

Dear Parents,

It gives me great pleasure to write to you as the new Head of the British International Secondary School at El Alsson School. It promises to be a very exciting year ahead and one that is full of opportunities for every one of our students and staff within the school.

I am enormously proud to be part of the Alsson community and to be given this wonderful opportunity. I understand it is not just that our students are supported to achieve excellent academic results, it is the resilience, strength of character and clear understanding of who they are and what they believe in that marks our students apart. I am committed to developing and maintaining the proud traditions of the school for our current and future students and moving the school forward as it fully explores its place in the wider community amongst the state of art facilities that we are blessed with.

As I embark on my third Head of School role, I can see that El Alsson is a school that is moving forward rapidly and linking very clearly to its mission and vision. This mission means that we are not a school that is complacent. We demand that the learning experience for our students moves with the times whilst maintaining the traditions of good manners, discipline and respect for others.

This is where the relationship between home, school and the wider community comes in. It is vital that the students, parents and staff all maintain high expectations at all times and are committed to discussing any concerns in a professional, thoughtful and caring manner at all times.

I am looking for the students to excel in all areas of school life and we began the year with a series of assemblies to set out the expectations for the year. Below are a few of these expectations:

- Students are expected to attend school every day and be on time for the start of the day and for all lessons.
- Students are expected to be in the correct uniform on every school day
- Students should strive for the very highest of standards of communication with their teachers and other adults
- Students should work hard in all lessons and on homework and revision tasks away from school.
- Students should behave like young adults and treat each other and their teachers with respect at all times.

I would ask that parents support the school at all times in maintaining these very high standards and reinforcing them with your children at home. Teachers in turn will communicate freely with parents so that the partnership between the students, parents and the school is strong at all times. Regular communication will support students in their learning and development.

I look forward to meeting all parents as the term progresses and please feel free to contact me or the Secondary School Leadership Team at the school should you need any further information or support. Further details and more information can be found in the Parent Handbook in each Key Stage section of this website.

Yours faithfully

Mr Matthew Topliss

