

Principal's Newsletter



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Dear Parents

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all back to Aloha College after a long, hot summer vacation. It was wonderful to see the pupils so happy to return and you the parents even happier!!!

Following our outstanding public examination results we said goodbye to 53 Year 13 students, almost all of whom have gone on to start their new journey at some of the most prestigious universities in the world. [Please see our results here.](#)

Congratulations to all of our successful pupils, you did Aloha proud.

We welcome **130 new pupils** and their parents to our Aloha community. We hope you will all be very happy here in your new family: congratulations on choosing the best school in the world.

From next week you will receive three newsletters, one from myself and one from each of the Heads of Section, Mrs Kathryn Salmon (Primary) and Mr Francisco Escobar (Secondary). It is your weekend homework every Saturday morning to read these letters so you know exactly what is going on in the life of the school!

We continue our tradition as a world leading school to provide your children with the best teaching staff.

Joining our exceptionally talented staff we welcome 12 new members, 6 to each section.

Primary

Welcome:

Miss Emma Matthews (Nursery)
Miss Lisa Hogg (Year 2 teacher)
Miss Georgina Crawford (Year 2 teacher)
Miss Sarah Dickie (Year 3 teacher)
Miss Laura Thorne (Year 6 teacher)
Mr Peter Smith – a new member of the Senior Leadership Team

We know you will give them your full support.

We would like to inform you that Ms Elaine McGill will now be the Head of KS5 (Years 12 + 13). She will be a member of the Secondary Senior Leadership Team. Congratulations to Elaine. Please support her in this very important position.

Mrs Louise Steel will step into the position of Head of Science in the Secondary School and Miss Jackie Chadwick will lead the International Primary Curriculum (IPC). Congratulations to both members of staff on their promotions.

Mrs Jackie Moore will be responsible for the Secondary extra-curricular programme (except sport), whilst Miss Dry will have extra responsibility for continuing to improve Girls' PE.

Baby boom: It was a baby boom for Aloha College Staff last term. I am pleased to announce the safe arrival of Alba Elizabeth to Ms Kate Freeman in Primary and Primrose to Mr Richard Gaskell (Science department). We welcome back Ms Ladds (Science department) from maternity leave.

That's the nice news but the unpleasant news was that Angeles, one of our special support staff, was seriously injured in a car crash at the start of the summer. We are hoping she recovers soon and joins us once again.

Sadly Rosa Vicente our Directora Técnica is still unwell and will not be returning this term.

All staff were in attendance for the whole of last week preparing for your children's return and receiving some in-service training, which is always required to keep us up to date with all educational initiatives.

Have a lovely weekend with your families and see you on Monday.

Principal, Aloha College



Welcome Beach Party

We look forward to meeting you again informally at our welcome Beach Party on **Friday 22 September**

Back by popular demand

You should by now have received your fridge calendar - we hope you like it! Of course there will be additional events throughout the year, which we will let you know about in our newsletters.

Reminder Secondary School ski trip 23 February 2018:

This is your last chance to sign up for the **ski trip!**

CEP activities

ACFC and ACBC clubs will register on Monday 11 September. Training will begin Monday 18 September, as will the rest of our intensive programme of Curriculum Enrichment activities. (The CEP programme will be sent out next week.)

Uniform update

As some of you are aware, not all of our uniform was delivered on time, which did not make for the best start in our drive to maintain a high standard of uniform. Our sincere apologies for this. I am delighted to tell you that the skirts have now arrived and will be available for purchase on Monday.

Shoes

On the other hand, shoes have not been an issue as parents were informed last year that black leather shoes were to be purchased outside of school. Therefore, following a 10-week holiday and one week back in school, we ask you to ensure that your child is wearing the correct footwear on Monday morning, if he/she is not already. Please support us on this matter. If parents are still unsure here are [further guidelines.](#)