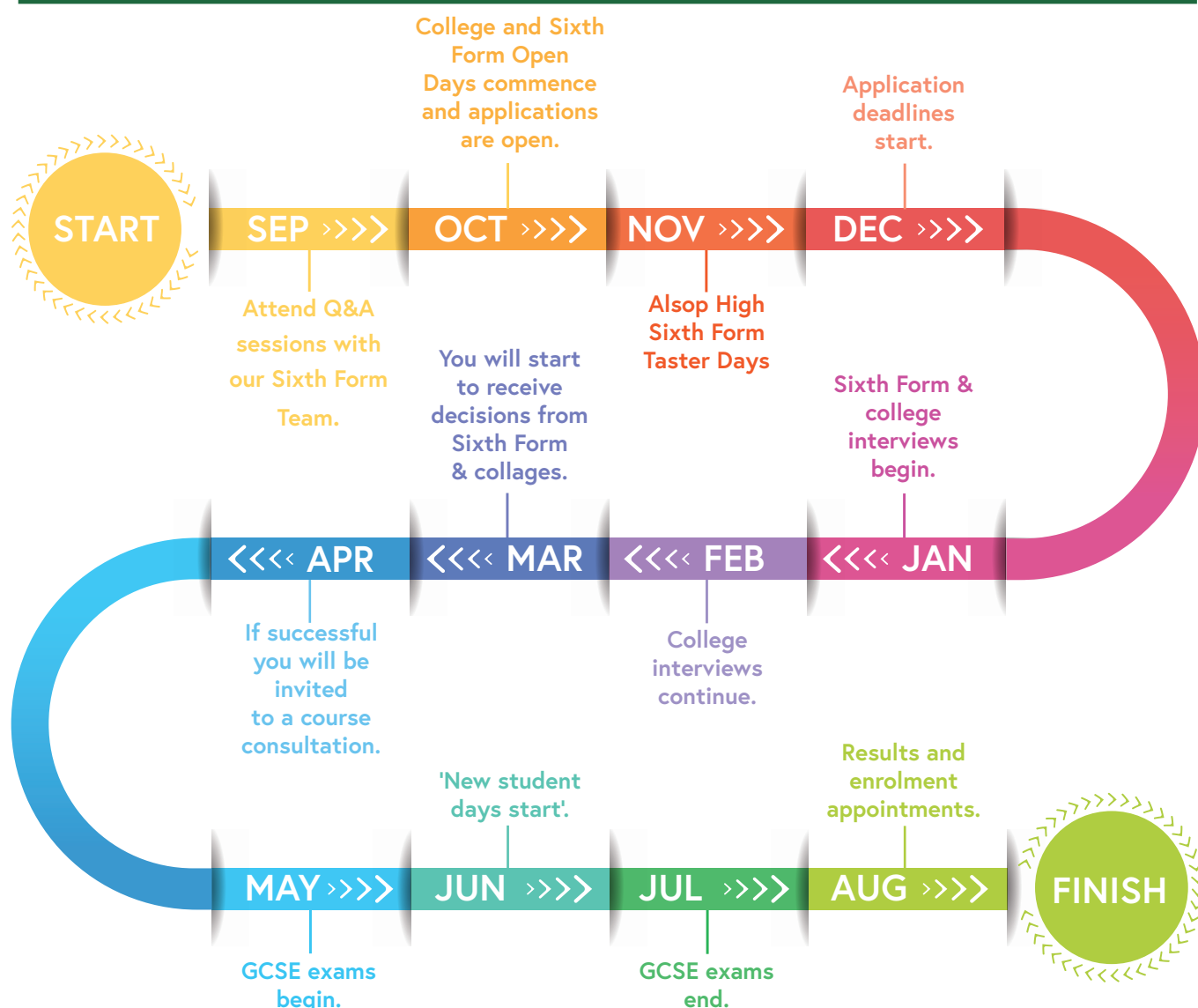
To access a level 3 BTEC course students, require a Grade 5 in Maths and a Grade 5 in English.



To access many A level courses students will need to achieve at least Grade 6 in the subjects they wish to study.



Apprenticeship providers will expect a Grade 5 in both English & Maths.



College Open Days

At Alsop High School, we are incredibly proud of our Sixth Form. As a smaller, close-knit community, we offer a personalised approach to post-16 education where students are known and supported. Our staff already know your child's strengths, learning style and potential, meaning we can offer tailored guidance and build on the strong foundations already in place. With a wide range of A-Level and vocational pathways, as well as high-quality teaching and excellent pastoral support, Alsop Sixth Form is a natural next step for many of our students.

We recognise, however, that students may wish to explore a range of post-16 options. There are several colleges in the local area offering a variety of courses to suit different interests and aspirations. We encourage all families to research their options carefully to find the best fit for their future goal

**Alsop High School
Open Evening**
2nd October 2025

Hugh Baird College
2nd October 2025

**Southport College
Open Evening**
6th October 2025
20th November 2025

**King George V
College
Open Evening**
8th October 2025
11th November 2025

**Carmel College
Open Evening**
8th October 2025
6th November 2025

**LIPA
Sixth Form College
Open Event**
11th October 2025
22nd November 2025

**West Lancashire
College
Open Evening**
13th October 2025

**Knowsley
Community College**
Please contact the
college for further
details.

**St Helens
College**
Please contact the
college for further
details.

**The City of
Liverpool College**
Please contact the
college for further
details.

Please note: All details are correct at the time of printing, however, dates and times are subject to change. We strongly encourage families to check directly with individual colleges to confirm open day information before attending.

Sixth Form Open Evening



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COMMUNITY

SUPPORT

AMBITION

We are pleased to **invite you** to our:

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Thursday 2nd
October 2025
4.30pm - 6.30pm

🌐 alsophigh.org.uk

☎ Tel: 0151 235 1200

🌐 Queens Drive, Liverpool L4 6SH

NO BOOKING REQUIRED

Homeschool Agreement

By sending your child to Alsop High School, you are agreeing to our expectations and values.

Alsop High School's Positive Behaviour Policy provides a framework to ensure our core values (Ambition, Respect, Community) are embedded within our daily practice. Every student is expected to uphold these values.

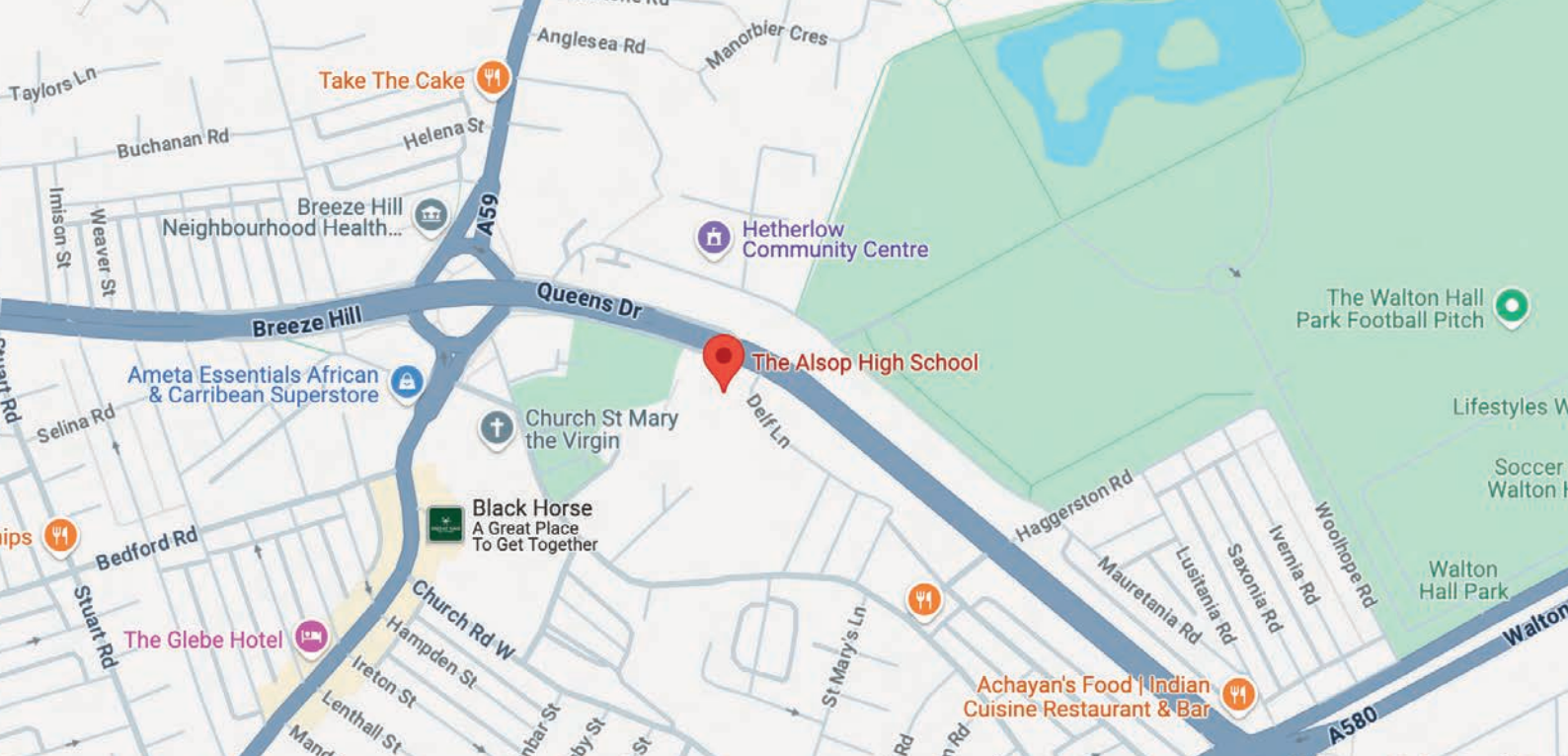
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Be Safe		Punctuality & Attendance:	Our school expectation is that students attend and are punctual 100% of the time.
		Calm Corridors:	Students are expected to move calmly, safely and quickly between lessons.

In addition to ensuring your child upholds our school's values you are also agreeing to:

- Support your child with their academic studies and use the Bromcom My Child at School app.
- Attend parents' evenings and have discussions about your child's progress.
- Agree to the school's Behaviour Policy and support us to ensure success for your child.
- Encourage your child to participate in extracurricular activities.
- Promptly inform the school of any concerns or problems that may affect your child's learning or behaviour.

Notes

A spiral-bound notebook with 11 horizontal lines for writing. The spiral binding is on the left side, and the lines are evenly spaced across the page.



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