

17th December 2024

RE: CHRISTMAS PARENT LETTER 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope both you and your families are looking forward to a well-earned Christmas holiday. I am delighted to share the following news with you:

St Aloysius College came second out of ten Islington secondary schools for GCSE Progress 8 2024. (Progress 8 measures the average progress across eight subjects made by each pupil from KS2 to KS4 (GCSE). The school was in third place in 2023 so GCSE results are continuing to improve year on year.

The school has won two FFT attendance awards for 2023-2024. St Aloysius College is in the top 10% of all schools nationally for attendance and it is also in the top 10% of similar schools nationally for attendance.

We launched the Aloysius Alumni Alliance last Friday, December 13th with a very successful coffee morning. The next meeting will be on March 27th at 5pm-6pm. All past pupils are invited to attend.

The Department for Education has given the school the go ahead to admit girls to Year 7 from September 2025. We are delighted to welcome girls to Year 7. Please share this news with your friends and families and please contact the school for further information and for tours etc..

A Year 11 student has been offered two fully financed Sixth Form scholarships to Highgate School and to Westminster School. Well done!

Please note that the Autumn term ends at 12:00 on Friday, December 20th and that all pupils return to school on Monday, January 6th at the usual time in full school uniform and fully equipped for lessons. Boys must wear black school shoes and a belt. Trainers are not allowed except for PE.

Fri 20 th Dec 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-school uniform day to raise funds for the Catholic Children’s Society, The Passage, CAFOD. (£1 per pupil) or donate a non-perishable item to the school’s foodbank. • Last day of term. Early finish for pupils Years 7-13 at 12pm.
Mon 6 th Jan 2025	Start of Spring term 2024 for all pupils in Years 7-13. All pupils return to school at the usual time by 8.30am.

Boys in Years 11 and 13 taking Public examinations in 2025 and pupils in Years 10 and 12 will be set retrieval revision work for the Christmas holidays. Please make sure your son spends part of his Christmas holidays studying in preparation for the above examinations. Please note that applications from boys in Year 11 to our highly successful Sixth Form will close Friday, Jan 31st 2025.

Parents of pupils on free school meals will receive an email from Edenred on December 20th with holiday food vouchers to the value of £30 for each child to spend in a range of supermarkets. These vouchers are valid for 3 months until March 20th, 2025.

Our Christmas food bank is now available to parents from 3.30-4.30pm daily until Thursday, December 19th 2024. Please bring your own shopping bags. We are very thankful to FoodBank Aid for sponsoring our December foodbanks.

PARENTS' EVENING DATES NEXT TERM (FACE TO FACE IN THE SCHOOL HALL)

Please add dates to your diary where applicable:

Year 11: Thurs Jan 16th 2025	4.00-6.00pm
Year 13: Thurs Jan 23rd 2025	4.00-6.00pm
Year 12: Thurs Jan 30th 2025	4.00-6.00pm
Year 9: Thurs Feb 6th 2025	4.00-6.00pm
Year 9: Thurs Feb 27 th - GCSE subject choices (Options) evening	4.30-6.00pm
Year 8: Thurs Mar 20th 2025	4.00-6.00pm
Year 7: Thurs Apr 3rd 2025	4.00-6.00pm

A number of our Sixth Formers will take Public examinations in January 2025. Please encourage your son to work hard over the Christmas holiday in preparation for these important exams.

Year 12: Wed Jan 8th	Btec Sport Unit 2 (Fitness, training & programming - Part B) / Morning (2h30m)
Year 12: Wed Jan 8th	Btec Business Unit 2 Part A - Morning (2h00)
Year 12: Thur Jan 9th	Btec Business Unit 2 Part B - Morning (3h00)
Year 13: Thur Jan 9th	Btec Sport Unit 19 (Development & provision of sport – Part A / (4h00)
Year 12: Fri Jan 10th	Btec Sport Unit 1 (Anatomy & Physiology) Morning (1h30)
Year 13: Mon Jan 13th	Btec Sport Unit 22 (Investigating business in sport - Part B / Morning (3h00)
Year 13: Thur Jan 16th	Btec Sport Unit 19 (Development & provision of sport – Part B / Morning (2h30)
Year 13: Fri Jan 17th	Btec Business Unit 6 (Principles of management - Part B) / Morning (3h00)
Year 13: Mon Jan 20th	Btec Business Unit 7 (Business decision making..) / Morning (3h00)

Please encourage your sons/daughters to attend Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to experience the real meaning of this Holy Season as we celebrate the Incarnation of our Lord.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you all a safe, happy, joyful and restful Christmas holiday and every best wish for 2025.

Yours sincerely,

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