

# Prospect School Weekly News



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## MEMBER OF PROSPECT



### Yr7 talk to our MP

In December, as part of the High Ability Group's project researching different professions and the career routes they can take, Reading West MP and Minister of State for Employment, Alok Sharma, visited school.

He faced a panel of four Year 7 students who grilled him about his education and job.

#### Education

Alok Sharma grew up in Reading. He attended Reading Blue Coat School as his Secondary School where his favourite subjects were Maths and History. He went on to study Physics and Electronics at Salford University. Even though Alok was a good student, he remembers getting told

off once in Music for only learning one page of music! Alok was voted the winner of the Plumb Cup for service to others at school by his peers.

Alok has always been interested in Politics and remembers, as an 11-year old handing out leaflets for the Conservatives.

#### Work

After finishing university he went on to become a chartered accountant and a banker. In 1999 he went abroad to Germany to set up a business for his employer. When he came back from Germany in 2003, he felt the country was going in the wrong direction. In 2005 therefore, he decided to try and become an MP. In 2006 he was selected by the

local Conservatives in Reading to stand at the next election as their MP candidate. He got elected in 2010 and has since been the MP for Reading West.

As part of his job Alok tries to assist people that need help, takes part in local debates, campaigns and votes. Alok works long days and sometimes sees his colleagues more than his family. As part of his job he attends many meetings and events like meeting campaigners to make Reading a better place to live. He supports the work of various charities helping them to raise money.

Alok enjoys his job and has made many friends. One of his best early memories as an MP was briefly

meeting Barack Obama on his visit to the UK Parliament. At the time Barack was talking to the Arch Bishop of York in what he believes was Swahili! It was all a bit surreal and showed how the world has effectively become a global village.

Although you don't actually have to study to become a MP, Alok is still learning things on a daily basis and has to keep up to date with all the latest laws and regulations especially within housing.



# GCSES ARE CHANGING

Employers and universities today are demanding much more from our students when they leave school.

As their expectations are changing, so must the range and level of qualifications that secondary schools offer.

Students in Year 11 are now required to sit examinations, which are more challenging as they require a broader and higher level of skills and knowledge.

The biggest reform to GCSEs is the new grading system. Students will now be graded on a new scale of

nine to one rather than A\* to G,. Nine is the highest grade, which is aimed at the top students. This is to distinguish clearly the reformed and unreformed qualifications.

If you need further information, more can be found [here](#).

In the first year, the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 7 and above

achieve a grade 4 and above

achieve a grade 1 and above

Ofqual

Grading new GCSEs from 2017

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	
8	A*
7	A
6	B
5	
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
U	U

as previously got A and above

as previously got C and above

as previously got G and above

# Sports Results

25 January 2018

Yr10 boys 5-a-side Tournament  
(Report see page)

- vs Little Heath 0-0 Draw
- vs St Josephs 0-0 Draw
- vs Denefield 1-0 Win
- vs Highdown 3-0 Win
- vs JMA 0-0 Win (on penalties)
- vs Denefield 0-0 Lost (on penalties)

# Sports fixtures

8 February 2018

U13 6 aside vs Oakbank

20 February 2018

Yr7 6 aside vs Maiden Erlegh (H)

Yr9 Football vs Denefield (A)

21 February 2018

Yr10 Football vs Theale Green (H)

22 February 2018

Yr8 Footbal vs Wren (H)

27 February 2018

Yr7 9 aside vs Wren (H)

Yr9 Football vs Highdown (A)

# KS3 Science

# Homework Club

Every Tuesday in A04  
From 3-3.45pm

Advice  
Homework Help  
PC/Printer access

## Penalties ruin our day

Well Done to our Year 10 6-a-side boys football team for playing in a tournament and keeping a clean sheet for the whole competition before being cruelly pipped at the post (literally), by losing out on penalties .

The competition at Goals, in Bulmershe was won by Denefield School after our Year 10s held them to a 0-0 draw last Thursday .

Altaf, Abdul And Zack all scored during the competition, which saw



us give a strong defence against other local schools.

Congratulations to Denefield and to our boys for the great show of commitment and sportsmanship.

### Please Note

**We are trialling a change to the opening hours of the pedestrian gates at Honey End Lane. These will now only be open between 7.50-8.30am and 2.45-4.30pm. The changes do not effect the Cockney Hill entrance .**

Stay in touch with the school on Twitter  
**@prospectschool**

## For Your Diary

6th Feb	Year 8 Parents Evening
6th Feb	Year 9 Rushall Farm Visit
12-16th Feb	Sixth Form Trip to Paris
19-23 March	Year 11 GCSE Art Exam
20th March	Year 9 Immunisations
21th March	Yr10 Rushall Farm Visit
22nd March	Yr11 & Yr13 Parents Evening