

## THE ALSOPIAN ISSUE 1 MAY 2024



Welcome to the first edition of The (revived) Alsopian. As a house system, we aim to produce a termly newsletter with a summary of events and initiatives that have occurred and also those which are upcoming. It's very much a work in progress but if anyone has any contributions or ideas please email one of us.

I think we'll all agree that it was a busy half term with plenty going on. The rewards shop has been very popular with pupils, particularly with years 7 and 8 and has acted as real incentive for them to get house points - It is great to see the smiles on their faces when they come to collect their prizes.

Two successful house initiatives have also ran this half term. The year 7's enjoyed their football tournament and the remaining fixtures for the rest of the year groups are scheduled for after half term. The Mini Saga competition was incredibly well supported with over 500 entries, many of which were of an incredibly high standard.

Suffice to say, none of these things would have been possible if it wasn't for all the hard work, determination and drive from form tutors and staff. We greatly value your support and we appreciate everything you have done. This is what makes Alsop the community that we are and as we move into the final half term we do so with optimism and hope.

Thank you everyone. Paul, Katie, Sue, Zoe and Jordan



The annual Alsop High School rewards trip will be on Wednesday 3rd July, the deadline for payments is Monday 17th June and this will be done through parent pay.

ALSOP Y7 BASKETBALL ALSOP Y8 BASKETBALL

#### Alsop Basketball

Year 7 basketball team & Year 8 basketball team went to a tournament and ended up in the final against each other with the year 8 team winning the whole thing.







#### Year 7

Thomas Kennard – Turing – 1350 Jessica Igbaroola – Parks – 950 Megan Mango – Turing – 950

#### Year 8

Saffia Fielding – Turing – 1150 Joseph Beckwith – Franklin – 1000 Porscha Mae Fairlclough – Franklin – 990

#### Year 9

Jonas Batista Correia – Turing – 1505 Ellis Nolan – Attenborough – 1300 James Poland – Franklin – 965

### Year 10

Ajoke Busari – Attenborough – 925 Luke Billows – Franklin – 910 Natalia Niewiadomska - Franklin

## Year 11

Olivia Shannon – Turing – 850 Olivia Astles – Parks – 750 Gianni Alexe – Turing - 650



# Summer Mini Saga House Competition



Alsop High School's latest fabulous house initiative was a Summer Mini Saga which invited all of the pupils in the school to compete against each other in a writing competition. The rules were simple: A tantalizing selection of story starters were provided and in just 100 words, pupils had to create a Mini Saga. Suffice to say, it is easier said than done!

The competition standings were as follows:

1st place - Alyssa Harvey (Attenborough) 2nd Place – Hollie Marooth (Parks) 3rd place - Dameon Rixon (Turing)

The house leaders were blown away, not just by the amount of entries to the competition, but also by the quality and the talent which was on display. More is the pity that there could only be three winners because we could have easily selected many more.

The winner of the competition went to Alyssa Harvey who's chilling masterpiece was based upon The Dark Forest Hypothesis and also included some unique structural features – A copy of the winning entry can be found below:

#### The message

"Be quiet, they'll hear you". We stared down at the message. Months, it had taken to decode the alien lettering. Months, to be given the warning.

"Be quiet, they'll hear you". We'd spent years studying, years working to get this job. We'd felt so lucky to get our hands on it.

"Be quiet, they'll hear you". We were the top scientists in our fields.

We were frozen.

"Be quiet, they'll hear you". A warning? A threat? A plea?

"Be quiet, they'll hear you" And when we, like Icarus with melting wax wings, stumbled into the night we saw twice as many lights.

We blinked, and they blinked back.