

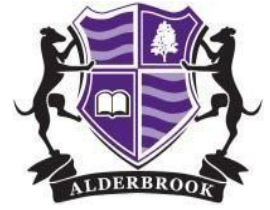
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Dear Parents and Carers

17 February 2023

As we come to the end of a very busy half term, I'd like to give you a few key updates.

Industrial Action, Wednesday 1st March

In the first week back after the break, there is industrial action scheduled on Wednesday 1st March. If this action goes ahead, this will unfortunately mean that we are unable to open for all students; the current plans are outlined below.

If the industrial action goes ahead on Wednesday 1st March, we intend to remain open for Year 7, Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13. We will also offer provision for vulnerable children and children of critical workers.

Year 7 - Year 7 should attend school in their PE kit, wearing their Alderbrook blazer over the top. Students will not attend their normal lessons, but will take part in a series of group activities. Year 7 will stay in school for normal hours.

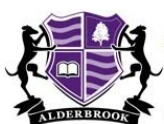
Year 11 - Year 11 should attend school in full school uniform. Students will have normal lessons for periods 1-3. If their teacher is not in school, they will be set exam revision tasks and be supervised. For X band, we have swapped Periods 3 and 4. This means that students in X band do not need to bring their PE kit to school as they will not be attending PE period 3. Instead, they will be having a Science lesson in their normal Science classroom. Unfortunately, as we cannot guarantee that we will have sufficient staffing to keep Year 11 in school beyond Period 3, they can leave school at 12.15. We will keep the canteen open for Year 11 until 12.30 if they want to get some lunch before leaving the site. If you need us to supervise your child until the end of the school day, please notify the school via office@alderbrook.solihull.sch.uk.

Year 12 - Year 12 should attend school as normal and attend their normal lessons. If their teacher is not in school, they should sign-in to independent study to complete work.

Year 13 - Year 13 have mock exams during their first week back. They should only attend school on Wednesday if they have a mock exam. If they do not have an exam on Wednesday, they can complete work independently from home.

Vulnerable/ critical worker provision - As with the previous day of industrial action, students who attend this provision will be supervised to complete work independently on computers. Please be aware that attendance is not compulsory for vulnerable pupils and you may want your child to work from home instead. If you need your child to attend this provision, please complete the Microsoft form [here](#).

School buses will run at the normal times.



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For students in Years 8, 9 and 10, work will be posted on the school website for students to complete independently at home.

As the government is currently in negotiations with the teaching unions, we will confirm whether the strike action is going to go ahead during the first day back after half term.

Mock Exams

This is a busy time of year for our exam cohorts. Year 11 have just completed their final set of mocks, and they will be receiving the results of these on Friday 10th March, when we will set up a 'results morning' for the students. This allows the students to experience opening their results envelope and seeing their grades, just like they will do for real in August.

As mentioned previously, Year 13 mock exams start after half-term and we wish all of our Year 13 students the best of luck in these.

Parents' evenings

We have two parents' evenings coming up next half-term.

Year 11 progress evening (in-person) - Thursday 2nd March

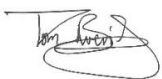
Year 7 parents' evening (online) - Thursday 23rd March

We are currently reviewing how we run parents' evenings for the next academic year, and would appreciate feedback from parents regarding whether you prefer online or in-person appointments. To help us with this, please complete the short Microsoft Form [here](#).

To finish with two pieces of very good news; congratulations to our Year 8 basketball team who were victorious in the final of the local basketball playoffs on Wednesday, winning with a score of 32-8 in their match against Tudor Grange.

I am delighted to confirm Tim Stent will be our second Deputy Headteacher from September and we will be hoping to announce a further Assistant Headteacher post on our SLT team in due course. Congratulations to Tim who will continue to offer his skills and strengths to the leadership of the school.

Best wishes



Tom Beveridge
Headteacher