



14th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our commitment to raising standards remains at the heart of everything we do, and I am delighted to report that our students have responded extremely positively to these higher expectations. This early success places us in a strong position to continue our journey of improvement, and I am confident that 2025 will see a significant uplift in student achievement. Over the remainder of this year, I will be reviewing all aspects of our current practices to make further improvements and enhance the school experience for every student.

As we prepare for our return to school on **Monday 24 February 2025**, I want to share some key updates and expectations to ensure a positive and successful term ahead.

Alsop High School Learning Habits

Our **Learning Habits** framework ensures that our core values—**Ambition, Respect, and Community**—are embedded in daily school life. Every student is expected to uphold these values consistently.

- [Click here for a link to Our Learning Habits](#)

Perfect Uniform

We take great pride in our school uniform and how smart our students look. Uniform plays a vital role in developing a positive learning environment and setting the right tone for success.

Full school uniform is expected to be worn every day.

We are incredibly grateful for the ongoing support of parents and carers, and we are pleased to have provided over 300 items of clothing to support our families and students this half term.

To support the small number of students who may find it challenging to meet Alsop's uniform standards, we will continue to respond with kindness and fairness. However, we will no longer provide additional items of clothing to students who have previously received our support. We expect all students to arrive at school in full uniform. In some cases, we will contact parents to arrange for appropriate uniform to be brought into school or for students to return home briefly to correct any uniform issues.

We are also pleased to inform you that the uniform shop has now received a new order of Alsop-branded clothing. As always, we will treat our students appropriately and will spend the first week back after half-term communicating our expectations. However, from **Monday 3 March**, all students must wear the **school logo hoodie on PE days only**. Any non-logo hoodies must be removed.

If any parent anticipates difficulty in meeting this expectation, please contact your child's Year Manager or Ms. Bayly at c.bayly@ahs.omegamat.co.uk, and we will be happy to explore ways to support you.

- [Click here for a link to our Uniform Leaflet](#)



Equipment

Since January, students have had time to adjust to our **Learning Habits**. At the start of the new year, we provided essential equipment to every student. However, we have noticed that some students are not taking proper care of their supplies. We ask for your support in ensuring that all students arrive at school **fully equipped** each day with the following items:

- Pencil case, 1 black or blue pen, 1 red pen, Pencil, Ruler, Eraser, Highlighter

Being properly equipped maximises learning time and ensures every student is ready for success. While we understand that high expectations can sometimes be challenging, we expect students to follow our Learning Habits 100% of the time. Their hard work will be recognised, but if expectations are not met, a detention or reflection time will be issued.

Attendance & Punctuality

It is essential for parents to understand the clear link between attendance, punctuality, and a child's future success. Our expectation is 100% attendance and 100% punctuality, as every minute of learning is crucial.

There is no reason why students at Alsop High School should attend less frequently than their peers at other schools across the country. Ultimately, your child will be competing with those students for GCSE grades, apprenticeships, and university places. The best way to support their success is to ensure they are in school every day and on time. May I take this opportunity to remind you that school opens at 8:05 am, and we expect all students to be on time for line-ups at 8:25 am.

Countdown to Year 11 GCSEs

The offer to our Year 11 students continues to be exceptional. They will sit their second set of Pre-Public Examinations (PPE) from **Monday 10 March**, covering full GCSE papers in core subjects and partial papers in selected subjects based on previous outcomes. Students have begun their 15-week countdown to GCSEs, and the full revision plan, outlining weekly topics, lesson content, homework, and Period 6 intervention, is available on the school website under:

Year 11 → Revision Plan.

Additionally, on Friday, 28th February, 34 students will participate in a Revision Residential Weekend at a PGL Centre in Lancashire, where they will focus on English and Maths revision while also developing important skills like resilience to support them through the challenges of the GCSE Summer Series.



My Child App

At Alsom High School, we are committed to keeping you informed and engaged in your child's education. To support this, we strongly encourage all parents and carers to download the **Bromcom MyChild app**.

The **MyChild 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 and school calendar
- ✓ Important announcements and communications

By using the app, you will receive real-time updates, ensuring you stay connected with your child's progress and any key messages from the school.

To help you get started, we have attached an **information leaflet** with details on how to download and set up the app. A **QR code** is also provided to make the process even easier.

We appreciate your support in using this valuable tool to enhance home-school communication. If you need any assistance with setting up the app, please do not hesitate to contact the school at:

mcas@ahs.omegamat.co.uk

[* Click here to access My Child at School QR download code](#)

Access to Toilets

To ensure students make the most of their learning time, they are encouraged to use the toilets before school, during break, and at lunchtime.

Our data shows that a small number of students frequently leave class to use the toilet, which significantly impacts their learning. While teachers will continue to use their professional judgment, we will be raising the threshold for allowing toilet use during lessons.

Students with a valid medical pass will continue to be supported and permitted to use the toilets when necessary.

If your child has specific needs that we should be aware of, please contact their Year Manager for support.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership as we work together to provide the very best education for our young people. I hope you all have a fantastic half-term, and we look forward to welcoming the students back on **Monday, 24th February**.

Yours Sincerely,

Peter Mee
Head of School



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