

# Alderbrook School

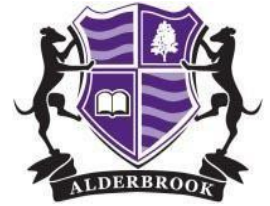
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Dear Parents/Carers

12 September 2024

It has been a pleasure to welcome all of our students back to school last week and our new year 7 and external year 12 students are settling in very well as they join our Alderbrook community.

## Excellent start to the academic year

A huge thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support. Whilst uniform and punctuality have been excellent, as you might expect, our continued drive to make Alderbrook a truly phone free site has been met with acceptance and compliance by our students. Staff have noticed significant changes in the ways students are interacting with other, particularly at the start and end of the school day.

## Key Dates for this Half Term

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

Year 7 parent/carers Coffee morning – Monday 23 September at 8.45am – ***please complete the MS form sent out in a letter to you last week and we look forward to meeting you!***

Whole school Open Evening – EARLY FINISH AT 2pm – Wednesday 25 September

Open Morning – Monday 30 September

Year 11 Information Evening – Wednesday 2 October

Year 13 Parents Evening – Thursday 17 October

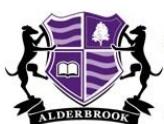
Year 7 Meet the Tutors – Thursday 24 October

## Open Evening – Wednesday 25 September

We look forward to welcoming parents/carers and prospective students to our Open Evening on Wednesday 25 September, which starts at 5.30 pm, with Headteacher presentations at 5.45 pm, 6.30 pm and 7.15 pm. Full details can be found [here](#) and on our school website. There will be an early finish at 2.00pm. Unfortunately the bus companies are unable to pick up at this earlier time, so any students who are unable to make alternative arrangements will be supervised until usual pick up time of 3.00 pm. Information on consent for your child to help out with tours and other duties at Open Evening will be coming out next week. We are very proud of our student ambassadors and they are a great talking point for the school!

## Alderbrook School Trust Board and introducing our new Chair of Trustees

Please find attached a letter [here](#) which outlines the very important role that our Board of Trustees plays in the support and strategic direction of our school. We are also delighted to confirm that David Evans is our new Chair of



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Trustees following the retirement of Annette Scott as Chair after over 20 years in this role. Annette is staying with us on the Trustee board and we thank her for her long standing support of the school. The letter includes an introduction from David and I am sure many of our parents and carers will get to know David at our school events across the year.

### **School Buses**

All new school bus passes should now have been collected from the school office. Beginning Monday 16th September school bus drivers will not accept the old passes from last year. If students don't have their new pass then they will be refused entry to the bus. If there are any issues please contact the school office.

### **Taste of teaching event – Tuesday 8 October 2024, 1.00 pm**

In conjunction with Tudor Grange Teaching School Hub, we are delighted to host this event. If any of our parents or carers are considering a career in teaching we would be delighted to see you there – more information can be found [here](#). Just one amendment, the presentation will take place first at 1.00 pm, followed by the tour and a Q & A session. If you are thinking of coming along, can we ask you not to bring your car onto site as parking is limited.


### **Mid-Autumn festival – Touchwood – Saturday 14 September 11-4 pm**

Our colleagues at Solihull Council have asked us to make our parents and carers aware of a Mid-Autumn Festival celebration taking place in Touchwood Shopping Centre on Saturday. Families are welcome to enjoy a free event involving lion dance, music, food and arts and crafts. The flyer with further details is attached [here](#).

### **Reminders**

Unless you have specific permission or a parking pass, please do not drive onto site to drop off or pick up your child. If your child is coming back to school from an appointment please drop them off and they can come into school through the pedestrian gate. If you do need to take your child out of school for an appointment please send an email in with the appointment letter to [absence@alderbrook.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:absence@alderbrook.solihull.sch.uk) or write a note in your child's planner. Your child will then be released from their lesson to sign out. We do not have the capacity to collect children from lessons and bring them to you. Parents/carers must collect their child from Reception which is based in the Annette Scott Building opposite the visitor car park. Lastly, please do not come onto site to deliver forgotten PE kit, homework etc. We have spare uniform in school and this is an important area of responsibility for your child to remember their day to day requirements at school.

Best wishes



**Tom Beveridge**  
**Headteacher**