



## ALSOP HIGH SCHOOL

31 January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **A Strong Start to the Year**

It is with great pleasure that I write to share the fantastic start we have had to the new school year. At Alsop High School, we are committed to creating an environment where every child can thrive academically, emotionally, and socially.

We are already seeing a high number of Alsop Superstars, and our collective goal is to be 1% better today than yesterday. While we recognise that we are at the beginning of our journey, we are confident that, with your support, our shared efforts are making a meaningful difference in the lives of our students and the wider Walton community.

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

I would like to say thank you to all the families who have supported their children in returning to school with strong habits around attendance and punctuality. As you are aware, there is a strong connection between high attendance and positive life chances. Your continued support in ensuring your child attends school every day is crucial for their future success. Together, we can ensure that every student has the best opportunity to achieve their full potential.

### **Countdown to GCSE - Year 11**

The offer to our Year 11 students continues to be exceptional; this includes a comprehensive in-school intervention programme, tutor time and period 6 interventions and February Half Term masterclasses. These have a clear purpose: to ensure our students are prepared for their mock examinations, and our message has been clear for some time now: We know that the students who are motivated to work the hardest in school and at home make the most progress. Please encourage your child to attend all the interventions offered by our school.

### **Reading**

I also want to take a moment to emphasise the importance of encouraging your child's reading habits. We at Alsop are committed to developing a habit of reading, as it not only enhances literacy skills, but the research consistently shows that when students read regularly, they make more progress in all subjects, not just English.

As parents and carers, your support plays an important role in developing a love for reading in your child. I would ask you to take this opportunity to lead by example. Let your child see you reading regularly, whether it's a book, a newspaper or magazine, or an online article.

### **Learning Habit – Positive Behaviour**

At Alsop High School, we are committed to creating a safe and respectful environment for all our students. While many of our students consistently make us proud, it has come to our attention that a minority of students have been engaging in vaping and anti-social behaviour to and from school that undermines the reputation of our school community. These behaviours not only pose health risks but also reflect poorly on the values and standards of conduct we expect from our students.

We want to make it clear that vaping and any form of anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated. We believe it is essential to work together with parents and carers to promote a positive image of our school and ensure that our students understand the importance of making responsible choices.

To address this issue, we will be implementing appropriate sanctions for students who are found vaping or engaging in behaviours that bring disrepute to Alsop High School. These sanctions will be in line with our school behaviour policy.

We appreciate your support in discussing this matter with your child and reinforcing the importance of maintaining a respectful and responsible attitude both in and out of school.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Mee', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr P Mee

**Head of School**