



Also High School

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of this half term, I want to extend my thanks for your continued support. Together, as a school community, we are raising standards and ensuring that every student thrives. This has been a successful half term, with almost all students responding positively to our high expectations.

In my previous communications, I've emphasised Also High School's core values—**Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe**—and I want to remind you again of their importance. These values underpin everything we do, guiding our high standards and daily habits.

Be Ready: School Uniform Expectations

We are proud of the pride our students show in their uniform. It sets the tone for a respectful, focused learning environment. Please ensure your child arrives each day in full uniform:

- **Blazer:** Green with the school logo and gold piping
- **Pullover/Cardigan:** V-neck, plain navy with the school badge
- **Footwear:** Black polishable shoes or black trainers (fully black no logos)
- **Tie:**
 - Year 7: Green stripe
 - Year 8: Silver stripe
 - Year 9: Gold stripe
 - Year 10: Purple stripe
 - Year 11: Navy stripe

- **Trousers/Skirt:** Plain black trousers (no jeans/cords) or plain navy skirt/pinafore
- **Socks:** Girls navy
- **PE Kit:**
 - Also branded T-shirt/long-sleeve shirt
 - **Also branded hoodie or blazer over the PE kit**
 - Plain black leggings or training pants

Please note: Non-logo hoodies, hats, hoods, and caps must be removed upon entering the building.

From Wednesday, 8th January, we reserve the right to send students home to resolve uniform issues if reasonable efforts have not been made. Students will be welcomed back once the issue is addressed.

Be Safe: Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance remains a top priority, and our target is 100%. Thank you to all families who have engaged positively with our efforts to improve attendance. To celebrate attendance excellence, students with 100% attendance from 9th to 19th December will be eligible for exciting rewards, including:

- Family Christmas hampers with shopping vouchers and gifts
- Student hampers with vouchers and gifts
- Prize draws for 100% attendance

Prizes will be awarded on the last day of term, **Friday, 20 December**.

KS3 Setting from January

Starting 8 January, KS3 students will be re-grouped by current academic performance. This approach will enable tailored learning experiences, ensuring each student can make optimal progress. Regular assessments will allow movement between groups, fostering continuous improvement. New timetables will be issued upon their return. All our student settings will take place each January and June and be constantly renewed.

Parents' Information Evenings

We invite you to attend the scheduled Parents' Information Evenings:

- Year 8: Monday, 9 December, 4:30–5:30 pm
- Year 9: Tuesday, 10 December, 4:30–5:30 pm
- Year 10: Wednesday, 11 December, 4:30–5:30 pm
- Year 11: Thursday, 12 December, 4:30–5:30 pm
- Year 7: Friday, 13 December, 4:30–5:30 pm

INSET Days

Please note the following key dates:

- Monday, 6th January – Staff Training (School closed to students)
- Tuesday, 7th January – Staff Training (School closed to students)
- Wednesday, 8th January – School reopens (start times will be confirmed soon)

Parent's Evenings

- Thursday 9 January – Year 11 4:00pm – 6:30pm
- Thursday 16 January – Year 12/13 4:00pm – 6:30pm

End of term arrangements – Friday 20 December

I am pleased to announce that we have planned a festive fun day on **Friday, 20 December**, featuring reward assemblies for all year groups. Students are welcome to add a festive touch to their uniform on this day. Please note that school will close early at **12:15 pm**.

Thank you once again for your support.

Yours sincerely,



Peter Mee
Head of School