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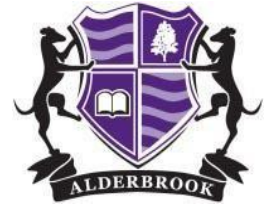
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Dear Parents/Carers

18 July 2024

A few items to finish a very busy summer term and some information which I hope will be helpful for planning in the new academic year.

Additional INSET day

Earlier this term we published the proposed INSET days for the next academic year. I would like to notify you that the School Trustees and I have made the decision to add one further INSET day to the school calendar, on Friday 27th June 2025. The reason for this extra day is to enable staff to complete statutory training ahead of the following academic year, something that we struggle to find capacity for in our current training allowance. We hope that adding the day towards the end of the academic year will give parents and carers plenty of time to make childcare arrangements, and it will not impact learning time for our examination students in Years 11 and 13. The INSET days for next year are therefore as follows:

Monday 2 September 2024

Tuesday 3 September 2024

Monday 6 January 2025

Friday 11 April 2025

Friday 27th June 2025

Monday 21 July 2025

September return to school plan for students

A schedule for all year groups is [here](#). Please take a few moments to check which day and time your child will be expected in school following our two INSET days on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September.

Key dates for September return

As well as our student schedule above, can I flag a few key dates for the first half term.

Year 12 Induction Evening – Wednesday 4 September – details to follow

KS5 Presentation Evening – Thursday 12 September – details to follow

School photos – Years 7,10 and 12 – Thursday 19 September

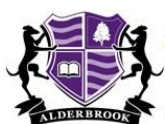
Whole school open evening – EARLY FINISH AT 2 pm – Wednesday 25 September

Open morning – Monday 30 September

Year 11 Information Evening – Wednesday 2 October

Year 13 Parents Evening – Thursday 17 October

Year 7 Meet the Tutors – Thursday 24 October



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Uniform and equipment, ready for September

Please ensure you refer to our uniform list when you are buying or replenishing uniform over the summer, so that it meets our standards. In particular, shoes must be plain black leather. Trainers or pumps are strictly not allowed to be worn to school. Included [here](#) is a quick reminder of our uniform expectations that we'll be using in school next year. Please also ensure that your son or daughter has all of the equipment they will need for the new academic year. A copy of the uniform list and the equipment list can be found in our parent handbook (which can be located on our website).

Catering news

Our Catering company, Innovate, have asked us to share details of some offers and promotions that will be running next year. Details of these can be found in the Parents section of the website.

Solihull Parent/Carer Voice

Please find below details that we have been asked to circulate about a number of free workshops to support the Health and Wellbeing of Parents and Carers in a caring role. A poster with details of the dates of the next three Healthy Parent Carer courses is attached [here](#)

Solihull Parent Carer Voice offer a Healthy Parent Carer Course, free for parents / carers and delivered by parents / carers and is about supporting YOUR emotional well being as a parent carer. If you would like to book to attend one of the courses, please complete **ONE** of the following forms: Note - attendance is for 6 sessions in one of the blocks below. They cannot be mixed. It is appreciated that as a carer you may miss a session, but a commitment to the 6 will enable you to take value from the whole course.

September course

<https://forms.office.com/r/bxxA7VnXeW>

January course

<https://forms.office.com/r/nkg60VPUs6>

March course

<https://forms.office.com/r/DyrRRLxuA1>

Family hubs

Please find information on Solihull Family Hubs [here](#). A Family Hub is a place where children, young people and families can go for services, advice and to meet other families.

Free summer swimming festival

As part of the Solihull on the Move summer programme, Blythe Barracudas Swim Club and Everyone Active have joined forces to offer a free swimming festival. The sessions will be fun filled and tailored to all ability levels, specifically aimed at increasing water confidence and low-confidence swimmers. They are at Tudor Grange and North Solihull and there is [more information](#) available.

Fresh air theatre festival



Fresh Air Theatre festival - what's on?

[Fresh Air Theatre](#) is a brand new cultural festival from Solihull Culture, bringing more than 40 FREE events to parks across Solihull this summer. Supported by the West Midlands Combined Authority's [Commonwealth Games Legacy Fund](#), an exciting programme features performances from world class theatre, dance, music and physical theatre companies.

VIEW THE FULL FRESH AIR THEATRE PROGRAMME

End of year celebration newsletter

As promised please find our end of year Celebration Newsletter [here](#). It showcases just some of the events, trips and opportunities on offer to our students over the last couple of terms alone and pays tribute to the dedication and care our staff have to their subject, the profession and your children. Thank you for your ongoing support of all school events – we couldn't do it without you!

I wish all of our students and their families a very relaxing and enjoyable summer break and look forward to welcoming the students back with us in September.

Best wishes

Tom Beveridge
Headteacher