

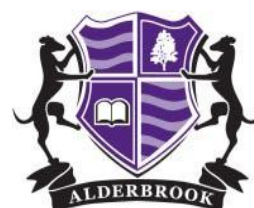
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Dear Parents/Carers

Smartphones

Thank you to parents and carers who attended our Smartphone event on Tuesday evening. We heard from a panel of experts regarding the issues surrounding Smartphone use by young people and welcomed parents of school-aged children from across Solihull. The presentations used at the event are available [here](#).

New communication system

Following February half term, we will be using a new management information system at Alderbrook. This means that SimsParent will no longer be used and will need to be replaced by My Child at School (MCAS). However, there will be a period of up to two weeks after half term where some data will not be visible, such as attendance data and timetables. This is to allow for configuring and testing which cannot take place until the system is live. Following this period of testing we will be in touch to confirm logins and take you through this new system.

We don't anticipate any issues with ParentPay, however, can we suggest that if possible, you add a little extra w/c 10 February to ensure the account is topped up for the first week back after February half term. We will continue to use Classcharts which will be unaffected by this system change.

Can we please ask that if you have recently changed your email address that you notify us at 201office@alderbrook.solihull.sch.uk and we will update the records before transfer. Lastly can we ask you to add abkbromcom@alderbrook.solihull.sch.uk to your safe senders list to ensure you receive emails sent out from the system.

Year 11 Parent Workshop – 10th February

A reminder to all Year 11 parents that Tuesday is the deadline to sign up for the Year 11 parent workshop we are running on Monday 10th February at 5pm on how to support your child as they prepare for their GCSEs. The workshop will equip parents with practical ways to help your son or daughter revise for their examinations. To confirm your attendance at this event, please complete this short form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/NAFerS02T9>

Uniform Reminders

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents about our uniform policy. Students are not permitted to wear trainers or hoodies and girls' socks should be ankle or knee length (over the knee socks are not to be worn). We would appreciate your support in upholding our high expectations for uniform.



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New menus

Please see attached the new menu refresh which was launched to our students at the beginning of term. Main meals, hot and cold deli have been updated along with a new Wrap of the Day. Further information can be found [here](#).


Hong Kong Exhibition

We have been asked to pass on an invitation from our colleagues at the Resettlement Team at Solihull Council, to come along to the Heritage Gallery in the Core Library for a unique exhibition celebrating the culture and history of Hong Kong. This event, supported by a group of BNO Hong Kong volunteers, offers a glimpse into the heritage, traditions, and stories that define this vibrant city.

 Date: Now until Saturday, 15 February 2025

 Venue: Heritage Gallery, Core Library

 Admission: Free

 Open to Everyone

Perfect for families, students, and anyone curious about its cultural treasures! Poster is [here](#).

Pharmacy First

Please see information [here](#) from our colleagues at Solihull Council regarding Pharmacy First which is an NHS service being offered from pharmacies across England for children and adults.

Dates for your diary

Monday 10 February - MADE revision workshop for year 11s during the day and parents at 5pm


Spelling Bee for years 7,8,9 w.c. 10 February

Wednesday 12 February - NT Connections Show Year 10 and Year 11 students

Thursday 13 February – House Talent Show – Malley Hall 3.30 pm

17- 21 February 2025 – Half term

Best wishes



Tom Beveridge
Headteacher

