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Newsletter 6

Dear Parent/Carer

It has been a busy half term with GCSE and AS examinations well underway; students in Years 10-13 seem to have made an excellent start. I am grateful to staff for all the effort that has gone into final revision. It is a very stressful time for our young people and they can be overwhelmed so please contact us immediately if you are worried about the welfare of your son/daughter.

We said our goodbyes to Year 13 and Year 11 students in their Leavers' Assemblies in early May; it was lovely to be able to thank all students for the excellent contributions they have made to Allerton's success over the years. The assemblies were fabulous as was the Year 13 Leavers' Ball and we are now looking forward to the Year 11 Prom which takes place on June 27 after GCSE examinations.

SEND ballot

The SEND (special educational needs and disability) Partnership Board in Leeds would like to consult with parents/carers and families who have children with special educational needs or a disability as they are deciding what should be their key priorities in 2019/20. The Voice Influence and Change Team worked with parent representatives on the board to develop a short ballot paper based around the Leeds Child Friendly Wishes.

Parents and carers who have children with special educational needs and disabilities can complete the ballot either online or on paper by **14th June 2019**.

The ballot only takes a couple of minutes to complete online at <https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/PCF2019/>

Paper copies should be posted to PO Box 837, Voice & Influence Team. Leeds, LS1 3PZ. Please ask at reception if you would like a ballot paper to complete.

There are five lots of £20 'Love to Shop' vouchers available to win. All entries which include contact details, will go into the prize draw and five will be chosen at random.

Clean Air Day

Please be aware of street closures from 1-4pm outside Alwoodley Primary and St Pauls' Catholic Primary on Thursday 20 June [Cranmer Rise, Deanswood Drive and Buckstone Crescent]. Leeds City Council's 'Influencing Travel Behaviour Team' will be implementing the closures in order for 'play street' initiatives to take place such as yoga, golf, scooting and other traditional street games. The aim of the initiative is to encourage more students to walk to school and reduce the number of vehicles parking directly outside school gates at the end of the day to have a positive impact on air quality.

Uniform

The Dress Code for the academic year 2019/20 is attached. As ever, I ask for your support in ensuring students adhere to the policy and am very grateful that the vast majority of students do as asked. I would appreciate your support over earrings and nose studs. If students are having piercings the appropriate time would be the very start of the summer holidays so they can be easily removed in September as students return to school. Students are allowed one stud per ear and facial and tongue piercings are not allowed. Even though some young people seem to prefer shoes with arrows, labels and small amounts of colour

on them, please buy plain, black shoes for September. Please ensure the trousers are not leggings, which grip the ankle.

If you have any questions or issues with uniform, please ask for Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Hodges in the first instance.

Personal Organisers

We rely on students having their Personal Organisers so they can plan their learning, organise their homework and so they know their timetable and arrive on time for lessons. We use it to communicate with you and to record positive comments and codes if there are breaches of our Positive Behaviour Policy. Unfortunately at the moment too many students are causing staff inconvenience by not having their Personal Organiser. We are re-launching its importance. If students forget it, they will have one 'let off' where they will be given a day sheet to use and no sanction. However, if they forget it again, they will be sent to the Inclusion Unit for the day. We will try and contact you to ask you bring it in but this may not always be possible. If they believe the organiser is in school, they will be expected to remain in school at 3pm to retrace their steps to find it so that they are prepared for the next day. We will contact you if this is the case. We may ask you to purchase another Personal Organiser if your child cannot locate the original one. This is at a cost of £4.50.

Please can you sign the Personal Organiser weekly and check your son/daughter's bag to ensure the Personal Organiser is in it. A small number of our students do not want you to see it and claim it is lost because it has codes and comments from teachers which they would prefer you not to see!

I hope you can support us in tightening up the procedures relating to the Personal Organiser but if you have any issues or questions relating to this matter, please contact Mrs Hodges in the first instance.

Mobile Phones

Unfortunately, teachers are having to confiscate too many phones at the moment. Students are allowed them at break and lunch NOT in lessons or walking between lessons. Unfortunately, they cannot resist the temptation to look constantly at messages so we may have to review our current policy and ban on-site mobile phone use altogether. For now, we will remind students and monitor how many are confiscated in the remaining weeks of this term.

If confiscated, students will be expected to be with me from the end of school until 4pm when I finish supervising school detention. At that point, I will retrieve phones from the safe and return them if I am free to do so. If I have another meeting to chair or a parent to meet, students will have to wait until I have finished.

Non Uniform Day

To raise money for our year group charities there will be a non-uniform day on Friday 19 July. Students are asked to bring in a £1 donation for the privilege of not wearing school uniform. Students should not dye their hair or wear hats inside the school building on the day and should be appropriately dressed in clothing that is not revealing. Crop tops, shorts, vest tops, and very short skirts are not appropriate clothing for school. It will be unfortunate if students have to be sent home to change because they are inappropriately dressed so your support is appreciated.

End of Term Reward Visit

Our annual end of term reward visits will be held on Monday 22 July. Students in Y7 to Y10 can choose to go to Flamingoland for the day or bowling. In addition to this, students from Y9 & Y10 can choose to go to the Trafford Centre and Y12 will be visiting Lightwater Valley. All students should have brought a letter home with details about the reward visits. A small number of students will work in school on the day, as unfortunately they have not met our expectations of behaviour this academic year.

We are looking forward to a fun day out and are hoping for some good weather!

Leavers

We will be saying goodbye to some colleagues at the end of the academic year. Mr Ulrich Oltean is leaving to complete his PhD at the University of York and Mrs Kirby, Curriculum Team Leader Technology, has obtained a post at another school. We will miss both colleagues and wish them well in their new ventures.

We will say a formal farewell at the end of school on Tuesday 23 July where students will be dismissed after lunch from 1.00pm. Please sign the reply slip at the end of this letter if you want your son/daughter to be supervised until the end of the day.

Point of contact for parents & carers

The following are key points of contact for the rest of the summer term:

Y7 Achievement Team Leader/Achievement Coach	Mrs Campbell/Mrs Hussain
Y8 Achievement Team Leader/Achievement Coach	Mrs Knill/Mrs Hussain
Y9 Achievement Team Leader	Mrs Malkinson
KS3 Manager	Mr Horsley
Y10 Achievement Team Leader/Achievement Coach	Mrs Horsley/Mrs Whitaker
Y11 Achievement Team Leader/Achievement Coach	Mrs Burkinshaw/Miss Convy
SENCO	Mrs Matthews
Post-16 Director (Y12/13)	Mr Harding
Post-16 Achievement Coach	Mrs King
Post-16 Administrator	Mrs Brookes

The Achievement Team Leaders are the first point of contact for parents who have issues or concerns.

Parents should contact the general office as a first step and if the relevant Achievement Leader is not available when you call, the Achievement Coach associated with the year group will either take the call or phone you back.

End of the School Day

Just a reminder that students in Y7 & 8 may stay in school every night except Friday until 4pm in supervised Study Support/Homework Club or attend an extra-curricular activity. If they do not wish to be in these places, students must leave. They cannot be unsupervised wherever they like in the building, waiting for parents to pick up or talking with friends. Detentions run until 3.50pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and my detention runs until 4.15pm on Friday if students miss the scheduled detentions during the week. Older students are also expected to leave the building promptly if not in a supervised activity. Students are not allowed to play football on the back field after school.

Junior Leadership Team

The focus for the Junior Leadership Team and Year Councils this half term will be reviewing the things they have asked us to change and improve during this academic year and planning their contributions to the next School Improvement Plan. In addition, students will be organising a range of activities to raise money for their nominated charities which are:

Year 7	– Simon on the Street (Homeless)
Year 8	– Macmillan
Year 9	– Rainbow
Year 10	– SANE (mental health)
Year 11	– NSPCC
Post 16	– CARE (international poverty and health)

Mrs Hodges co-ordinates all the feedback students provide us with and she delivers assemblies to students making clear which of their ideas we can act on and which suggestions we cannot respond to with an explanation as to why not. A copy of student feedback will be available on the web site on the Student Welfare page.

Parents' Forum

The next meeting is on Wednesday 12 June from 6.30 to 7.45pm where I will feedback on issues raised at the last meeting. As ever, all are welcome though I ask you to let school know you intend to come so we can organise an appropriate venue.

Calendar 2019-20

The calendar for next academic year is attached in leaflet form. Please note we have three early finishes spread through the year rather than one training day to make training time for teachers more effective. Students are dismissed at 12.00 on these days.

Events to the end of term

Monday 3 June	-	Y7 & 8 exams in class
Wednesday 5 June	-	A Level Art & Technical moderation
Monday 10 June	-	Y6 Coffee Morning GCSE Art & Technical moderation Progress Review 4 for Y7-10 (ex. KS4 1 Yr courses & Y10 RE)
Wednesday 12 June	-	Y12 mock interviews at Cedar Court Wakefield Parents' Forum from 6.30-7.45pm
Friday 14 June	-	Y10 Geography visit to Hornsea
Monday 17 June	-	Y12 internal exams until 21 June (formal exams for all students who have not sat an external exam) Curriculum Enrichment Day Maths visit to Chester Zoo (Y7) Imperial War Museum Manchester visit (Y8) Emmerdale Experience English visit (Y8) Textiles visit to Harewood House (Y9) Yorkshire Sculpture Park visit (Y9 & 10) Geography fieldwork at Hornsea (Y10) Hairspray Dress Rehearsal all years
Tuesday 18 June	-	Governors' Learning & Curriculum committee
Thursday 20 June	-	Higher Education Fair
Sunday 23 June	-	Biology visit to Boggle Hole (Y12)
Monday 24 June	-	0123 Information on progress home to parents Y7 & 8 Biology visit to Boggle Hole (Y12) Y12 Work Experience this week Y10 Core exams English/Maths Jewish Assembly
Tuesday 25 June	-	GCSE/A/AS examinations finish Big Band Science Fair in Doncaster (for some Y8) SEND Transition Day
Wednesday 26 June	-	Y11 lockers must be emptied by this date and School/library books returned
Thursday 27 June	-	Year 11 Leavers' Ball
Friday 28 June	-	STEM Challenge sessions for primaries
Monday 1 July	-	8.30am UCAS Launch Day. All Year 12 will register for UCAS & have specialist sessions on personal statements including talks from Leeds Beckett University Y8 PGL residential 1-3 July Y11 Enrichment Duke of Edinburgh Expedition, returns 2 July Jewish Assembly Governors' Inclusion Committee
Wednesday 3 July		Maecare Tea Dance for local residents [organised by Y12]
Thursday 4 July		Y6 Induction Day & Parents' Evening Y8 HPV2 immunisations
Friday 5 July	-	New Staff Induction day Duke of Edinburgh Silver Assessed expedition returns 7 July 'Hairspray' whole cast dress rehearsal

- Monday 8 July - Reports go home for Y9, 10 & 12 mock results
Y8 HPV immunisations mop up
'Hairspray' primary school matinee and 7pm performance
- Tuesday 9 July - 'Hairspray' performance 7pm
- Wednesday 10 July - Great Yorkshire Show visit
'Hairspray' performance 7pm
- Thursday 11 July - Full Governors' meeting
Costa Rica expedition leaves
- Monday 15 July - Netball World Cup visit
- Wednesday 17 July - Summer Music Concert 7pm
- Monday 22 July - End of Year Reward Visits
- Tuesday 23 July - School closes for summer at 1pm
- Wednesday 24 July - **TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**

AS/A2 results: 15 August
GCSE Results: 22 August

I should end by saying the vast majority of students have worked tremendously hard so far this year as have the staff. Everyone is focussing on starting the new time-table then having a positive end to the academic year. We look forward to seeing those involved in exams on results day.

Elaine Silson
Headteacher



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Please return to School Reception by Friday 12 July 2019

I would likeof Coaching Group
to remain in school until 2.50pm on Tuesday 23 July 2019.

Parent/Carer nameSignature

Date



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