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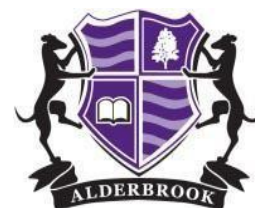
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Dear Parents/Carers

We come to the end of another short but very busy half term. We've had plenty of trips running again this half term, with our Music and Art departments out to various locations including a music experience at The Cavern in Liverpool. A group of our students have taken part in a joint initiative with the Solihull Cultural Education Partnership to explore their experiences of settling into a new secondary school and local community; this culminated in their artwork and a video being shown at Cineworld to a gathering of other schools who had also taken part. Our Year 12 Geographers have been at Nettlecombe Centre for a week, and many other trips and experiences have been put on for our students. We have also seen success from our sports teams, with the Years 8, 9 and 10 basketball teams winning the Solihull Schools Basketball League, and our Year 10 boys football team earning a place in the final of the Aston Villa Cup which will be held at Villa Park at the end of May. I would like to thank our staff for ensuring our students across all the year groups have such a rich and varied curriculum and extra curricular offer to support their studies and their interests.

On our return from the Easter holidays our year 10s will be taking their mock examinations and we only have a few short weeks before the official exam season for our year 11s begins, so whilst we wish all of our students an enjoyable and restful Easter break, please also encourage windows of exam revision and preparation. A reminder to Year 11s and 13s that workshops are running next Monday to Wednesday in school, and you have been notified if your child has a place on any workshop. Our staff have been offering lots of practical exam advice and signposting to appropriate materials, and this week all Year 11s attended a workshop on revision techniques by an external provider called MADE. Thank you to the parents and carers who joined MADE's afterschool session to hear those key messages in support of their child's revision programme and we hope you found this helpful.

Measles – an important reminder

Please find a letter below from Ruth Tennant, Director of Public Health Solihull with an important reminder for the MMR vaccine.

https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/topic_files/UKSOLIHULL/UKSOLIHULL_200/2024/03/21/file_attachments/2822110/Measles-letter-to-schools-2024-03-24_2822110.pdf

Absence from PE

A reminder that if your child cannot do PE your child must bring in a signed and dated letter for their PE teacher explaining the reasons, or add a note to their planner. Longer term absences, for medical reasons



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for example, will require medical confirmation and in the first instance please contact your child's PE teacher and School Nurse, Ms Mistry, through 201office@alderbrook.solihull.sch.uk and appropriate steps can be put in place. Thank you for your assistance.

Term dates

Please find a link below to the term dates for September 2024 – July 2025, including our five INSET days, which we hope you find helpful with any date planning you have in mind.

<https://www.alderbrookschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/School-Year-2024.pdf>

Important message – Rail Safety

Please find below an article sent to us from Heart of England Community Railway Partnership. They have asked us to share the link below which contains some hard-hitting information about rail safety, following the tragic death of a Year 7 student from another school. They recommend that parents view the attached materials and video with their children.

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If you would like to view this video you will need to follow the link above and in the centre of the Heart of England Community Partnership logo please press the play arrow and register under the box that says 'I need to register for the livestream'. You will have an option to register as a parent and once completed you can go back to the logo and put your email address in and view the video.

I wish you all and your families a very relaxing and enjoyable Easter break and look forward to welcoming all year groups back to school on Monday 8 April 2024.

Best wishes



Tom Beveridge
Headteacher