

10<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Families,

Welcome back!

It was really nice to see so many Year 9 students engaging with our Options Process last week and choosing which subjects they would like to study for GCSE.

We are looking forward to seeing our Year 7 parents for their Parents' Evening on either 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> March. The way we run Parent's Evenings here at Altwood is unique and something we always get a lot of positive feedback about so please take advantage of the opportunity to come and see us face-to-face to discuss your child's progress.

We have a busy Half Term ahead with Year 11 and 13 students preparing for their external examinations. We are also running several charity events like the Odd Sock day in aid of the Liver Disease Charity led by Holly Jones, one of our Year 8 students. Also, on the last day of term, a group of Sixth Form students and Altwood staff will be completing a charity rough sleep. We will be raising money to support The Guatemala City, Street Kids Direct charity. This is a project which is supported by our local church, All Saints, and our school chaplain Rev. Jo. The aim of the event is to raise awareness of the young people who have no alternative but to sleep rough in Guatemala. If you would like to support this challenge, donations can be made via Scopay.

We are excited to be holding our Easter rewards assemblies on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Students will be recognised for their ongoing contribution to one or more of the following areas: Academic Success, Compassion and Resilience, Culture and the Arts, Service, Sporting Success and Values and Ethos. Students who have successfully completed their Bronze D of E will also be celebrated.

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April, students will be offered the opportunity to participate in a non-school uniform day. Donations of £2 for any student wanting to wear non-school uniform should be paid via scopay by **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March**. Students do not have to take part in the day, but those who do will be expected to make the £2 donation. Fancy dress will not be permitted, and clothes worn must meet our usual standards of expectation regarding decency. If we consider your child's choice of clothing inappropriate, we will call home to request that you bring a change of clothes for them before they participate in the school day. Children who do not wish to make the donation are expected in school in full uniform.

I would like to confirm that our Easter Holiday will start at 12.15pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April; a pop up will be appearing on our website shortly.

More details about the end of term arrangements will be sent out over the next couple of weeks. The summer term will start on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, as Monday 21<sup>st</sup> is Easter Monday.

Thank you for your continued support

Kind regards

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