

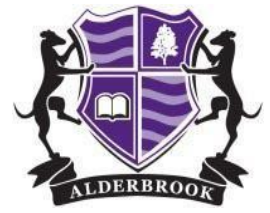
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Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of a very busy half term, we wish all of our students and their families a relaxing break with this warm weather we're having. I'd like to congratulate year 11s and 13s for their efforts in their public exams to date; it is important that they continue to work throughout next week but also use the time to rest ahead of their remaining exams.

Year 9 and 12 Assessments

The Year 9 assessment period starts straight after half-term and runs until Friday 16th June. During this time, students will be sitting assessments in their lessons. Class teachers will inform students about what they are being assessed on and when their exam will be. This is then followed by the Year 12 assessment period, which runs from Monday 19th June until Friday 30th June. Students have been issued with an exam timetable, a copy of which is available on our website. [Examinations - Alderbrook School](#)
Good luck to our Year 9 and 12 students as they prepare for these assessments.

The Race to Warwick - Sunday 11th June

On Sunday June 11th Alderbrook Staff will be Walking, Running or Cycling from Solihull to Warwick to raise money for the Marjorie Willis Foundation, our school charity which exists to raise funds for school items that are not provided through educational funding. In the past the charity has paid for minibuses, water fountains, equipment, outdoor seating and support for students to take part in trips and activities.

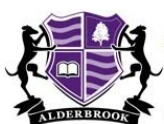
In 2021's Race to Stratford, this helped to raise over £3,000. We hope this year will be equally successful, and we would like to ask our parents and carers to support by sponsoring staff if they are able. Small or large, all donations are gratefully received by staff and more importantly, by students, who all benefit from Marjorie Willis fundraising.

Please support your Alderbrook staff at the link below - and don't forget to add Gift Aid. It costs nothing - and we get more money!

<https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/appeal/warwickrace>

Pre-loved uniform

As your children finish school we would be very grateful for donations of good quality uniform. We accept blazers, ties, ABK skirts and all ABK PE kit. Uniform can be handed in to Main Reception. Thank you for your support. We shall be holding another pre-loved uniform sale on Friday 7th July, with the proceeds being used to buy equipment and resources for our school. After a very successful sale last summer, we were able to buy a new basketball hoop for students to use on Malley playground.



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Mobile phones in school

A reminder that students are not allowed to use their mobile phones whilst in school and that includes entering and leaving the site. Our School Nurse, Ms Mistry will call if a child is unwell and needs to be collected and for any other pastoral or school matter, a member of staff will make calls home as needed. If a student is found using their phone in school or wearing ear phones or airpods these will be confiscated until the end of the school day, or in the case of repeat incidents, parents/carers will be asked to collect.

On the subject of these items, please remind your child to be mindful when they are out and about, that these are high value possessions and will be targeted by thieves or pickpockets, so to be aware of their surroundings and put them away when not being used.

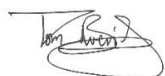
Vaping

As school leaders we are all aware that some of our young people have experimented or continue to use vapes, possibly believing that these are not as harmful to their health as cigarettes. These items are banned in school and as part of any discussions you have at home regarding vaping, I thought you might be interested in a news item from this week. This included very worrying information that testing on vapes confiscated from secondary school children has shown they contain dangerous levels of chemicals such as lead and nickel. High levels of lead exposure in children can affect the central nervous system and brain development. It is also illegal for under-18s to buy and use vapes. Your child may feel they are just doing what their friends do and there are no consequences as vapes are not cigarettes, but it is concerning that as more information like this comes to light a generation of children could be storing up future health problems.

National Smile Month

Information attached [here](#) on a national oral health campaign to tackle dental decay!

Best wishes



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Headteacher