

10th May 2024

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

I hope you're all well and enjoying the lovely bit of sunshine that as finally started to make an appearance?

This week our GCSE exams have started for our year 11 and Post 16 pupils. They will now continue over the next few weeks. The pupils and their teachers have been working really hard towards this endpoint and this is their opportunity to make all that hard work worthwhile. I want to thank the rest of the school community in advance, for being considerate of the need for quieter corridors and classrooms and the occasional moving of rooms or classes, in order to accommodate all of the exams going on. We try very hard to keep things 'normal' for the rest of the classes although as a small setting, changes cannot always be avoided. Parents of exam pupils - thank you for your encouragement, your patience and your support in getting them all through the next few weeks.

Next week (on Thursday) Albright will be participating in 'Wear it Green' day. This is in support of good mental health - a cause that is obviously very close to our hearts. It would be great to see as many pupils and staff as possible get behind this and will also provide us with an additional opportunity to have the very important conversations around what is good mental health and how we can work towards achieving it. A letter from Mrs Francis will be coming home with further details.

There has been a suspected case of Measles this week at Albright. Sandwell is experiencing a rise in the number of cases as are other West Midland regions. It is extremely contagious and therefore important to take up vaccine opportunities to prevent vulnerable people from potentially becoming very poorly. If your child has not been vaccinated, we urge you to either contact your GP to arrange an appointment to get this done as soon as possible or attend one of the catch up clinics. Any pupils suspected of having measles (or other contagious illnesses such as Chicken Pox) will not be allowed to remain at school. Thank you for your support in this matter.



PROTECT YOUR FAMILY AGAINST MEASLES!

TO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO GET UP TO DATE WITH THEIR MMR INJECTIONS, WE ARE OFFERING CATCH UP CLINICS IN SANDWELL.

Dates: Every Saturday starting 11 May 2024
Time: 10am – 1pm
Venues:

- Linkway Medical Practice, Frank Fisher Way, West Bromwich, B70 7AW
- Lodge Road Surgery, Lodge Road, Smethwick, B67 7LU
- Tame Valley Medical Centre, Friar Park Road, Wednesbury, WS10 0JS

You can make an appointment by calling:

- 0121 203 2951 (for Linkway Medical Practice)
- 0121 558 0499 (for Lodge Road Surgery)
- 07535 086 912 (for Tame Valley Medical Centre)

If you are unsure that your families' immunisations are up to date, contact your GP. Walk in clients are welcome!

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Now that the weather is finally heating up, it is an ideal opportunity to remind everyone about our uniform expectations. Whilst we are far more relaxed than many mainstream schools, we do still insist on our pupils following our uniform policy. We have recently seen a few pupils pushing the boundaries. Please note that if children are in the wrong uniform, there is an expectation that they are picked up so that they can go home and get changed or that appropriate uniform is dropped into school for them to change into. We have seen a number of pupils also wearing shorts due to the hot weather, Although shorts are not in our uniform policy, after lots of discussion with staff and pupils, we have decided that shorts *can* be added as an acceptable 'bottom half' to our uniform. **However, these have to be black and knee length.**

Finally, a reminder that should pupils bring vapes onto school premises (which also includes our school buses) they will be at risk of losing their place at Albright and face being referred back to their mainstream school. Vaping is not permitted under the age of 18. Please have this conversation with your children - we would hate for anyone to put us in the position of having to terminate a placement at our amazing school!



Uniform

Black/Albright hoodie

White T-shirt/shirt

Black jogging bottoms/trousers

Black trainers/shoes



Miss Mclean would like to give a special shout out to Kenzie, Logan, Tyler, Pippa and Harry in KS3A for their hard work and determination on their Op Art Cubes this week. Well Done!!

Have yourselves a really lovely weekend, let's hope this sunshine stays around for a little bit longer - it has been a long time coming!!

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