

# Altrincham College

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## NEWSLETTER

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ALTRINCHAM COLLEGE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION (ACPA) PRESENTS:

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For sale from Miss Klays during form times

### Year 7 Halloween Disco

The Parents Association are running a Hallowe'en Disco for our Year 7 students on Wednesday 30 October 2019 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

We want as many of our Year 7s as possible to come on down and enjoy what is going to be a fantastic evening!

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting half term we have had so far and a wonderful start to the new school year!

This half term we appointed a new Deputy Head to replace Mr Hacker. He is Mr Moroney and he is currently Assistant Headteacher at the CO-OP ACADEMY SWINTON. Mr Moroney will start with us in January and is very much looking forward to taking up this exciting new role. His specialism is leading on whole school Teaching and Learning and he will also lead on this area at AC.

The Student Council are now starting to meet regularly with new members from across all year groups. We appointed two Head Girls and two Head Boys (Maisie Brooke, William Davenport, George Evans-Murrie and Kiera Heslop) who will take charge of Student Leadership and have already made an impressive start on student interview panels for new staff posts! They are a force to be reckoned with!

The Parents' Association is now well established and is starting to organise events whilst support existing ones. Look out for the Halloween Y7 Disco to kick things off this year! Thank you to all involved. Please contact school if you are interested in helping in the future.

Please may I take this opportunity to thank you for your support in ensuring your child comes to school wearing a smart school uniform? The standard is high and we hope we can ensure this remains high for the whole year. Please can I ask you to remind your child that no jewellery is permitted in school, also no make-up, trainers or over-the-knee socks.

Unfortunately, I cannot approve holidays in term time therefore please ensure that they are taken in school holidays so that learning can be maximised in school.

I hope you have a relaxing half term holiday – please remember that students return to school on Tuesday 29 October.

Kind regards

Ms Earle

## Open Evening:



On Thursday 19th September, we held our annual open evening for prospective parents. The turn out was fantastic and we had many positive comments from parents. A huge thank you to all the students who gave up their time to help with this important event in the school calendar. They did themselves and the school proud.

## Multicultural Day

Altrincham College on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October hosted its very own Multicultural Day to coincide with Black History Month. With the intention of building local connections and developing community cohesion, a variety of local guest speakers were invited to host workshops for our pupils to attend. Guests included: Levi Tafari – a poetry artist, specialising in rap poetry and Black History and Faith Bebbington – a professional artist and sculptor. We invited religious leaders from the local community into school, to represent different faiths within the community, and in particular, the cultural associations to each faith; and finally we invited support from our own diverse community here at Altrincham College by offering the opportunity for parents/carers to offer pupil-focused workshops centred around their cultural heritage, enabling our pupils to celebrate and learn about the diverse cultures we have here at Altrincham College.



The day was a fantastic success filled with fun and educational activities centred around our communities wide and varied cultures. The day helped celebrate the fascinating things that make us all different as individuals but what brings us together in solidarity and acceptance.

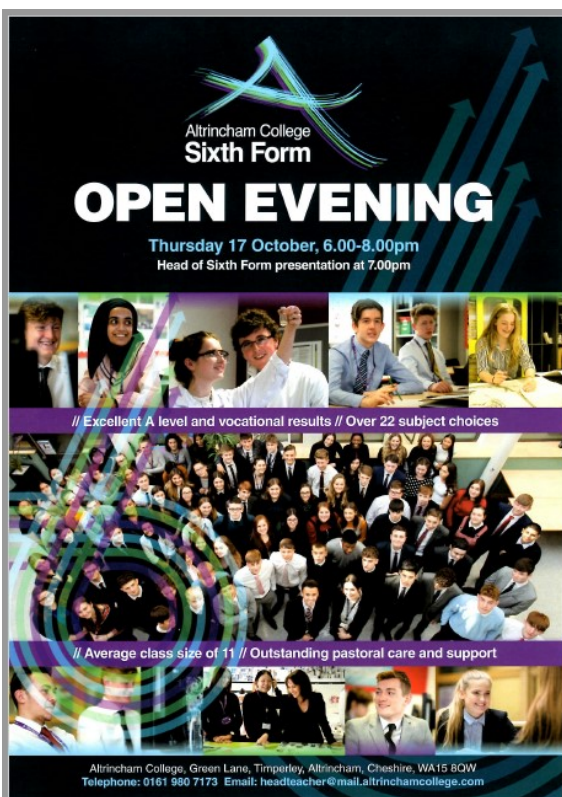
We have a vision that the 'Multicultural and Diversity, Community Collaboration Day' will become an annual event growing from strength to strength each year, where communities can come together and share a positive vision of the diverse community we share.



## Year 12 Trip to UCAS Exhibition Fair

On Thursday 26th September, all our 75 Year 12 students went on a trip to the Old Trafford Stadium to visit a UCAS exhibition fair. This was a fantastic opportunity for the students to explore what different universities have to offer.

It is important for students to start to explore the different Post 18 options available to them so that they can make the best personal decision for their futures.



## Sixth Form Open Evening:

We would like to warmly invite all Year 11 students and their families to come and take a look at our fantastic sixth form at our annual sixth form open evening on Thursday 17 October 6-8pm. Students will be able to talk to sixth form teachers about the variety of A Level and vocational courses we have to offer and talk to current sixth form students about life as a sixth former.

## Why choose to study at Altrincham College Sixth Form?

- Excellent A Level and vocational results
- Over 22 subject choices
- Average class size of 11
- Close knit community
- Outstanding pastoral care and support
- Wide range of enrichment activities
- 1:1 post-18 options support
- Registered centre for Oxbridge tests

Come along and see for yourselves what we have to offer!

### Year 8 Charity Coffee Morning:

Our Year 8 students organised a coffee morning to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support. They held this in our Drama Studio and raised a fantastic £155.90 for this fantastic cause. Well done to everyone involved.



### Work Experience

Students in Year 10 and Year 12 will have a fantastic opportunity to participate in Work Experience. It will allow them to gain an insight into life in the workplace and the demands which will be placed upon them when they enter employment after they have completed their education.

Year 10 and Year 12 students will need to contact employers to find their own placements and complete all the relevant forms that have been given to the students already. Year 12's week is 2-6<sup>th</sup> March and Year 10's week is 6-10<sup>th</sup> July. They will need to ensure they ask the employer to provide a copy of the **Employers Liability Insurance Certificate (ELI)**. Once forms have been handed into reception by the deadline dates below, they will be checked and safety will be assessed by Our Futures Ltd.

**Written confirmation will be sent to inform you if the placement can go ahead.** We would ask for a voluntary contribution of £5 per student to support a little towards the admin costs, this is available on Parent Pay now for year 12's and will be for year 10's once the students placement has been confirmed.

The deadline to find a placement and return the complete forms including the ELI certificate is:

**Year 12 – 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019**

**Year 10 - 13th December 2019**

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## Parking:

There have been a number of issues recently with parking outside school. Inconsiderate parking is causing issues for the traffic flow particularly down Green Lane and is causing inconveniences for our neighbours.

Please can we kindly request that if collecting your child by car that you:

- Do not block the bus lanes
- Do not block private driveways
- Do not park on yellow lines outside school
- Do not double park another vehicle (especially near the garden centre)
- Do not park on road corner (especially on Kenmore Drive this creates difficulty in viewing the junction)
- Minimal amount of vehicle on pavement so not to block the pavement

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.



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