



Albright Times



A message from our Head Teacher

As we come to yet another end of term I have been reflecting on the last 12 months. I am incredibly proud of how the Albright Family has adapted to cope with the constant changes that Coronavirus has meant for us. Our pupils have continued to access their education and take part fully in lessons, our teachers have totally changed the way their lessons are delivered and our families have had to adapt to the impact of having houses full of children night and day! Yet through it all everyone has managed to stay positive, supportive of each other and consistently kept up the high standard of work.

Now is the time to have a break, relax and spend some quality time with our loved ones as the world starts to open up a little more. I hope you all manage to take part in some nice Easter activities. If you get away anywhere, even if it's a day trip, please do send some photos in to us - we love seeing what you are up to outside of school. I hope you're able to fully re-charge your batteries so we can hit the ground running for our final term of the year - and once again thank you to you all for another outstanding term of hard work and achievements!

Mrs Hazelwood



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Albion Foundation

Shout out to our Local Community

From all the staff at Albright and our families, we would like to say a massive thank you to the Albion Foundation. The foundation have provided hot meals and food parcels for some of our families throughout the pandemic, These parcels have been delivered on a weekly basis by the wonderful staff at the Foundation, the staff have been extremely supportive and nothing has been too much trouble.



Company Shop

Albright was contacted by the NEW Company Shop in Dudley. The shop sells food items, toiletries and some clothing at reduced prices due to the short sell by date. A lovely lady from Head office made contact and offered our families vouchers to spend in store. The vouchers were distributed and our families who then had the chance to reduce their weekly shopping bill. HAPPY SHOPPING.

<https://www.companyshopgroup.co.uk/our-locations/company-shops>

A big thank you once again to these companies who have supported Albright through a very difficult year. THANK YOU!



Celebrating Successes in the KS2 Base!

As we have recently returned to the Centre, Miss Smith and Mrs Oakshott-Marston have wasted no time celebrating the successes of the KS2 Base.

The KS2 Base now has a 'Work to be proud of...' display board to showcase the amazing work that was created during the remote learning lessons. We are so proud of how hard the pupils worked and persevered through remote learning, and the displayed work is a testament to their dedication!

Primary Transition Coordinator



Goodbye & Good Luck

It is with great sadness that we bid a fond farewell to Mr Pain, as he leaves following a promotion to Deputy Head Teacher at a new school in Sandwell. Mr Pain started at what was 'Whiteheath' in February 2018 and although he has led the Maths department here, he has also taught ICT, Science and for many of you, enrichment lessons too. He has played many a game of table tennis with our pupils and we have all enjoyed the lovely burgers he has cooked at our school BBQs (we won't mention the burnt tables!!!!) I know that many of you will miss Mr Pain and will join me in wishing him the very best in his new role!

Good Luck Mr Pain!



Attendance Achievements

Wow!!!! In a term that has been challenging to say the least, how amazing to be able to recognise so many of our young people for their brilliant attendance to lessons and school - be that remotely or in person! When we see so many negative stories about children missing their education due to Covid, it is such a relief to buck the trend. At Albright, attendance over the last term has been superb - above national figures and way above figures for similar provisions to ours. Just goes to show how amazing you all are - well done!!! - Mrs Hazelwood



Congratulations to the following pupils who have successful met their individual Attendance Target over Spring 1 and 2.



Spring 1 Attendance Target Winners –

Key Stage 3 – Codi, MJ and Jacob

Year 10 – Oliver, Joshua, Chelsea, Paige, Pat and Jasmin

Year 11 – Harry, Kia and Will

Home Tuition – Georgia, Charity and Cameron

Spring 2 Attendance Target Winners

Key Stage 3 – Codi, Ryan, MJ, Sophie and Lincoln

Year 10 – Oliver, Joshua, Chelsea, Paige and Pat

Year 11 – Oliver, Harry, Kia, Libby-Mai, Will, Chelsea and Charlotte

Home Tuition – Cameron

100% Attendance winners for Spring Term

Joshua, Will and Charity

Nature and Emotions Poetry

Key Stage 3 have been looking at the topic of nature in our English lessons this term, finishing by looking at some of the writing of the Romantic Poets like Blake and Wordsworth.

The most recent poem we studied is 'A Poison Tree' by Blake, which looks at how the emotions we feed will metaphorically grow inside us. Students then picked two strong feelings and wrote their own poem about one of those emotions growing inside them and both the positive and negative things that could come from that growth. Some students chose to tackle some incredibly challenging emotions, but wrote about them maturely and with empathy.

Here's an example of what one of the students produced! - Miss Duder

Joy & Depression - By Aneurin

*The nice warm day,
The sunlight dancing around,
Feeling so joyful,
Everyone laughing and being nice.*

*An old friend: a new foe,
Tripped me up,
Everyone looked and laughed,
The weed had grown in a perfect garden.*

*Instead of pulling it out,
I left it to grow,
Covering all of the beautiful things,
And making them ugly.*

*Often a flower would shoot up,
But then the weed grew over it,
Anytime I got seen,
They looked and laughed.*

*The perfect garden was no more,
Just like my positive mind,
So I looked for a strong tree,*

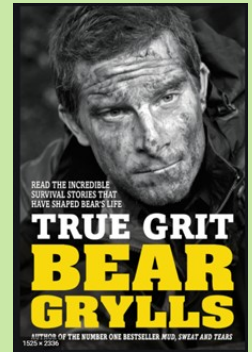
Lunchtime Discussions with Mr Aimes

Oliver M, Josh, Oliver S and Will attended book club for 30 minutes every Thursday lunchtime. Together, we read 'True Grit' by Bear Grylls, which is a collection of short accounts of real life events in which those involved showed real determination and courage to overcome life threatening situations. The boys engaged really well and seemed genuinely interested to discover how individuals can summon immense inner strength to survive in seemingly impossible scenarios. We look forward to continuing with book club after the Easter holidays.

It was really interesting and enjoyable - Oliver S (Yr10)

I actually really enjoyed it - Will

Cannibalism was really interesting - Josh



Albright Education Centre Post 16



We are aware that some pupils may not be ready at the end of their school period to transition to a college or alternative provision placement. From September 2021, we are pleased to offer limited places in our Post 16 provision based at our site in Tipton. Pupils will have the opportunity to further develop their independence skills in order to successfully complete a vocational qualification that will equip them in their future challenges for either college, apprenticeship or employment.

Pupils will have a choice of two vocational areas of study:







Level 2 Animal Care

Level 2 Health and Social Care

Also available to pupils is GCSE Maths and English Language resits (if a pupil does not hold a Grade 4), mentoring programmes, pastoral guidance, enrichment sessions and work placements.

Albright offers small class sizes, guidance and support whenever it is needed and the opportunity to be part of a unique and rewarding educational setting. We aim to nurture and develop all pupils' talents and skills whilst promoting independence and emotional resilience. Pupils enjoy increased responsibility for managing their time and there is greater flexibility in terms of the structure of their day.

Sharing Albright's Story

 <p>TransitionEd</p> <p>Meet our speakers...</p> <p>GEORGINA TANKARD</p> <p>PRESENTING... Rethinking Transition during the pandemic: a school and parent perspective</p>	 <p>TransitionEd</p> <p>Meet our speakers...</p> <p>RACHEL KELLY & LAURA LAWRENCE</p> <p>PRESENTING... The Journey Through Albright</p>
 <p>TransitionEd</p> <p>Meet our speakers...</p> <p>SARAH GLOVER</p> <p>PRESENTING... Transition for the more vulnerable students</p>	 <p>TransitionEd</p> <p>Meet our speakers...</p> <p>KEVIN RUXTON</p> <p>PRESENTING... The Year 6 Hybrid Model</p>
 <p>TransitionEd</p> <p>Meet our speakers...</p> <p>DR CHARLOTTE BAGNALL</p> <p>PRESENTING... Understanding children's, parents' and teachers' experiences of primary-secondary school transition in the context of covid-19 lockdown: how can we form transition provision now and in the future?</p>	 <p>TransitionEd</p> <p>Meet our speakers...</p> <p>MARY MYATT</p> <p>PRESENTING... Some quick wins for transition</p>

Mrs Kelly and Mrs Lawrence will be sharing information about the journey through Albright at this years Transition Ed conference in June alongside some fantastic speakers.

Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Kelly have taken lead on establishing an Alternative Provision network for KS3 curriculum and SEND for colleagues up and down the country working in AP. This will be an opportunity to share good practice and research.

Last weekend Mrs Kelly shared the amazing work that happens at Albright during on interview on Teacher Talk Radio. The 30 minutes flew by and there was definitely more to talk about, so Mrs Kelly is hoping that she will be able to continue the conversation in the future!



Do you want to learn how to keep yourself and your children safe online?

Then join us for our free* short workshop to learn more about the importance of online safety, how to set a secure password, how to identify dangers to young people online and how to set up parental control on digital services.

Tipton College
Friday 7 May 2021

10am - 12pm

To Register

Call: Julie Powers 0121 533 5806

Or Email: JPowers@albrighteducationcentre.co.uk

* Course is free providing you are aged 19+ and have been an EU/UK resident for at least 3 years.

Key Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 31st March 2021 - Pupils break up at 12.30pm for the Easter holidays

Tuesday 6th April - Friday 9th April - Yr 11's Easter Revision Sessions

Monday 19th April - Return to school after Easter holidays

Monday 26th - Friday 30th April - Art Mock Exams

Monday 3rd May - May Day Holiday

Tuesday 4th May - Friday 14th May - Mock Exams.

Friday 21st May - Moderation Day - School closed to all pupils.

Friday 28th May - Pupil reports being sent out.

Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June - Whitsun Half Term Holiday

Monday 14th June - Friday 25th June - An opportunity for year 11 to acquire additional qualifications (more information to follow).

Friday 25th June - Year 11 last official day.

Friday 16th July - Year 11 Prom (Covid permitting)

21st July - School Closes for the Summer Holidays



Sandwell Library and Information Service

Free!

Home Library Services



A FREE Home Library Service for Sandwell residents who can't get out to the Library because of:



Disability or visual impairment



Requires short or long term library provision due to illness or injury



Have difficulty in carrying materials to and from the library



Full time carer who can't access the library because of individual circumstances



Sandwell residents living in their own home, nursing home or living in sheltered accommodation

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