



# Alsop High School

4th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of this half term, I would like to thank you for all your continued support as we work together to continue the school's rapid journey of improvement. The whole school community continues to respond extremely positively to our high expectations and learning habits. Please find below some updates and reminders.

## **Attendance: Easter Eggtravaganza**

It has been fantastic to celebrate so many families and students receiving special attendance rewards for achieving 100% attendance this half term. This week, we've held award assemblies, with prizes being distributed today the final day of term. To mark the end of term, we've also organised a range of fun activities, including a celebration assembly with treats, a pizza van and an inflatable obstacle course for students to enjoy.

## **Punctuality to lessons**

As we continue to prioritise learning time, we will insist that all students take no more than five minutes to move from one lesson to another. Staff will log any instances where students take longer and our pastoral team will review these logs at the end of each day to determine if any further action is necessary.

I am sure you will agree that there is nothing more important than students maximising their learning time. Your ongoing support in reinforcing this expectation with your child is appreciated.

## **Learning Habit: Equipment**

To support our equipment learning habit, when students return after the spring break, they will be issued a pocket-sized plastic timetable to help them arrive at lessons on time. We will check that your child has their timetable at the start of each day.

If a student misplaces their timetable, they will receive appropriate support from our pastoral staff.

However, persistent failure to present their timetable each morning may result in a school sanction. Once again, we appreciate your support in reinforcing this expectation to ensure all students are fully prepared for learning each day.

## **Year 11 Spring Break Masterclasses**

Year 11 students will be sitting their final examinations shortly after we return from Spring break. It is therefore vitally important that all students revise and study over the two week break to ensure that they are well prepared for this extremely important stage in their lives. To support with their revision, we have arranged revision masterclasses to take place in school over the holiday period. It is not too late for Year 11 students to improve their grades as we would ask you to work in partnership with us to support your child to attend these sessions. Further information and timetables have been shared with parents and students.

## **Y9 Guided Choices and Year 11 Parents' Evening**

We were delighted to see so many supportive parents and carers, alongside our students, at the recent Year 9 Guided Choices and Year 11 Parents' Information Evening. We hope you have gained an understanding of the extensive academic and pastoral support available for your child and we are grateful for your ongoing support at such a crucial stage in your child's education.

### **Learning Habit: Perfect Uniform**

As we approach the summer term, I would like to remind you that blazers are a compulsory part of our uniform policy, whereas coats and school jumpers are not. We will continue to insist that students wear their blazers and remove their jumpers if necessary. Of course, in the rare instances where temperatures remain high for an extended period, a "no blazer" order will be issued at the discretion of the Head of School. We ask for your support in maintaining our high expectations regarding uniform. There is no reason for us to have lower expectations of Alsop students compared to any other school in Liverpool and beyond. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring that all students take pride in their appearance and represent our school community with excellence.

### **Mobile Phones**

I would like to remind everyone of our school's no mobile phone policy, which is essential for ensuring student safety and maximising learning time. Your continued support and cooperation in reinforcing this expectation are greatly appreciated. Looking ahead, I will share further details in the summer term about our approach to mobile phones, including how we plan to enhance learning time and support students' mental health and well-being by minimising mobile phone usage.

### **Blackpool Trip & Chester Zoo**

We have planned an exciting trip day on Tuesday July 16<sup>th</sup> for Year 8–10 students to visit Blackpool Pleasure Beach and Year 7 to visit Chester Zoo. The primary goal of this trip is to reward students who consistently meet our expectations for attendance and learning habits. Your child's Head of House will provide more detailed information after the Spring break.

### **Access to Toilets**

As part of our ongoing commitment to prioritising student safety and well-being, I am delighted to share that we are starting the renovation of our student bathroom facilities which will start over the two-week break. Additionally, staff will now be required to record each student request on BromCom. This measure will help us efficiently monitor and address student needs while ensuring their privacy and dignity are respected.

### **My Child At 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. To help you get started, please [click here](#) for details on how to download and set up the app. If you need any assistance with setting up the app, please do not hesitate to contact the school at: [mcas@ahs.omegamat.co.uk](mailto:mcas@ahs.omegamat.co.uk)

Finally, it's been a busy term and I am very appreciative of our staff here at Alsop who have worked tirelessly to enable all these wonderful events to happen. Thank you once again for working with us to continue our school improvement strategy. We hope that you and your families enjoy a restful break.

We look forward to welcoming our students back to school on **Tuesday April 22nd** and we expect all students to be in the building by **8:25am**.

Yours sincerely,



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Head of School