



8th March 2024

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s)

Last week our year 11s had the opportunity to visit Dudley College. It is really important that our pupils get to see what options there are for their next steps and the 'Careers' team at Albright work hard to provide

as many of these opportunities as possible. The pupils were brilliant and get such a lot out of these visits. It also helps to focus their attention in their final year and give them something positive to aim towards. We work alongside Pauline from Connexions too to ensure they have all the information required to choose their appropriate next provision and course. If you have any questions about year 11 Post 16 options, then do get in touch and we will support. We also have our year 11 Parent's Evening coming up on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March!



We have a number of parents and carers that have unfortunately fallen behind in their payments for school lunches once again. It is extremely important that these accounts are settled as quickly as possible. As a small setting we cannot afford to subsidise these costs and if they are not settled, we will have to















make the difficult decision to subsidise fewer trips and enrichment opportunities. Lunch options will also be restricted for children until payment is received. If anyone is experiencing financial difficulties, a payment plan could be arranged - please call Julie Powers or Mandy Ford to discuss this.

Finally, I want to leave you with a few photos from our World Book Day celebrations. The children (and staff!) have had some great fun - there has been dressing up, a competition to design wooden spoons as favourite book characters, quizzes and a range of other

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activities. Reading is so important to us at Albright because that skill opens so many doors for children and helps them flourish so much in life, as well as being a real source of joy! We have a well-stocked library with many recent releases and please encourage and support your children to make good use of your local libraries too. I have included some of our local libraries below, however if you would like to find out more please click the link- <u>Libraries – Sandwell Council</u> or search Sandwell Libraries.

- Central Library, High Street, West Bromwich, B70 8DZ
- Blackheath Library, 145 High Street, Blackheath, B65 0EA
- Cradley Heath Library, Upper High Street, Cradley Heath, B64 5JU
- Great Barr Library, Birmingham Road, Great Barr, B43 6NW
- Oldbury Library, Sandwell Council House, Freeth Street, Oldbury, B69 3DB
- Smethwick Library, High Street, Smethwick, B66 1AA
- Tipton Library, Unity Walk, Owen Street, Tipton, DY4 8QI
- Wednesbury Library, Walsall Street, Wednesbury, WS10 9EH

Thank you so much to Miss Powers for all the hard work that has gone into arranging this day and to everyone for supporting it.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Mrs Hazelwood

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