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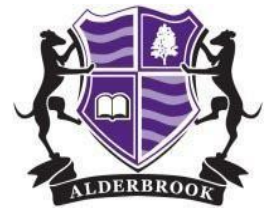
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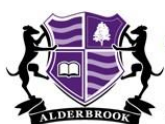
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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are almost upon our first half term break since Christmas. Our year 11s have conducted themselves with maturity and applied themselves well in their mock exams, so well done year 11s! It is another very short half term up to Easter, so please encourage your year 11 to attend catch up or revision sessions after school and take full advantage of the support on offer as they move towards their end of school exams in the summer. Year 13 will be starting their mock exams straight after half term, we wish them the very best for their exams. We are running Masterclasses for Year 11 and 13 students in the first week of the Easter holidays and shall be contacting parents/carers about these shortly after half-term.

Even though it has been a very short half term, there have been plenty of activities in school, ranging from an in-house Spanish theatre production for our MFL students through to a trip to Shrewsbury Prison this week for our Year 13 students studying Criminology and Sociology. The Spelling Bee competition led by Mrs Tierney, our whole school Reading Lead, was well attended and fiercely fought to produce very worthy winners! Thanks to Mrs Tierney and the students who took part.

A highlight of this half term has been the official opening of our new building. We have all had the opportunity to enjoy this facility since the beginning of the new academic year and have had very positive feedback from our staff, students and visitors. We were delighted to welcome the Mayor of Solihull, Councillor Diana Hol-Allen MBE, to officially open the new build on the 18th of January, which has now been named the Annette Scott building. This is to acknowledge and celebrate the long service and incredible support that Mrs Scott, our Chair of Trustees, has given to Alderbrook over many years. The evening was a true celebration of our school's history and our future aspirations. Please follow the link below for an article that appeared in the Birmingham Mail if you haven't already seen this.



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A reminder that you can find a list of statutory school policies on our school website at <https://www.alderbrookschool.co.uk/school-policies/> The latest versions of all policies are available to view and I would draw your attention to the Attendance Policy which has recently been updated and re-published.

Can I please ask parents/carers to support our uniform policy in school. Unfortunately, some students are wearing hooded tops; these are not allowed in school and will be confiscated. Equally, students need to wear black shoes (trainers or pumps are not permitted).

Lastly, please find attached the Spring edition of the Nursing Service Newsletter [here](#) which has some helpful information including around Children's Mental Health awareness week, 5-11 February.

This half term ends on Friday 9th February at the normal time, with students returning to school on Monday 19th February.

Best wishes



Tom Beveridge
Headteacher