

Alderbrook School

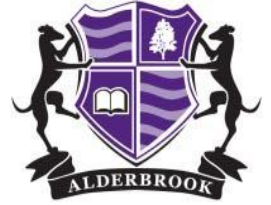
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Dear Parents/Carers

Students are settling well into this second half of the Autumn term and enjoying our extra curricular activities and the various trips and school events ahead. Some key dates coming up are:

- Careers Convention – Wednesday 16 November 6.00 pm, welcoming parents/carers and students from years 10, 11, 12 and 13.
- Year 11 Parents Evening – Thursday 17 November 3.30 – 6.00 pm
- Year 8 – Meet the Form Tutors – Tuesday 22 November, 2.00 – 5.30 pm
- Sixth Form Open Evening – Thursday 24 November, 6.30 – 9.00 pm
- Winter Wonderland – Tuesday 29 November, 5.00 – 8.00 pm
- Year 11 Trip to the Alexander Theatre – An Inspector calls, Wednesday 30 November
- Year 9 Parents Evening – Thursday 1 December, 3.30 – 6.00 pm

Our Year 13s start their mocks w.c. 21st November for a fortnight and we wish them well.

As the evenings become darker, earlier, please encourage your child to be aware of their surroundings, know their travel route and method and communicate any changes to this with you. Unfortunately less visibility can lead to higher accident rates and we have regrettably received reports of an attempted theft of phones and bikes where the perpetrators were able to hide in the dark. This was not connected to this site, but without unduly worrying your child, a 'winter weather' plan is a good idea to discuss with your child as well as a reminder of where to go if they ever feel vulnerable or unsafe, whether this is school, home, a shop, or approaching a trusted adult.

Parent Trustee elections

As I wrote to you recently, Alderbrook School is looking to appoint a Parent Trustee to join the Trust Board. I have attached a letter from our Chair, Annette Scott [Parent Trustee letter](#) outlining this role and how to obtain an application form. The closing date for applications is Friday 25 November.

School Policy for weapons possession

As parents we are all concerned about the rising levels of young people in our society carrying weapons.

West Midlands Police have produced the two leaflets below which can be really helpful for you to sit down and discuss this important issue with your child and help them to make the right choices for their own and others safety. Please look at these and the letter from WMP with your child.

[Life or knife leaflet](#)

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[West Midlands Police letter](#)

ABK Mobile Lottery

We are very mindful that particularly at the moment families are facing lots of financial pressures due to a whole variety of circumstances. Schools across the country are also struggling with higher than ever running costs which can sometimes mean that the 'extras' we all like to provide for our students are just not possible. The ABK Mobile Lottery is a way we can ask you, our parents/carers to support Alderbrook, by purchasing a Marjorie Willis lottery ticket over your mobile phone. Marjorie Willis has been our school charity for many years and has provided students and the school building as a whole with tremendously useful and exciting additions to the curriculum and classroom provisions.

Please read the attached leaflet and if there is any way you can support our lottery through a one off or regular weekly purchase of a £2 lottery ticket, that would be so appreciated and there is, of course, a chance for you to win £10,000 as well!

[ABK Mobile Lottery leaflet](#)

Best wishes



Tom Beveridge
Headteacher