

# Alderbrook School

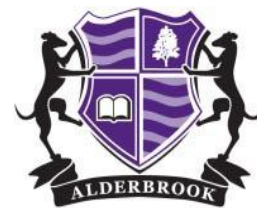
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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have all had a really enjoyable summer break and are looking forward to the new school year.

It has been a busy summer with lots going on at school. Over the last few weeks, we have celebrated fantastic A Level and GCSE results and it was wonderful to see so many happy young people on the results days. We have also held a summer school for over half of our new Year 7 students and I wish them all the very best for the start of their secondary education at Alderbrook. Lots of building work has taken place at school over the summer, with extensive refurbishments to areas of the Cartwright building; completion of our new car park; work nearing completion on Cartwright window replacements; building work commencing on our new build; and boiler replacement work also underway.

Ahead of the start of term next week, please find below information regarding the first few days and some updates about the school site, as well as a few reminders about the weeks ahead.

## Beginning of term – arrangements for 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> September 2022

We will be welcoming back years 7,8,11 and 12 on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September at the times indicated below, and then all year groups on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September at the usual start time of 8.30 am.

Wednesday 7th September 2022										
	8.30am	9.30am	10am	10.40am	11am	11.20am	12.20pm	12.55pm	13.20pm	13.55pm
Year 7	A-K Malley Hall	Form	Form	Break	Form	Form	Lunch	Period 4 lesson	Period 5 lessons	
	L-Z Cartwright Hall	Form	Form		Form	Form				
Year 8	A-K Malley Hall	Form	Break	Form	Form					
	L-Z Cartwright Hall	Form		Form	Form					
Year 9	Not in school									
Year 10	Not in school									
Year 11	11am start			A-K Malley Hall		Lunch	Period 4 lesson		Period 5 lessons	
				L-Z Cartwright Hall						
Year 12	10am start		Register Quad - meet and greet. Go to form rooms	Assembly - Cartwright Hall	Break	Form time activity	Period 4 lesson		Lunch	
Year 13	Not in school									

Please see below for further information about what date and time pupils are returning to school in September:

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Year 7 to arrive by 8.30am

Year 8 to arrive at 9.30am

Year 12 to arrive at 10am

Year 11 to arrive at 11am

\*Years 9, 10 and 13 are to work remotely on this day. Years 9 and 10 will be focusing on core subjects and this work can be found on our website:

<https://www.alderbrookschool.co.uk/wednesday-7th-september/>

Year 13s should access work for their A Level subjects on Teams.\*

### **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

All year groups to arrive at school by 8.30am

### **School Buses**

Please note that the school buses will run from Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September. On Wednesday, they will only pick up Year 7 students for an 8.30am start; all other year groups in school on Wednesday should please make their own way into school at the designated time. The buses will drop off all students as normal on Wednesday afternoon and pick up all students from Thursday morning.

### **Building work on the school site**

Work on the new 7-classroom and reception block has started over the summer holiday. This is obviously very exciting for the future of the school, but it does mean that, in the short term, there will be limited vehicular access to the school site. Please can we ask that you only drive onto site if absolutely necessary, as parking spaces are very limited.

**Only disabled visitors and parents/carers with a parking pass will be able to drive onto the school site at the start and end of the school day.** Please note that parents/carers of ARC students should continue to use Cartwright playground to pick up students at the end of the school day; members of the Senior Leadership Team will be at the school gates at the start and end of the day to direct new ARC parents/carers onto site.

We will be speaking to all students in assemblies on the first day of term about changes to procedures and movement around the school site due to the ongoing building work.

### **Open Evening, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September – early closure**

Please note that school will finish at 2pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September to enable staff to set up for the Open Evening. Buses will pick up early on this day. Reminders will be sent out closer to the time. As Open Evening is such an important and busy event in our school calendar, we strongly encourage all pupils to return to school to help on the evening itself. Again, more details will follow about this.

### **Important dates for the academic year**

All dates for the school year can be found in the calendar section of our website, however we wanted to highlight some key dates for your diary:

### **INSET Days**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July

### **Open Evenings**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September - Whole School  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November - Sixth Form

### **Parents' Evenings (all year groups)**

Year 7 - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October (to meet form tutors) and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March  
Year 8 - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February  
Year 9 - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December  
Year 10 - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January  
Year 11 - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November  
Year 12 - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January  
Year 13 - Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November

### **Progress Evenings (years 11 and 13 only)**

Year 11 - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March  
Year 13 - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April

### **Information Evenings (years 8, 9, 10 and 12 only)**

Year 8 - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November  
Year 9 - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October  
Year 10 - Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September  
Year 12 - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September

### **Presentation Evenings**

Key Stage 3 - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July  
Key Stage 4 - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
Key Stage 5 - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September

I look forward to welcoming back our returning students and getting to know our new students. I hope you will be able to attend the information evenings early in the school year, and I look forward to meeting and working with you,

### **Best wishes**



**Tom Beveridge**  
**Headteacher**