

21st March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the last two weekd of this half term, I would like to say thank you for your continued support as we work together to drive Alsop High School forward on its rapid journey of improvement. Our whole school community continues to respond extremely positively to our core values—Be Ready, Be Respectful, and Be Safe—as well as our learning habits.

### **Learning Habit – Attendance and Punctuality**

With the summer term approaching and GCSE examinations for Year 11 on the horizon, I want to remind you of the clear link between attendance and student outcomes. The school expectation is for students to attend 100% of the time. There is no reason for students at Alsop High School to attend less than their peers at other schools across the country. Your child will compete against these students for the best GCSE results, and the surest way to support their success is by ensuring they attend school every day. Together, we can continue to improve the life chances of our students.

### **Countdown to Easter Eggstravaganza**

It has been fantastic to see so many students improving their attendance and earning the opportunity to receive awards in our end-of-term assemblies. Students can win prizes in the following categories:

- 100% Attendance for those who have attended every day this term
- 20-Day Attendance Challenge for students with 100% attendance over the last 20 days
- Most Improved Attendance recognising those who have made significant progress
- Faculty Achievement & Effort celebrating commitment and progress across subjects
- Values Awards for students who consistently demonstrate our core values: Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe

#### Year 11 PPEs

Our Year 11 students have been working hard over the past two weeks during their PPE exams. We are pleased to report that they have demonstrated a strong work ethic, and we thank you for your ongoing support in reinforcing expectations, standards, and positive behaviour. With final examinations beginning shortly after the Spring Break, it is essential that all students revise and study during the holiday period.



To support this, we have arranged revision masterclasses during the break. It is not too late for students to improve their grades, and we encourage you to work in partnership with us by ensuring your child attends these sessions. As shared in my previous letter, we will also be holding an additional opportunity for parents to meet with senior staff and the teachers of English and Maths on Thursday 3 April. Further details and timetables will be sent shortly by Ms. Bruns.

# Year 9 Guided Choices Evening – Thursday 27th March at 5pm

Following on from the information sent out yesterday, our Guided Choices Evening promises to be an exciting and informative event for Year 9 students as they prepare to make their Key Stage 4 subject selections. This evening provides an excellent opportunity for students and parents to explore the various options available and speak with subject teachers. Your participation will be invaluable in helping your child make informed decisions.

### My Child A School App (MCAS)

Thank you to those families who have accessed the My Child At School app (MCAS). As a 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 MCAS, the Bromcom My Child At School app.

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 and school calendar dates and important announcements and communication.

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, please click here for details on how to download and set up the app.

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

## End of Term Arrangements - Friday 4th April

It has been a busy and productive term, and I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work of our staff, who have been instrumental in supporting the school's rapid journey of improvement.

### Please note that students will be dismissed at 12:30 on Friday, 4th April.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to create a safe, ambitious, and supportive learning environment for all our students.

Yours Sincerely,

Peter Mee

**Head of School** 



