



ALSOP HIGH SCHOOL



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# WELCOME FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

I am both proud and privileged to be Headteacher of our caring, supportive and truly amazing school. At Alsop we are on a journey to excellence and our motto of Achieving Excellence Together embraces this vision. Our talented and committed staff go above and beyond to ensure that every student achieves to their full potential. The Alsop Way is built upon the three pillars of Knowledge, Respect and Opportunity, and this is underpinned by our Omega Multi-Academy Trust values.

We are passionate about offering the best school experience for all our students. We want our young people to grow with a pride in their local community and an understanding of their place in it. Pastoral care is a real strength of our school and this provides the bedrock for students to grow, develop and maximise the opportunities available to them to be successful.

We are committed to ensuring that our students master the knowledge, understanding and skills to ensure that they achieve great things, fulfil their potential and leave Alsop articulate, resilient, compassionate and culturally aware. We have developed a knowledge rich curriculum and believe that if children understand the purpose of what they are learning and why they are learning it, not only will they be more engaged but they are much more likely to remember what they have learnt and be able to use it again in the future.

We are passionate about learning, passionate about personal development and passionate about forging positive working relationships with our students, our parents, carers and our wider community as we continue on our journey to excellence. I look forward to meeting you in the very near future.

We look forward to working with students, and their families, to pursue the highest of educational standards.

**Paul Masher -  
Headteacher**



"Alsop High School continues to be a force of the common good and shines as a beacon of hope to empower the needs and aspirations of all."

**Rt. Rev. Paul Bayes,  
Bishop of Liverpool**



Image of Rt. Rev. Paul Bayes courtesy of the Diocese of Liverpool

"Teachers are enthusiastic and committed to ensure that pupils enjoy their learning."

"Teachers have positive relationships with pupils."

"Pupils feel safe in school. Members of staff will listen to them if they have any worries."

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# YEAR 7 THE JOURNEY BEGINS

At Alsop we do everything within our power to ensure a smooth transition from primary to secondary school. We are proud of our strong links with partner primary schools. This means we have developed relationships with students before they join Year 7. Additional support is provided to ensure all learners receive appropriate support to cater for and nurture specific needs.

From Year 7 students follow The Alsop Way. This is a clear statement about both the potential of our young people and the ongoing development of our school; it is a guiding light for our school community and helps everyone make the right choices and behave in the right way each day.

The welfare and happiness of every student is extremely important to us. We have an experienced pastoral team to help and care for your child. On a "day to day" basis, form tutors work closely with students to help them settle into their new school.

Our behaviour policy stresses bullying is not to be tolerated. Our recent OFSTED commented "Incidents of bullying are rare."

We pride ourselves on building good working relationships with parents and carers so that together we can ensure that each child makes good progress, gains confidence and achieves both academically and socially.



# TEACHING AND LEARNING

The unique blend of modern and traditional courses on offer at Alsop means that all students have the opportunity to master their learning.

All teaching at Alsop High School is informed by a deep knowledge of the educational research that underpins excellent outcomes for young people. Our curriculum and lessons focus on equipping our students with the knowledge they need to succeed.

We pride ourselves upon our commitment to recognise and address the educational needs of our students. We ensure they access a broad and balanced curriculum and support their academic progression and examination success. As well as academic achievement there is a focus on character building, developing teamwork and independent learning to ensure students possess the skills to be lifelong learners.

Students at Alsop are supported by teachers who are experts in their field. Regular and meaningful homework is designed with a deep understanding of the demands of modern learning and the opportunities offered by the latest research into cognitive science.

“There is a broad curriculum offer carefully designed with local employment opportunities in mind.”

“The curriculum promotes pupils spiritual, moral, social and cultural development appropriately.”

“Pupils with SEND benefit from a wide range of pastoral support.”

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# BEYOND THE CURRICULUM

Alsop students achieve excellence through our broad and balanced extra-curricular programme, which takes advantage of superb sports and performing arts facilities; these in turn have produced winning sports teams and memorable stage shows.

In addition to an extensive sports programme, students can also work on exciting new technology projects and STEM activities. Older students are encouraged to experiment with more challenging activities via the enrichment programme, which prepares them for further education and employment.

Alsop students participate in educational visits to support academic progress and expand their life experiences. Recently our students have visited Italy, France, the USA and Auschwitz, Poland.

Our TOGETHER initiative creatively engaged with students from partner primaries, parents and residents to generate learning experiences to promote dialogue and community cohesion. Inspirational speakers visited school to bring stories of hope in the face of obstacles and social injustice. The school recently hosted The Rt. Rev John Sentamu, Lord Archbishop of York. Community events demonstrate that Alsop truly is a beating heart of our community here in North Liverpool. We are proud that we are more than just a school.




**Watch our video**  
about the visit of  
The Archbishop of York

Image of Rt. Rev John Sentamu, Lord Archbishop of York courtesy of Educate Magazine



**"Pupils are well cared for and they benefit from strong pastoral support."**

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**"Alsop sets a good example of the co-operation between parents, teachers and the local community."**

**Lord Storey**

"Alsop is a school not just IN a community but a school LEADING a community."

"You are a rock for your community. Be proud and carry on your amazing work."

Alastair Machray, Editor of Liverpool Echo

"Pupils attitudes to each other and their understanding of difference means that they are adequately prepared for life in modern Britain."

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# AT THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

Community is central to our school philosophy, whether that means within the school community or our local area, our students are actively involved. We have an outstanding relationship with our community. We are passionate about empowering young people to contribute fully and positively to their community and society at large.

Outstanding Home-School links are the key ingredient to unlock potential and guarantee student success. We encourage parents to take a pro-active role in the education of learners. We welcome parental collaboration and feedback. Every student has the minimum of an annual formal Parents' Evening, giving parents and carers the opportunity to meet with subject teachers to discuss progress and attainment. There are also calendared events to support and inform parents about school matters.

We encourage students to participate fully in school life. Our School Council, elected by the students, represents their voice and opinions when we need to make decisions about school life. We also encourage students to explore the challenges faced by those less fortunate in society. As a result, Alsop students have raised thousands of pounds for local, national and international charities.

We offer students a range of accredited opportunities such as The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. These opportunities encourage the development of social skills, confidence building and teamwork. These awards prepare today's young people for their futures as leaders in the 21st Century.



# SIXTH FORM THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

Alsop Sixth Form provides a pathway to university and to higher level apprenticeship. We have an unparalleled record of supporting our students. Alsop offers one of the most diverse and varied post-16 school curricula, offering a mixture of both traditional A levels and vocational BTEC courses.

Each student receives a personalised Study Programme. Our Sixth Form students also have access to an exciting enrichment programme, which includes activities such as debating, training as a fire-fighter, gardening, journalism for the Sixth Form Magazine and many more!

A strong pastoral team offers both guidance and academic support throughout Key Stage 5. We provide extensive support to those applying to university. As a result, the number of students continuing on to higher education has outperformed the national average.

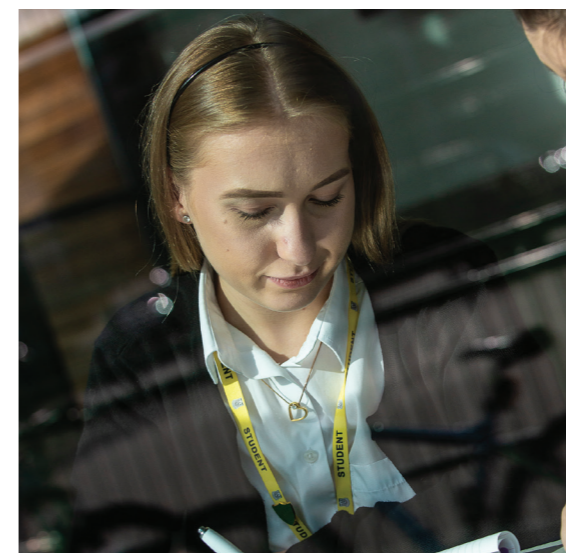
We are extremely proud that former Alsop students are reading the most competitive subjects at the country's top Russell Group universities.

"The proportion of students moving onto higher education, training and employment has increased."

"More students move onto university courses, including Russell Group universities."

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# CELEBRATING SUCCESS

We are proud of the achievements of our students and our school. Alsop students stand together in all that they do. They support one another's efforts and make each other feel safe and included. We celebrate our differences and learn to work together for the common good. The "Star of the Week" and Headteacher Awards recognise the success of our students. A prestigious Award Evening, is held annually.

The success of our students ranges from academic accomplishment to sport, from public speaking to the arts. The diversity of talent and achievements are testament to the hard work and enthusiasm of our students. Alsop staff support students to achieve excellence in all aspects of school life.

Alsop is an award-winning school. We recently won the coveted Educate Community Partnership Award and were shortlisted for the TES Community Impact Award. We were delighted to receive the Liverpool Echo Schools Award for our SEND provision.



"Alsop is truly an example of what can be achieved by young people when the right environment is created, which encourages respect, aspiration and a high standard of education."

"I am proud to be associated with Alsop High School and its culture and ethos."

Mr Andy Cooke QPM  
Chief Constable, Merseyside Police





# KNOWLEDGE RESPECT OPPORTUNITY

"I enjoy Alsop because it has made me more mature and I have made lots of new friends. There are lots of opportunities for us to go on exciting trips."

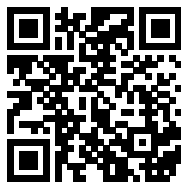
Joseph (Year 8)

"I love Alsop because when I first came here all the teachers helped me to settle. We do different subjects like Drama."

Joe (Year 8)

"Everyone is friendly at Alsop and they make you feel welcome. You get to do lots of fun work and take part in extra clubs outside of lessons."

Emma (Year 8)



Watch our promotional film to find out why Alsop is more than a school. **#TheAlsopWay**

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