

20th May 2025

MAY HALF TERM PARENT LETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families are well.

The Department for Education (DFE) is setting up a national programme to tackle attendance and behaviour issues in schools and I am very pleased to share that St Aloysius College has been invited to apply to this national programme to establish and lead a new hub. The DFE are looking for schools with exemplary attendance and behaviour practice, and excellent outcomes, to deliver this programme. St Aloysius College is currently the top Islington secondary school for attendance and second (out of ten secondary schools) for GCSE progress in 2024. Thank you for your ongoing support and for working with us to achieve these successes.

We are also delighted to welcome nineteen girls to Year 7 in September 2025. This will be a significant event in the history of this thriving school, founded in 1879.

Our recruitment campaign for Year 7, September 2026 will begin in June when we will welcome Year 5 pupils to our school for taster days and it will continue into September and October with our Open Evening on Thursday, September 18th, our Open Saturday on September 20th and our Open mornings weeks beginning September 22nd and 29th. Please encourage your friends and families with sons and daughters currently in Year 5 to visit our Open events above. Everybody is welcome.

Our Year 11's and Year 13's have made a good start to their Public examinations. We wish them all the best over the coming weeks. Boys in Years 7/8/9/10 and 12 will sit their Summer exams straight after the May half term starting on Mon, June 2nd. A separate letter from Ms Kisten will be sent to parents.

Please encourage your son to revise thoroughly, using the revision resources given to him, over the half term holiday and to arrive on time daily by 8.25am fully equipped to sit his exams. Academic reports will be sent to parents at the start of July.

We had a lovely taste of warm, summer weather recently and let's hope there's more to follow! Boys should wear their shirts, ties and blazers from Monday, June 2nd. and they should leave their outdoor coats, sweaters and hats at home. Your son should also carry a water bottle and refill it using the water fountains at school. Boys are to wear black school shoes as trainers are not allowed.

Year 10 boys will have a 'Present Yourself' day on Friday, May 23rd organised by an external provider. This will give our Year 10's an opportunity to think about future careers and the personal skills required to be successful. Boys are to wear their usual school uniform for this event.

Parents of boys on FSM will receive half term supermarket vouchers via email. Please click on this link for free half term activities including lunch for FSM pupils: <https://www.islington.gov.uk/children-and-families/things-to-do/lunch-bunch>

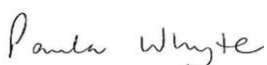
Please note that the school will close early on Friday, May 23rd for the May half term holiday. Boys will leave on Friday, May 23rd at 1.00pm after lunchtime. The school re-opens on Monday, June 2nd at the usual time for all Year groups.

Wishing you all a restful May half term and best wishes to our Years 11 and 13 boys for the rest of their Public examinations. Boys in Years 10 and 12 should use the half term, besides studying, to secure a work experience placement for the week beginning June 30th.

Our next Headteacher's First Friday on-line meeting for parents will take place on June 6th from 10.00-10.30 am. Please contact enquiries@sta.islington.sch.uk if you are interested in the above, leaving your name and contact details.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to secure the best educational outcomes for your son.

Yours sincerely,



Paula Whyte, Headteacher

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

DATE	DAY	INFORMATION
23/05/2025	Fri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 10 Presenting Yourself Day • Final school day before May half term break with early finish at 13:00
02/06/2025	Mon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students return and Summer term 2 begins • Year's 7-9 End of Year exams begin – 1 week • Year's 10 and 12 Mock 2 begins – 2 weeks
06/06/2025	Fri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year's 7-9 Drop Down Day • Headteacher's First Friday meeting from 10:00 to 10:30
20/06/2025	Fri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 11 final assembly and BBQ (early finish at 13:00 for Years 7-10/12)
23/06/2025	Mon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 11 Sixth Form Induction Day • Year 12 Progression Week • End of Year 13 trip
30/06/2025	Mon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year's 10 and 12 Work Experience - All week
03/07/2025	Thur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Inset Day – School closed
04/07/2025	Fri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Day for Year's 7-9
07/07/2025	Mon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 10 Sports Day
10/07/2025	Thur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aloysius Alumni Alliance 17:30-18:30 (all past pupils welcome)
18/07/2025	Fri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of summer term for pupils (early finish at 13:00)
18/09/2025	Thur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Evening