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Year 8 Newsletter February 2026

It feels like a long time since I updated you on how amazing our Year 8s are. You will have spotted on our school Facebook and Instagram pages all the wonderful things that we have been getting up to including academic success, sporting achievements and the creative arts.

Updates & Successes

It's easy to forget just how much we've achieved over the past few months. Our Year 8 students have shown tremendous ambition, motivation and confidence in everything they do. They continue to demonstrate our strong community spirit, fostering a real sense of belonging through their kindness and willingness to support one another. We are incredibly proud of them all.

This week, we were delighted to welcome Buckingham College, who spoke to students about their future pathways, career opportunities and the choices available to them beyond school. These conversations are invaluable in helping students think ahead, so we encourage you to continue discussing aspirations and ambitions at home — perhaps around the dinner table — to nurture their curiosity and independence.

As always, we will continue celebrating student achievements every Monday. Please keep sending in photos and stories of your child's successes outside of school — we love recognising their talents and accomplishments beyond the classroom, whether that be making jam, catching fish or being nominated as man of the match.

Collectively, Year 8s have managed to collect an incredible 25,580 achievements points since September. Keep up the great work!

Finally, thank you to everyone who attended the Year 8 Parents' Evening. We appreciate you taking the time to meet with staff and celebrate the progress and successes of your child.

Upcoming Events

Next half term is a short but busy one. We will begin the transition process for your child by meeting your child's chosen school's Head of Year, pastoral team and SENDCo. This will take place in March/April to make sure that the process goes as smoothly as possible.

I am also looking forward to the Ski trip to Italy, where, who knows, we may even discover the next GB Olympic athlete!

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Dates for your Diary

There's lots to look forward to!

Week beginning 23rd February – Act of Kindness Week

A wonderful opportunity to celebrate empathy, generosity and positive actions across our school community.

Week beginning 9th March – Science Week

Including our exciting **science show and fair** — get ready for experiments, investigations and plenty of “wow” moments!

Monday 16th March – Spring Concert

An evening of music and celebration — we can't wait to showcase our talented performers.

Week beginning 23rd March – French Trip

A brilliant cultural experience for our students.

27th March – Ski Trip Departure & End of Term

Uniform & PE Reminders

To keep everyone looking smart and ready for learning:

- **PE kits should only be worn on PE days.**
- **Sports leggings are for PE only** and must be suitable sports material (please note: *not cotton*).
- **Jewellery:** Children may wear **one small stud earring in each ear only**. No other jewellery should be worn.
- **Facial piercings are not permitted.**

We really appreciate your support in helping us maintain our high standards — it makes a big difference to the children's focus and presentation.

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PTA – Volunteers Needed

The PTA is looking for new volunteers who can help with just one event per year. Your support will help ensure these events can take place and that we raise as much money as possible for our school.

If this is something you can help with, please contact us at dangell@alamedamiddleschool.org.uk
Thank you for your support!

All that leaves me to say is have a wonderful half term and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 23rd February.

Kind Regards

Mrs Burt and the Year 8 team.

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