



ALSOP HIGH SCHOOL



1st July 2021

Dear Future Year 7 student,

I would like to personally welcome you into Team Alsop and encourage you to begin thinking about what it is to be an Alsop student. Over the next couple of weeks, we are providing you with some opportunities to meet some of your teachers and experience what it is like to be in Alsop, through our virtual transition programme. We have an assembly and some lessons, all being delivered by Alsop staff to you in your primary schools via Teams. This has all been arranged with your teachers and so you don't need to do anything, except maybe think of some questions you may like to ask us about joining us in September.

We are also going to be updating our website (www.alsophigh.org.uk) and our Twitter (@AlsopHighSch) with news of upcoming meetings and some information about who will be on our Form Tutor team. If you haven't already been onto our website, take a look as there are links to lots of information about starting secondary school, our uniform expectations and video clips with a school tour and answers to some questions you may have. There is also a link to our 'Transition Passport', which we would like you to complete to let your form teacher know a little bit about you. If I could ask that this is completed by Friday 9th July if possible so that we can pass your answers to your form teachers.

In the meantime, we are giving you the amazing opportunity to start the journey in becoming the best version of yourself you can possibly be. You have already made the first step towards this by choosing Alsop as your secondary school, now it's time to decide if you are going to be 'Kid Average' or 'Kid Awesome'. What if we told you that we have the secrets to being awesome? To achieve all the dreams you could possibly have? Well, we do have these secrets and we are going to share them with you right here, right now. Enclosed in this envelope are 2 'Be Awesome' packs - one for you and one for your parents/carers. These packs will help you develop the attributes and mindset to achieve all you are capable of and more (with some added help from us along the way). The activities will help you to think about what you are looking forward to about starting secondary school, what you might be worried about and how you can overcome these worries. The sessions will also ask you to think about how you deal with situations - when have you shown 'grit' (a determination to do well)? When have you allowed worries to stop you from doing something? When have you made a mistake and what have you done next? By looking at these, you will be able to start figuring out who you are and who you want to be in the future. If you can complete your workbook, bring them into school in your first week and give them to your new Form Tutor, you can earn your first Alsop High School Certificate and already be on the journey to success.

Alongside your workbook, there is a pack for your parents/carers with ways they can support you moving from your primary school to your new home here at Alsop. We have also uploaded the 'Be Awesome, Go Big' PowerPoint presentations by Pixl Club and Hachette Children's Group to the 'new intake' tab on our website. You can use this with the workbook if you wish. The resources are based on bestselling children's books [You Are Awesome](#) by Matthew Syed and [Go Big: The secondary school survival guide](#) by Matthew Burton, which are a great read and highly recommended by us for useful tips.

So let's not waste a moment, open your workbook and let's start the journey together for you to become 'KidAwesome'.

Yours sincerely

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