

Alderbrook School

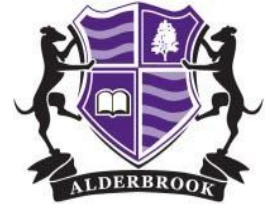
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Dear Parents and Carers,

We somehow find ourselves only a week away from half term. We are incredibly proud of our students and community for the way everyone has adapted to school under the new restrictions. Students have applied themselves incredibly well in lessons and they have got fully involved in school life. Of course there remains much uncertainty about the months ahead; we will keep all parents and carers up to speed with any changes that occur. Some important updates:

Examinations, Summer 2021

This week the government announced that GCSEs and A Levels in Summer 2021 will be pushed back by 3 weeks. GCSEs and A Levels will run from 7th June to 2nd July. One GCSE English Language and one GCSE Maths exam will be held in the week before May half term. We will offer all Year 11s and 13s a range of support throughout this year and interventions have already started in a number of subject areas. This year more than ever, it is crucial that students work steadily throughout the year so that, should the current proposal for exams change, students have a range of evidence to chart their academic progress.

Curriculum Booklets

We are very pleased to show you the Curriculum Booklets which are now on our school website here:

<https://www.alderbrookschoo.co.uk/subjects/>

These provide you with an overview of the curriculum for each year group 7 - 11 with a useful topic tracker at the front, then a subject by subject guide to lesson content. There are also some links on here to remote learning websites which students can use to support any revision, homework or when working in isolation.

Year 7s will also bring home Knowledge Organisers to support their learning next week. These lightweight folders contain key information for each subject and will be useful for students both in lessons and at home. Students will be able to use them for revision and for working at home. In school students will be supported to understand how to use them. It will be important that they always keep the organisers in their bag when at school, and they will be available to purchase on Parent Pay should they be misplaced.



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New water dispensers

We have installed non-touch water dispensers in 3 places on the school site. These will now give students easier access to water during the school day but should only be used at break and lunchtime and social distancing must be maintained. Students should continue to bring in a full, refillable water bottle each day.

Visitors

Please can I remind you that you should not be coming onto the school site without a pre-arranged appointment. We have contingency plans in place if students forget their PE kit or equipment and it is important that parents do not bring these into school during the school day. Thank you for your support with this.

Drop off and Pick up

A reminder that cars must not park on Blossomfield Road by the school when dropping off and picking up students, nor turn in the Alderbrook driveway, as this is creating a dangerous situation. If you need to drop off students please do so away from the school site. Thank you for your support in keeping the area around the school safe.

Non-School Uniform Day

On Friday 23rd October we will have a non-school uniform day to raise money for the British Legion's Poppy Appeal. This year we will not be able to distribute poppies at school due to the current restrictions, so we are asking that all students donate £1 on Friday. Tutors will collect the money during form time.

School Website

We continue to place a whole range of resources on the school website and social media platforms. Please use the website to keep up-to-date with goings on in the school. Not only is there a whole range of curriculum information, as outlined above, but also links to our virtual information evenings, including one for Year 11 which was uploaded this week.

With best wishes



Tom Beveridge
Headteacher