

Welcome to Year 8 Information Evening

Wednesday 18th October

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This evening

- Some updates
- The Year ahead
- Homework
- House system
- Well being (Pastoral)
- Key dates

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Relationships are positive and transformational

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A culture of wellbeing and development for all

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A broad and ambitious curriculum for all students

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Students, and particularly our most vulnerable, are at the heart of all we do

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We work in collaboration with many schools serving one community

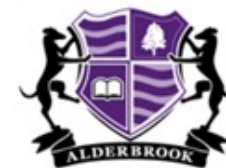
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We work to eliminate discrimination and ensure equality of opportunity

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Relationships between pupils and staff are warm and respectful. Teachers treat pupils as individuals and pupils welcome this.

Pupils and students in the sixth form discuss careers, university aspirations and apprenticeships. This prepares them well for the next stages of their lives

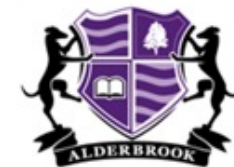
Leaders have developed an ambitious and well-sequenced curriculum, including in the sixth form

Pupils' well-being is at the forefront of leaders' vision, including pupils' mental health.

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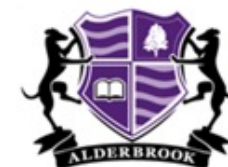
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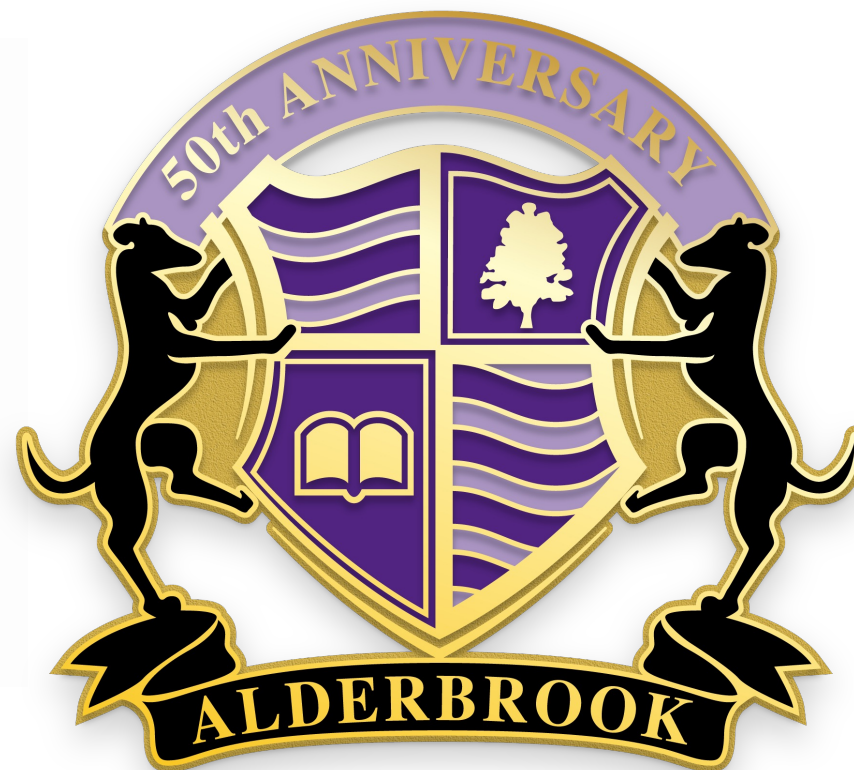
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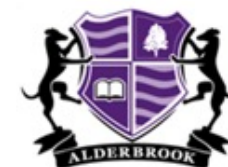
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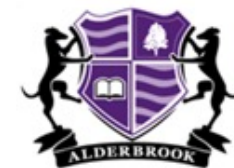
The Year Ahead

- Now settled into secondary school life
- Opportunity to immerse in curricular and extra-curricular life of the school
- Two assessment points in January and June
- Look forward to Options choices next year

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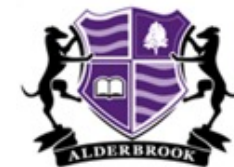
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Homework in KS3

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Homework in KS3

1. The aim of homework at Alderbrook
2. The systems for homework
3. How you can support your child
4. Who to contact

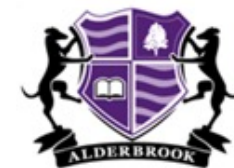
Aim of Homework at Alderbrook

- Develop good study habits and routines for students
- Develop a sense of responsibility
- Continue to encourage reading for pleasure
- Develop Metacognition using Retrieval & Recall techniques
- Minimise the impact of Artificial Intelligence

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Whole School Homework at Alderbrook

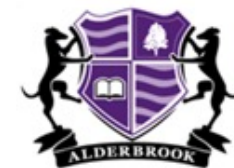
Every 2 weeks students will be expected to complete the following pieces of homework:

1. Complete 10 pages of 'Read/ Transform/ Recall' activities in your homework book
2. Reading regularly

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What is Read / Transform / Recall?

Read

Read through
class notes
web page

Transform

Select a chosen
activity e.g., mind
map, questions,
Cornell notes

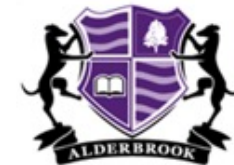
Recall

What
information do
you now
remember?

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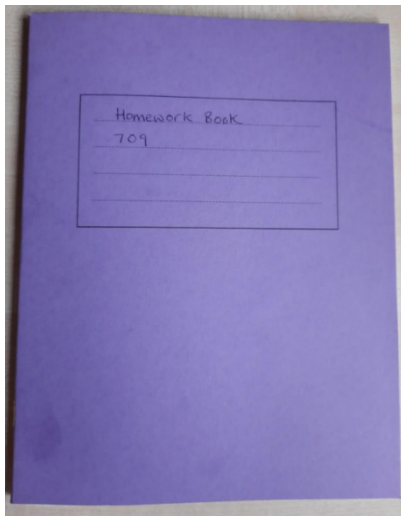


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Complete Read/ Transform/ Recall Activities

Students will need:

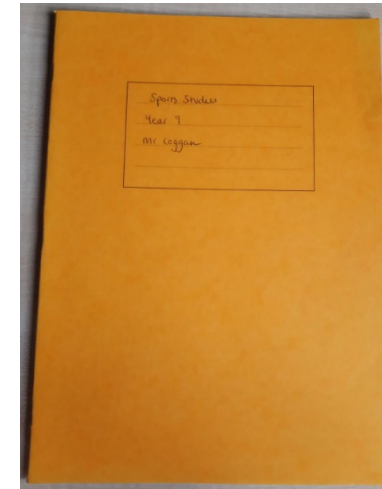
Homework book



Student Planner



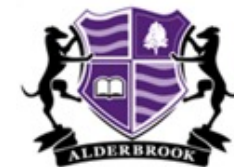
Subject exercise books



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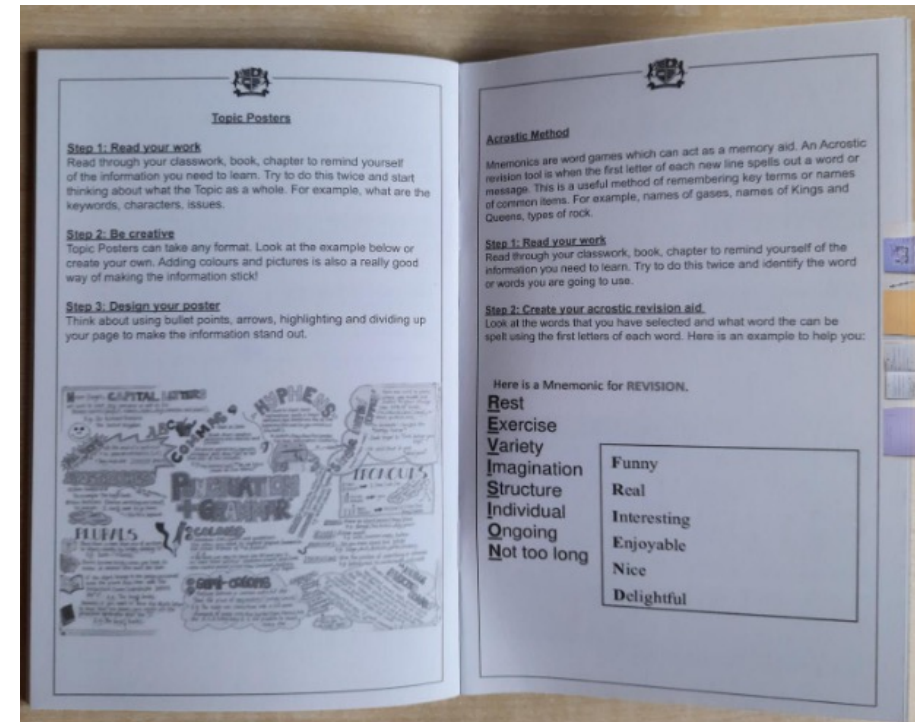
- At the **back** of the planner are pages that show different types of 'Read/ Recall/ Transform' activities:



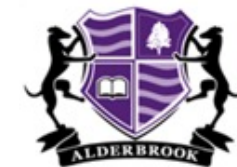
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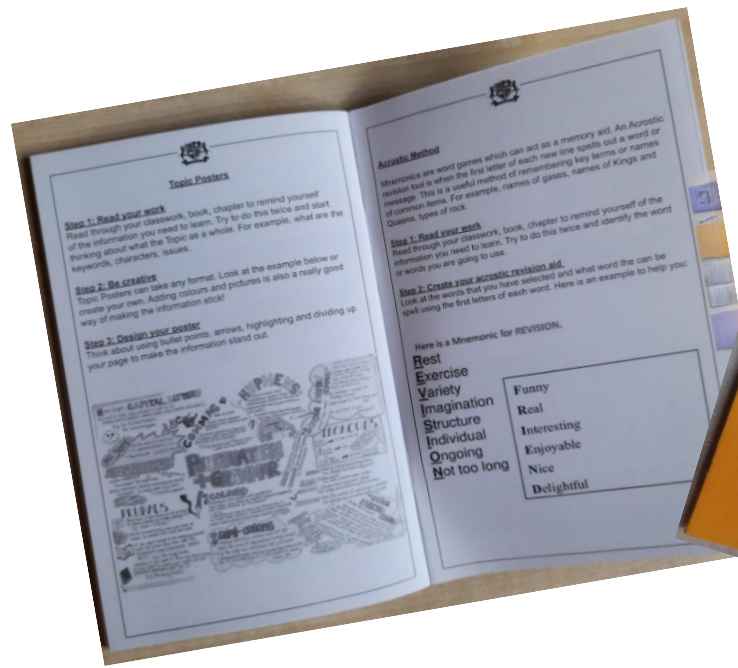
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Complete Read/ Transform/ Recall Activities

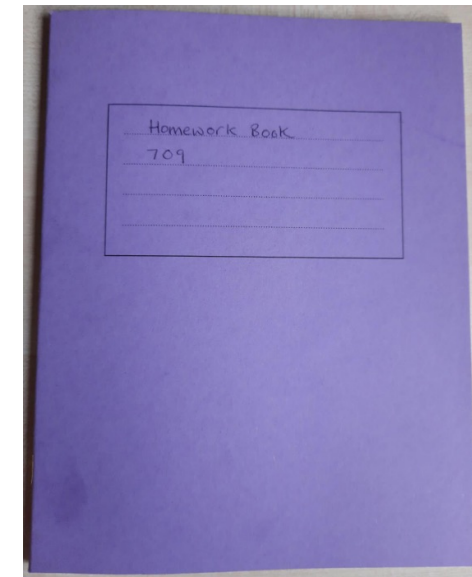
- Select a subject and a topic, and then pick an appropriate activity from the planner.
- Complete the activity on one of the pages in your Homework book



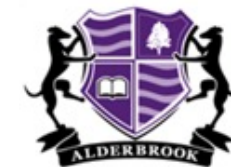
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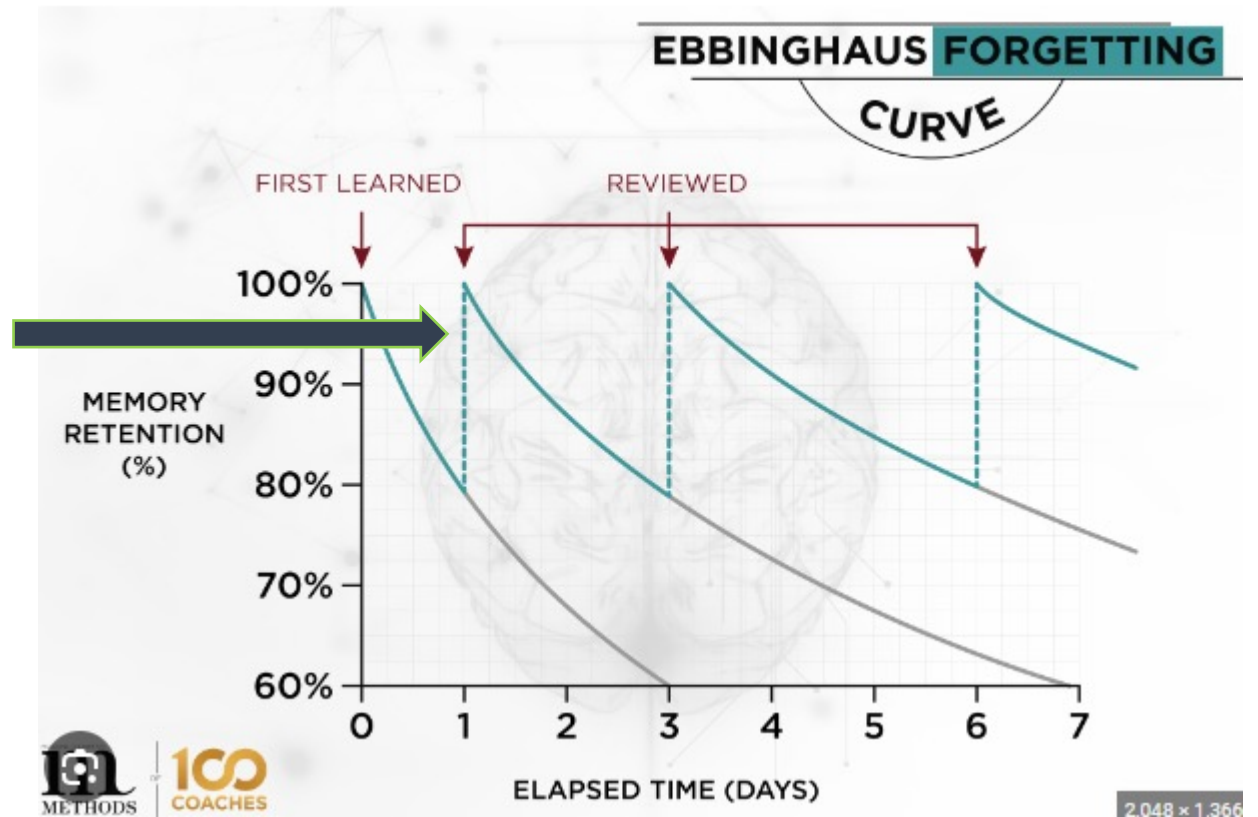
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Why is Recall and Retrieval important?

When we first learn new information, we will forget it over time.

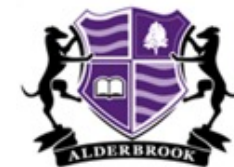
Carrying out 'Read/ Transform/ Recall' activities help students to review the information they have been taught in class meaning they will remember more of the information over time.



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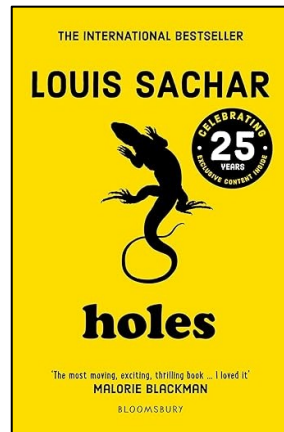
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Reading at Home

Aim:

- To build confidence and enjoyment
- To develop student understanding of different types of texts



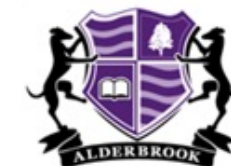
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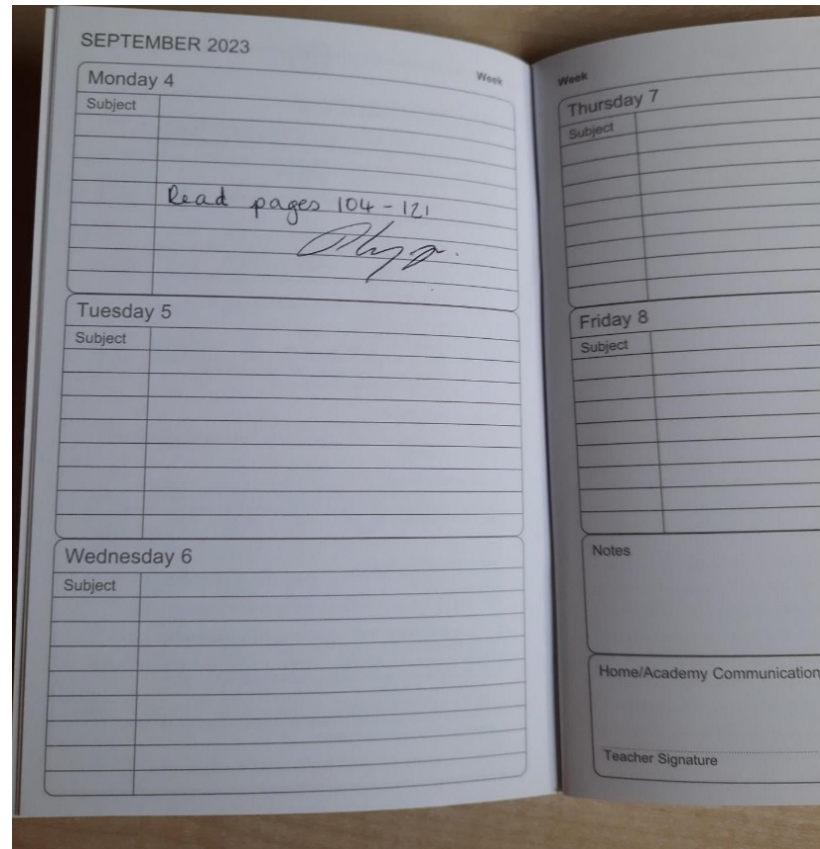
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Recording your reading at home

Every day that your child reads, they record the pages that they have read and get a parent / carer to sign the planner



They can read anything...



Between



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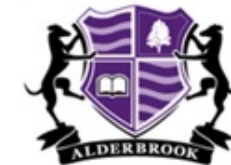


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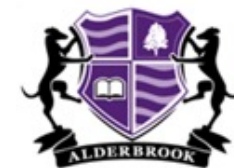
Importance of Reading

- Reduces stress and helps you to relax – allowing teenagers to explore their interests.
- Improves concentration and memory.
- Expands your vocabulary and strengthens your writing ability.
- Enhances your knowledge.
- Increases your imagination and creativity.

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Monitoring Whole School Homework

Form Teachers will check:

- Week 1 – Homework Books
- Week 2 – Reading Diaries

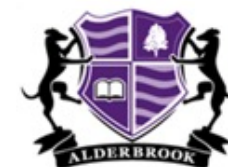
Rewards will be given to students producing excellent work and reading well.

Students will attend Homework Club for support if required

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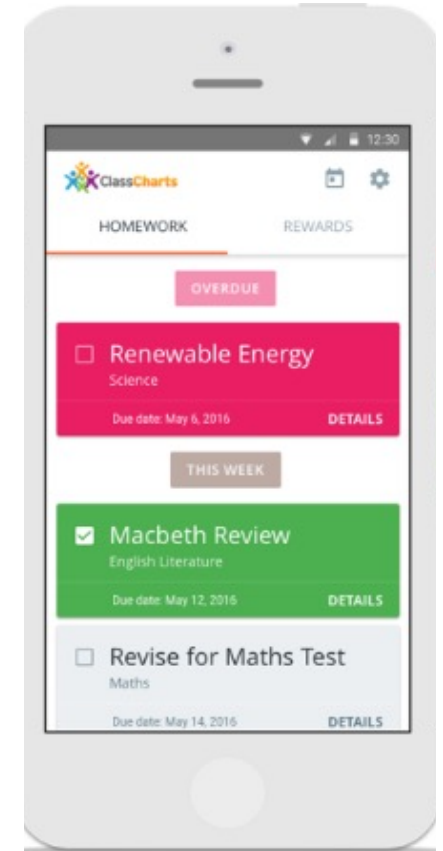
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Departmental Homework

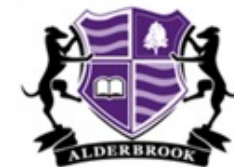
- Subjects will set **1 piece of homework every 2 weeks**
- This will be set for students on ClassCharts, which students can access on phones, tablets, laptops etc.
- If a student has lost their login details, they can get a code from their Teacher



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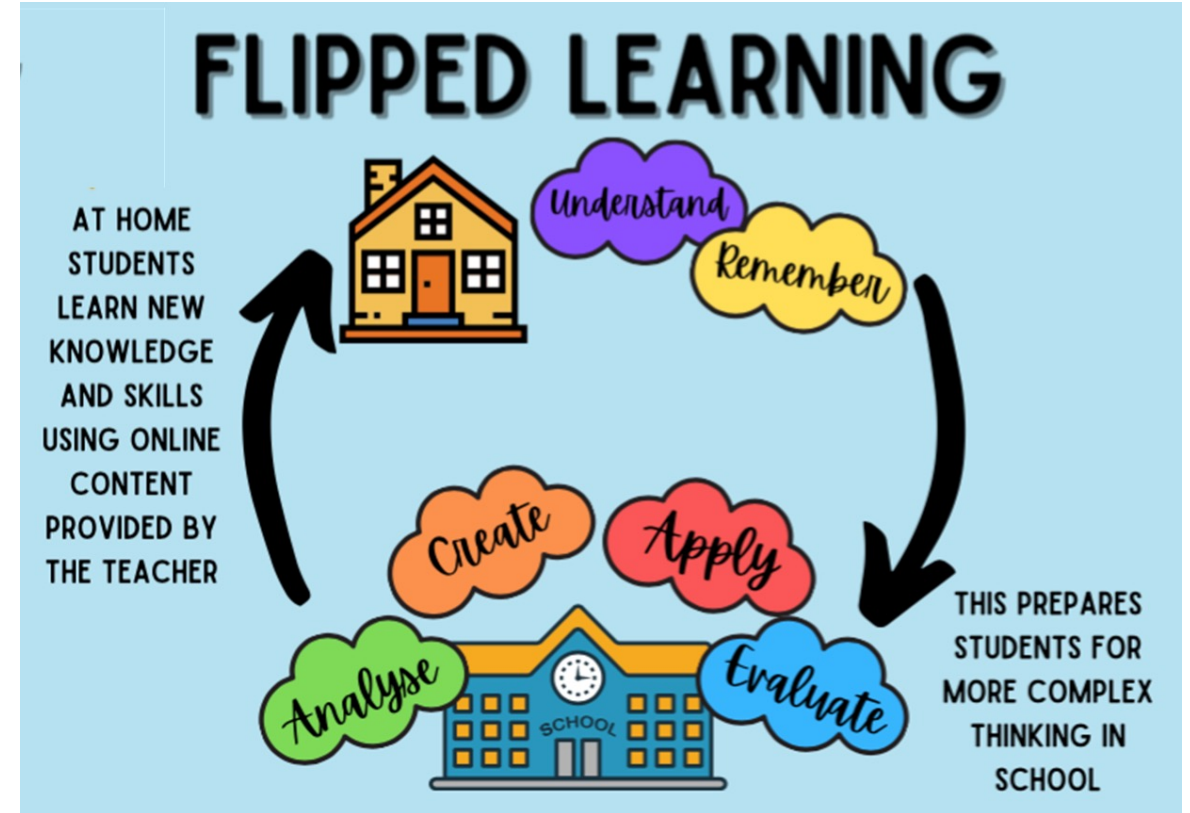
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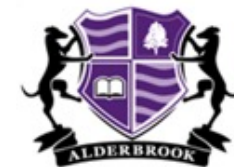
- This homework will be aimed at applying knowledge taught or introducing new knowledge
- Department Homework will be assessed and monitored by Subject Teachers



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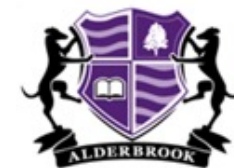
Supporting your child

- Identifying days and times when homework can be completed
- Encourage reading – discuss what they have read
- Praise hard work and effort

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Contact

- Whole School Homework – Form Tutor
- Department Homework – Subject Teacher

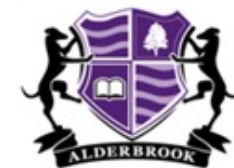
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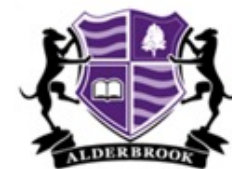
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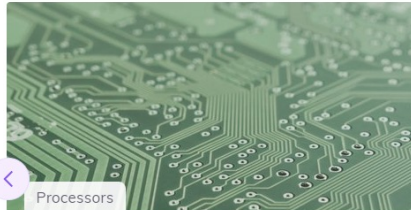
What is Seneca?

- Seneca is an online platform that can be used as an effective & engaging interactive learning and revision tool using

- Dual-Coding
- Elaboration
- Interleaving
- Spaced practice
- Retrieval practice
- Concrete examples
- Practice exam questions (AI Auto-marked)

Elements of Computer Systems

Computer systems are made of hardware and software which work together. Hardware are the physical components of the computer, such as:



Processors

- A processor is a special component that processes data and executes instructions to control other components within the computer.
- The two main types of processor are:
 - Central Processing Unit (CPU).
 - Graphics Processing Unit (GPU).

The TWO main types of processor are:

- ① Central Processing Unit (CPU)
- ② Graphics Processing Unit (GPU)

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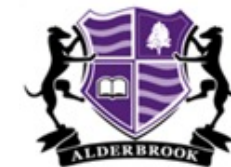
Common examples of general purpose computers include:

Mac	Printer
PC	Satellite TV box
Smartphone	Camera

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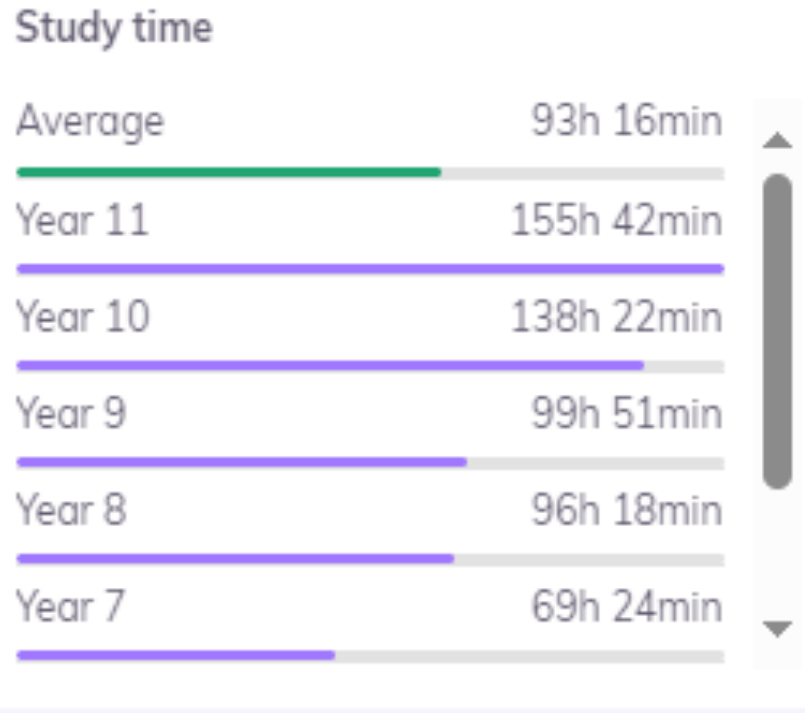
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Pupil engagement – This year



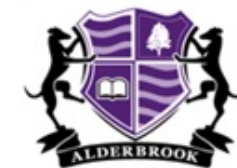
Top students by study time

Ho Zeng	Year 11	7h 6min
Chris Ahmed	Year 13	5h 10min
Hayden Ross	Year 10	5h 6min
Geo Teoh	Year 13	4h 18min
Amos Wale	Year 11	4h 6min
Imro Euford	Year 8	3h 51min
Adrian Williams	Year 10	3h 51min
Yash Singh	Year 11	3h 51min
Saishila Chinn	Year 10	3h 40min
Aweel Hassi	Year 11	3h 38min

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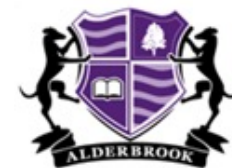
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House system

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2023 / 2024 – New! House System



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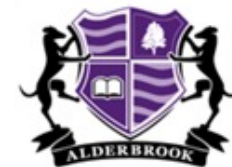
PROUD

NEW: Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 23/24

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Calendared House Events 23/24

October – Bake Off

November – Humanities University Challenge

December – Computing – Live! Escape Room

January – Spelling Bee

March - Maths Challenge

April - Science Competition

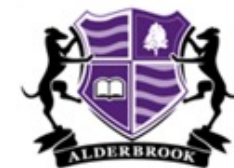
July - Braids Assemblies

July – Athletics Championships

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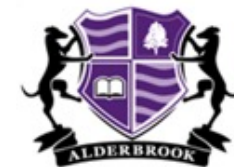
Pupils can also gain house points for:

ACHIEVEMENT COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

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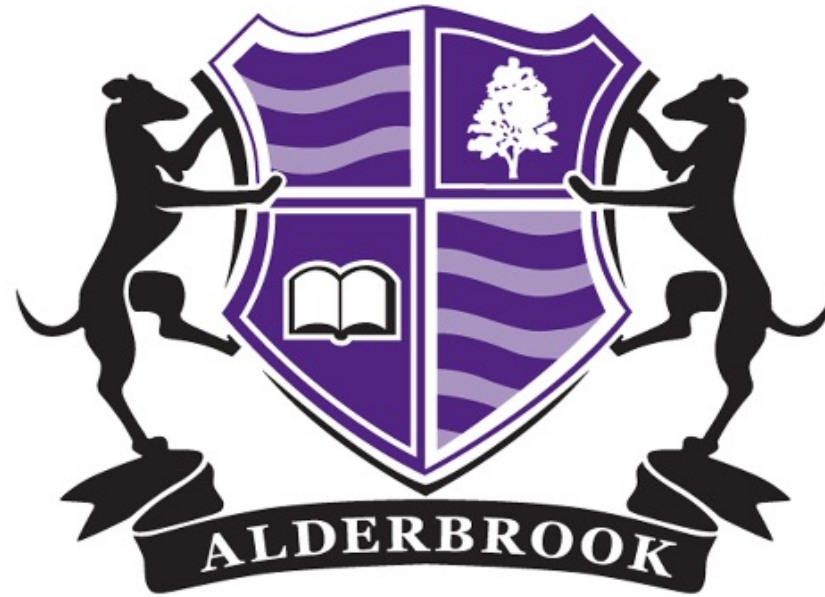
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WELLBEING at ALDERBROOK



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Year 8 Key Staff



Mr Ogan
Assistant Head



Miss Usefnia
Head of Year

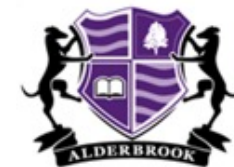


Mrs Wedgbury
Pastoral Manager

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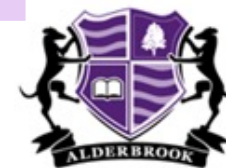
Year 8 Form tutors:

		House
8.01	Miss Fogarty	A
8.02	Ms Szabo	A
8.03	Miss Chana	A
8.04	Mr Kahlon	B
8.05	Miss Murray	B
8.06	Mr Oni	B
8.07	Miss Kierfert	K
8.08	Mr Rahim	K
8.09	Miss Longshaw	K
8.10	Mr Ahmed	P
8.11	Miss Abid	P
8.12	Ms Manghnani	P

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Pastoral contact

For all curriculum related matters,
please email

office@alderbrook.solihull.sch.uk

FAO – Curriculum leader

- Office@alderbrook.solihull.sch.uk
- Form tutor
- Head of year/Pastoral manager

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Other useful contact numbers & Websites

- **Kooth** is a free, safe and anonymous online counselling and support service that we would recommend. Students have been introduced to the website in assemblies <https://www.kooth.com/>
- Children can talk to a **ChildLine counsellor** 24 hours a day about anything that is worrying them by ringing 0800 11 11 or in an online chat at <http://www.childline.org.uk/Talk/Chat/Pages/OnlineChat.aspx>
- If parents or carers are concerned that their child is being contacted by adults as a result of having shared sexual imagery they should report to **NCA-CEOP** at www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre
- If parents and carers are concerned about their child, they can contact the **NSPCC** Helpline by ringing 0800 800 5000, by emailing help@nspcc.org.uk, or by texting 88858. They can also ring the Online Safety Helpline by ringing 0800 800 5002.

Thank you!

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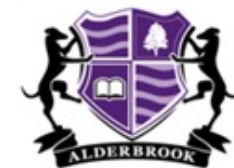
- **Continue to embody our school values** (Ambition, Bravery, Kindness and Proud)
- **Navigating the students through the challenges of the upcoming years**
Discovering themselves as teenagers –who am I and who do I want to be?
- **Continued collaborative** working with you the parents/carers/guardians

Please get ready to make a note of key dates regarding Year 8

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Year 8 Key Dates

- Assessment Period 1: 8th January - 15th January 2024
- Parents Evening: 21st March 2024
- Assessment Period 2: 3rd June- 10th June 2024
- Unmissable events: July 2024

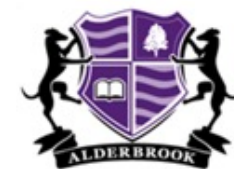
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PE	Parents' Consultation Evenings
IVE	Year 11 or 13 Intervention Evening
TE	Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening
IFE	Information Evening/ Year 7 Q&A
	Dates of External Examinations
AP	Assessment Period
DD1S	Data Drop 1S - settling in, so no progress data
DD1	Data Drop 1 - all data
DD2	Data Drop 2 - all data and FT comments
MR	Mock Results

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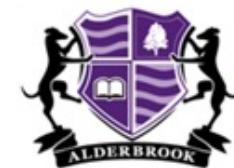
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