

Alderbrook School

AMBITION | BRAVERY | KINDNESS

Founded 1974
A Life-Changing Education

“ Our purpose is to provide a high quality **inclusive** education, which will **support, challenge** and **inspire** children, enabling them to **succeed, mature** and **fulfil** their potential. ”



Your *journey* begins here...

Welcome to Alderbrook and thank you for considering our school for your child's education. Founded in 1974 and situated in the heart of Solihull, we create opportunities for students to achieve high academic results and also a platform to extend their personal qualities, talents and interests. Our inclusive and caring ethos values and nurtures individuality.

Our students are proud to be part of the Alderbrook family and we relentlessly strive to ensure that they leave us academically and socially successful through inspirational education. We also support them in becoming well-rounded individuals, ambitious for their futures and equipped to make positive contributions to their community in an ever competitive and changing world.

We focus our attention on the needs of each student, building confidence, encouraging independence and enabling everyone to flourish. We share your beliefs that your child's happiness and well-being at school are equally as important as our ability to help them achieve academically and realise their true potential.

Alderbrook is a wonderful place to learn and grow and we hope that through this prospectus and your visit to our school that we can show you that this is a truly special place for your child.



“*There is strong teaching in every subject area... as well as very strong practice in Mathematics.*”

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Academic **Excellence**, Stimulating **Curiosity**, Unlocking **Potential**...

Our curriculum engages, enthuses and sparks curiosity. Our GCSE and Technical qualifications prepare students for the competitive world as they develop academically and stimulate personal confidence and resilience. We ensure that our broad and balanced curriculum inspires and engages our students but also offers challenge, support and development for every individual.

Providing a stimulating academic learning environment is critical to the development of our progressive curriculum and success. Our facilities offer bespoke learning environments, a well-equipped, modern Sports Hall and Dance Studio as well as Art rooms and Technology workshops.

We strive for the highest quality of teaching and we are proud of our students' achievements, both academically and socially. Teachers have high expectations of both themselves and their students; we treat students with respect and they respond positively to this approach, resulting in very constructive working relationships between students and staff.

Our teachers and support staff have high quality training to keep them at the forefront of educational knowledge and practice. Using their specialist subject knowledge and experience in the classroom, staff encourage students to questions and develop independent thinking and learning skills.

“*A positive climate for learning permeates the school.*”

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“ Leaders have created robust safeguarding systems and a culture where pupils feels safe. ”

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High **Expectations**, High **Aspiration**, High **Achievement**...

Supporting your child and keeping you informed is critical to their success and happiness. From Year 6, our Transition and Induction Programme ensures that your child is confident about joining us in September. Once here, our dedicated and specialist Pastoral Management Team works tirelessly to provide your child with support, care and empathy whilst reminding them when necessary of the high expectations we have at Alderbrook in terms of their behaviour and standards.

A strong system of support exists for students at all times. Each student is a member of a tutor group, which in turn is a member of a college. Each tutor monitors your child's progress and welfare. As well as your child's tutor, there are a whole network of staff providing the support your child may need, whether that is specialist intervention for learning needs, behaviour support, mentoring, safeguarding help, health or medical support or counselling. They will also be in regular contact with their Pastoral Manager and their Head of Year who will work closely with teachers and tutors.

We consider parental and carer involvement to be of paramount importance. We keep in close touch with you at home through our home-school email and SMS system, newsletters, our website, student planners and termly reports, which provide regular checks on progress. Equally, parents and carers are welcome to make an appointment to come into school to discuss any concerns.

Alderbrook is committed to working closely with the local Safeguarding Partnership and takes part in Operation Encompass. This programme is designed to support any school-age child that is involved in, or witness to, domestic abuse. The police supply timely information in confidence and this enables the school to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children or their families.



“ Pupils are proud of their school and display attitudes that demonstrate values of inclusion and fairness. ”

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Harnessing Inclusivity, **Developing** Tenacity, **Respecting** Equality...

We are immensely proud of the rich and diverse history of our Learning Support Department. A full complement of specially trained and dedicated teachers and support staff work closely with students with additional educational needs on a daily basis. Specially designed classrooms ensure that students not only gain access to first class care and support, but they also have space to reflect and work independently if necessary.

We host two additional resource centres for the Solihull Local Authority, which cater for a small number of students with Speech and Language impairments and Autism Spectrum Conditions. Students receive full-time support in the resource base, increasing their access to mainstream provision over time as appropriate to the needs of all and we are proud that many are able to access mainstream inclusion by or before the start of their GCSE and Technical qualifications.

Bespoke curriculum offers are often put in place for our students in Learning Support, enabling them to leave us with all the tools and skills necessary for the next phase of their life and studies.



“*Inspectors saw many lessons that were extremely well planned, and pupils were enjoying their learning.*”

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Encouraging **Creativity**, Fuelling **Confidence**, Defining **Artistry**...

Alderbrook has an excellent reputation for teaching in the Arts and a wide range of artistic and creative opportunities are offered to all students which enables their personal development, social skills and flair to flourish.

Students have tailored opportunities to work with a range of professional artists, performers and leaders in their field, exhibit their art work and develop this passion for Music, Art, Drama and Dance, supported by our Creative Arts Team and our Theatre Technician.

We have first-class arts facilities, including a bespoke Theatre, Gallery and Dance Studio which are home to amazing performances and recitals. Students have opportunities to participate in regional performances. A wide range of specialist enriching arts experiences help students to develop their well-being, self esteem and confidence.



“*Pupils show a pride in their work and books are very well presented.*”

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“Pupils are proud of their school, and the majority are confident and ambitious.”
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Inspiring **Enthusiasm**, Releasing **Talent**, Developing **Leadership**...

We boast a rich and diverse extra-curricular enrichment programme, which aims to further develop the skills, passions and abilities of our students. Throughout their journey here, students will be offered the opportunity to broaden their horizons by visiting different parts of the world on field trips, study tours and trips. In addition our Life Ready Programme further supports students' social and moral development as well as their employability and empathetic skills.

The extensive range of opportunities offered includes the Duke of Edinburgh Award; Music, Drama and Sports Clubs; trips and residential excursions linked to specific areas of the curriculum; charitable and fund-raising activities; mentoring younger students; public speaking contests, photography competitions and school bands.

We also participate in community projects through World Challenge Expeditions, which have seen our students travelling to Guatemala, Belize, Tanzania, Borneo and Equador and the Galapagos Islands. Students have also been given the opportunity to participate in educational trips to Iceland and New York.

We firmly believe that giving students these opportunities to experience and immerse themselves in different cultures enables them to develop as more rounded individuals.

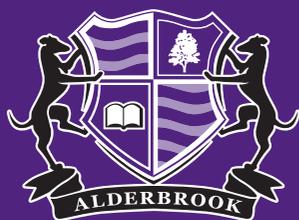


“Last year, the number of pupils who went on to further education, employment or training was high.”
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The **Brightest** of Futures...

One of our aims is to nurture your child so that they take with them the qualifications, skills, attributes and compassion necessary to lead a fulfilling life. In addition, in our digital age, they need the knowledge, capabilities and foresight to succeed in occupations, which are yet to be created.

Finally, we are committed that the Alderbrook learning experience moves with the times whilst maintaining the traditions of good manners, tolerance and respect for others. We look forward to working with you as parents and carers to create the best possible life chances for your child.



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