

20 May 2025

Dear Parent and Student

Congratulations go to:

- The following Upper School pupil who has achieved **25 Merits**:  
Ellie Groom 12S
- The following Lower School pupil who has achieved their **Silver Merit Award**:  
Freddie Price 8S
- The following Middle School pupil who has achieved **40 Merits**:  
Alfie Cook 9C
- The following Lower School pupils who have achieved their **Gold Merit Award**:  
Joel Lock 8C  
India Follett 8T  
Coby Jones-Brown 8T  
Mercy Teklit 8T
- The following Middle School pupil who has achieved **60 Merits**:  
Enola Mawer 9S
- The following Lower School pupils who have achieved their **Platinum Merit Award**:  
Xander Windrass-Gibson 7C  
Sophie Agu 7S  
Charlotte Skitmore 7T  
Madeleine Campbell-Owen 8T  
Montgomery Unsworth 8T
- The Year 10 Silver Duke of Edinburgh groups who successfully completed their practice expedition in the Peak District this weekend. The expedition involved a two-night camping experience with three full days of walking 16km while carry their rucksacks, map reading and team navigation. The first day presented a number of challenges, particularly with navigation, with students soon realising that the Peak District was very different from where they had completed their Bronze award. All of the students found it hard to interpret the map and use the compass effectively, which resulted in some off-route travel and delays. Despite these difficulties, the students all remained calm and maintained a positive attitude for the next day's adventure. By the final day, everyone had grown in confidence and competence, all worked effectively within their groups, demonstrated improved communication and navigational awareness. The determination and progress shown by all students during the weekend was commendable. Now on to the assessed weekend ... !!



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**Year 10 Silver Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition  
in the Peak District**



The **Young Journalist Group** visited the Craft Centre in February to interview local crafters and develop their journalism skills. Please view the attached **Alford Craft Market News March 2025** - to view their finished newspaper – a source of information about current local events with QR links to recorded interviews.

The **National Grid Electricity Transmission** is holding the first stage of a consultation to hear your views on their early proposals for Eastern Green Link 5 (EGL 5) — a new primarily offshore high voltage electricity link — with associated onshore infrastructure, between Scotland and England. The attached leaflet offers you details on public consultations and webinars.

The **Parents' Evening** for **Year 9** is on **Thursday 5 June**, a booking form is attached, and the **Parents' Evening** for **Year 7** is on **Tuesday 17 June**, details will follow shortly.

The school **Open Evening** is on **Tuesday 24 June**, when we would like to welcome Years 5 and 6 children to look around the school.

Applications are welcome from Year 11 students for our **Sixth Form**.

And finally, the school breaks up for the Spring Bank holiday on Friday 23 May, we look forward to welcoming students back into school on Monday 2 June.

*Cor unum, via una*



Mr G Thompson  
Headteacher



QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR, ALFORD

"Opening Minds & Opening Doors"

**JOIN US FOR OUR OPEN EVENING**

**FOR Y4 TO Y6 PUPILS ON TUESDAY 24TH JUNE: 5.30 - 8.00 PM**

*"The support from staff and students allows you to exceed expectations"*

