

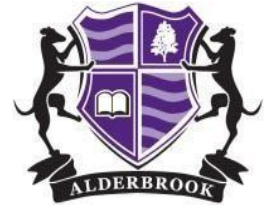
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Dear Parents and Carers

10 March 2023

Thank you for your understanding in having to close the school early yesterday at such short notice. We always try to avoid such an eventuality but when the conditions become unsafe for students and staff our hand is forced. I appreciate your support in ensuring students got home safely.

## Industrial Action, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March

Further industrial action is currently scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday next week. If this action goes ahead, this will unfortunately mean that we are unable to open for all students. We will be opening for all students in years 11, 12 and 13, and for vulnerable students/children of critical workers. Students in years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be working at home on both days. Work will be published on our school website for these students.

We have looked at how we could try to open for more year groups, however we have not been able to find a way of doing so safely as we anticipate a large number of teaching staff will be striking over these 2 days. We are grateful for your understanding.

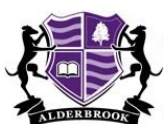
As with the previous day of industrial action, students who attend our vulnerable/critical worker provision will be supervised to complete work independently on computers. Please be aware that attendance is not compulsory for vulnerable pupils and you may want your child to work from home instead. If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

School buses will run at the normal times.

## Art competition – new build

An exciting opportunity has arisen for our students to have their artwork permanently displayed on an internal wall in our new 7-classroom block. The contractors are looking for students to create a design for a 2.5m x 7.5m internal wall and we are running a competition to choose the best ideas. All students can enter, with **entries to be submitted to the Art department before the end of this term**. Students can complete their artwork on any size paper they wish, but it must be landscape so it can be easily scaled up to fit the wall.

The brief is as follows: Create a landscape/cityscape design that celebrates a part of the school or local area. Students should consider the colours they use and think about how easily their work could be scaled up to form part of a large mural. Further information is here:



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## ABK New Build Competition

Alderbrook has a new building. It has a huge wall that needs a landscape mural. We would like you to create a piece of art that will go on that wall. We have a few hints and tips:

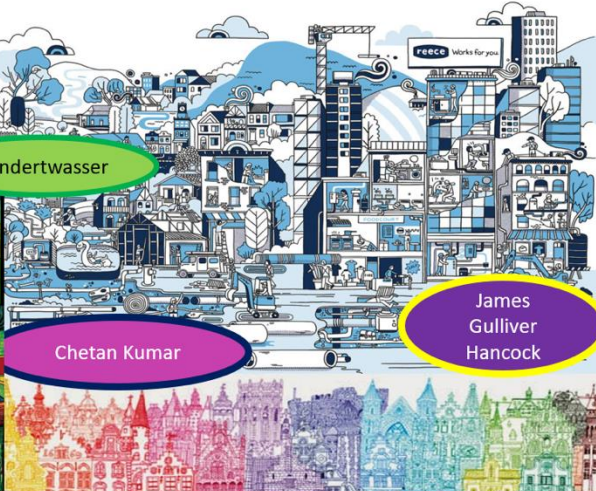
- \*Consider the artists' styles shown here. Use them as inspiration
- \*Consider lines and contours and colours. Include the ABK colours: Purples and greens
- \*Consider viewpoint and the ever important Alderbrook values.



Hundertwasser

Chetan Kumar

James  
Gulliver  
Hancock



Students will be informed about the competition via Art lessons and form notices, but if they require any further information they can ask a member of the art department. The winners will be announced after Easter; there will be prizes for the winning entries as well as the privilege of having their art permanently displayed in the school.

### Our Voices Heard

Please see details of a young person participation group for those with a SEND or disability between the ages of 0-25 in Solihull, details [here](#). There is also further information in their most recent newsletter, available [here](#).

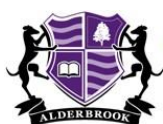
### Summer term student train tickets now on sale!

Please find information from West Midlands Trains on their summer Term Train Tickets which are now available to buy. With this offer students can save up to 50% off their travel.

Detailed information is available online: [Termly Student Discount Train Tickets | Train Ticket Types \(westmidlandsrailway.co.uk\)](#) and a leaflet with full details is [here](#).

Best wishes

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