

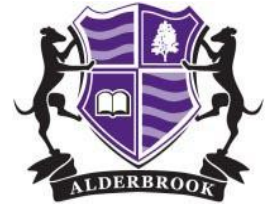
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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome our students back into school this week. Our new Year 7s and 12s have made an excellent start at Alderbrook, and it has been lovely to see all students get back into the flow of daily school life. We are very optimistic about the year ahead and look forward to working with our parents and carers.

There are a few key updates below, and I will continue to write to you regularly throughout the school year with updates and information. A reminder to also follow us on social media, and to regularly check the website for updates.

Exam Results

I am delighted to report that our GCSE and A Level students both achieved fantastic exam results this summer. The press releases for these results are available here:

<https://www.alderbrookschool.co.uk/gcse-results-2023/>

<https://www.alderbrookschool.co.uk/gce-results-2023/>

Key Stage 3 Homework (Year 7-9) Presentation

At 4.30pm on Thursday 14th September we will be presenting a virtual session on Homework for Key Stage 3 students. The purpose of the session will be to inform you how homework will be structured this year, so that you can support your child with getting into good habits. We will cover how students can access their homework and how they will be expected to complete it. The session will run until 5pm. If you are not able to attend, we will be posting a recording of the presentation afterwards on our website.

Please use this link to access the session: [KS3 Homework Presentation to Parents](#)

Open Evening - 20th September

Our Open Evening takes place on Wednesday 20th September 5.30pm-8.30pm. This is an important event in our school calendar when prospective parents and Year 5 and 6 pupils come to look around Alderbrook. We are advertising the event on social media and on our website, but please do spread the word to friends and family who may be interested in attending.

Our students are excellent ambassadors for the school and therefore we would like as many students as possible from all year groups to come along and support this event; whether that is being a guide and



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showing parents and students around or helping in a specific department area. Please complete this short Microsoft form to give consent for your child to attend Open Evening:

<https://forms.office.com/e/2KMb2gDv8W>

To help us prepare for this event, school will finish for all students at 2pm on this date. Unfortunately the school buses are not able to arrive earlier than the usual time that afternoon; you can either make alternative arrangements for your child to get home, or if they need to wait for their normal bus, we will supervise the students on site until the end of the school day.

Student Workshops

We are delighted to be working with two external companies this year to deliver engaging workshops to our students. This month, we have MADE Training delivering 'Stepping Up' to all Year 12 students and 'Rapid Revision' to selected Year 13 students. MADE are also delivering a 'Thinking Big' workshop to Year 7. Alderbrook has a long-standing relationship with MADE and their sessions are always well received by students. More details about the company and the workshops can be found here: [Live Workshops – www.made-training.com](http://www.made-training.com) Next month, we will be welcoming back PET-Xi who will be delivering some English, Maths and Science sessions to selected KS3 pupils: [PET-Xi Training Ltd](#) Again, we have worked with PET-Xi for a number of years now and value the work that they do.

Innovate Catering

Please find attached a letter and tariff list from Innovate, our catering company in school.

Uniform

The students have returned to school looking really smart in their uniform for the new academic year, and I would like to thank parents/carers for your support with this. Just a few reminders regarding uniform:

- Trainers are not to be worn. Shoes should be black leather.
- Hooded tops are not permitted. In the colder weather, coats should be worn over blazers.
- Students may wear a small, single stud in the ear lobe. No other jewellery or piercings are allowed.

Key dates this half term

Wednesday 13 th September	School Photographs for Years 7, 10 and 12
Thursday 14 th September	Key Stage 5 Prize Giving
Monday 18 th September	Year 11 Information Evening
Tuesday 19 th September	Year 13 Progress Evening
Wednesday 20 th September	Open Evening
Monday 25 th September	Year 7 Parents Coffee Morning
Tuesday 26 th September	Open Morning
Wednesday 27 th September	Year 10 Information Evening
Friday 29 th September	Year 12 PGL weekend
Tuesday 3 rd October	Year 7 and 8 e-safety evening



Monday 9th October

Wednesday 11th October

Wednesday 18th October

Thursday 19th October

Wednesday 25th October

Thursday 26th October

Year 9 Information evening

Year 13 Parents Evening

Year 8 Information Evening

Year 7 Parents and Carers: Meet the tutors

Key Stage 4 Presentation Evening

Half Term ends for students

With best wishes



Tom Beveridge
Headteacher



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