

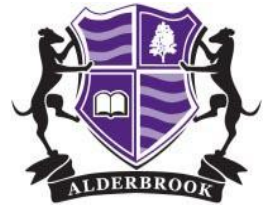
# Alderbrook School

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Dear Parents/Carers

8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

A few items for your attention as we bring the Spring term to a close.

## 821/822 bus timetables – Dickens Heath/Earlswood

The Transport team at Solihull Council have issued new timetables for this bus service which are attached with this letter. The 821 will now arrive first at The Clock and will be 10 minutes earlier, arriving at 7.45 am. The 822 has nominal changes to arrival and departure times. If your child uses this bus service please look at the timetables and note the changes which will be effective from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

## Year 10 and 11 break and lunch times

To accommodate our exam season which will begin during the first half term back after Easter, from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April, Year 11s will now have their break at 10.30 and their lunch at 12.20 and Year 10s at 10.55 and 13.20 respectively. This will mean that Year 11s will have their Period 4 after lunch, while Year 10 will now have their Period 4 before lunch. In all other ways student timetables and classes will remain exactly the same. We can only apologise to students for this change, this is an oversight from two years ago when we staggered lunches due to Covid; at the time public exams were not at the forefront of our thinking but we now need to ensure we are following exam regulations. As of September, we will ensure that lunches are staggered in such a way to avoid a change like this in the middle of the school year.

## Cycle lane Blossomfield Road

You will have seen that the new cycle lane on Blossomfield Road is nearly ready for use. It is imperative that you do not use the entrance to school as a turning circle or to drop off your child. Please identify a suitable spot to drop off or pick up at least a 5 minute walk away from the school entrance and surrounding area.

## Integration and ESOL classes for families arriving from Hong Kong

We have received the following information from colleagues at Solihull College & University Centre detailing some specific courses aimed at families from Hong Kong who have recently resettled in Solihull. The flyer for the course found [here](#), is an integration course offering key information for Hong Kong parents who are new to the area. They also offer ESOL classes for all adults and 16-18 year olds that may be of interest.

Anyone interested in ESOL or integration courses please contact Somia Shafait by sending an e-mail to [somia.shafait@solihull.ac.uk](mailto:somia.shafait@solihull.ac.uk) or call 0121 678 7024.

## Household support – Easter holidays

A payment of £40 per child will be provided as food support for families in receipt of benefits-related free school meals, over the Easter holiday period. Vouchers will be issued by the start of the holidays. For more information, please contact

**Education Free School Meals Team** [edfreesm@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:edfreesm@solihull.gov.uk)

## End of term newsletter

Please also find attached an end of term newsletter. I'm so pleased to be able to share all of the experiences that have been taking place, which are now including trips and events in and out of school as we have been able to bring students together once more in school and Covid restrictions begin to lift on a more permanent basis.

I hope all of our students and families have a relaxing and very well earned break and we look forward to seeing our students back in school on Monday 25 April at the start of what is a key half term for our year 11s and 13s as they come into their exam season. Our staff are here to support, encourage and assist and we wish all of our year 11s and 13s every success in their exams.

Best wishes



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Headteacher