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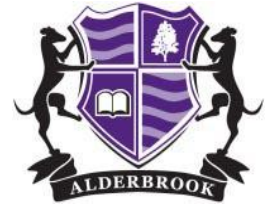
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Before the staff Inset day tomorrow and ahead of half term, I want to give you some updates and a joint message from the school and West Midlands police.

Year 11 and 13

We are very proud of our Year 11 and 13 students who have worked so hard to prepare for assessments this half term. We are hoping to be able to celebrate with them at their end of year events in June.

Arrangements regarding positive cases in the holidays

Please continue to use the LFD tests during the half term break and report results via the NHS website and School Screener. If your child tests positive for COVID-19, it is important that you report this to our dedicated email address covidpositive@alderbrook.solihull.sch.uk as soon as possible. This is particularly important if your child's symptoms start within 48 hours of leaving school today, or if they are asymptomatic and receive a positive test result within 48 hours of leaving school today. We will need to identify close contacts and a senior member of staff will be in touch.

Guidance from Alderbrook and West Midlands Police

We work closely with the police and are reassured that Solihull remains a safe place for young people to socialise. Statistics shared with us show that crime against young people remains very low. They have asked that we issue the following reminders to families / children prior to the half term break:

- Students should be reminded to make positive behaviour choices outside of school and consider any potential consequences of their actions.
- There are a number of vacant buildings in Solihull at the moment. Students should be reminded not to enter these buildings as they may not be safe.
- Keep valuables out of sight (for example keeping phones in pockets / bags and keeping air pods out of ears when not in use).
- Always lock bikes up using a good quality bike lock (or two). When seated at the park, consider locking your bike (even if within your sight) so it cannot be ridden away.
- Phones, air pods and bikes are the most common items stolen from young people. Remind students to make sure they are not an easy target.



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- Consider your location. Park areas are the most common sites of robbery due to their being less people about and lower CCTV coverage.
- Finally, if you do witness a crime, don't be afraid to dial 999.

'Wear Red' Non-uniform day

Many of our older students followed the national media coverage during Sarah Everard's disappearance and the subsequent details shared in order to bring her attacker to justice. Sixth Form students are keen to raise further awareness and support an important charity, The Survivors Trust. On Friday 11 June we are asking our students in Years 7-12 to offer a £1 donation by wearing red clothing or accessories to raise money for the Trust who provide a range of specialist services for survivors including counselling, support, helplines and advocacy services for adults and children. Form Tutors will spend time discussing the sensitive issues surrounding Sarah's case during this week and students can donate their £1 to their Tutor.

Planning permission for new build

You may have seen it reported last week that the Planning Committee at SMBC unanimously approved the planning permission for our new seven-classroom block. This is an exciting development and an important hurdle to get over. As the project develops further I will keep you all updated on the progress and implications. From September, there will inevitably need to be some adjustments to movement onto and around the school site, when we expect building work to get underway.

Drop-off and pick up

We have recently received an increasing number of complaints from residents near the school site because parents are parking illegally to drop off and pick up their children. Please can we remind all parents that you should not be parking on Blossomfield Road or Dingle Lane to drop off or pick up students, or to use the main entrance of the school as a turning circle. In particular residents at Beech House on the corner of Southfields Road and Dingle Lane, and residents of White Falcon Court off Alder Park Road, have complained of parents using their private car parks to wait for their children. While we fully understand that parents want to ensure that students can be dropped off and picked up safely, we are making a plea that arrangements are made for this to happen further from the school site. As part of the new build project we will be developing a new travel plan, with strategies put in place to encourage students to bike or walk to school.

Thank you for your continued support this term and have a lovely break next week.

Yours sincerely



Tom Beveridge
Headteacher