

Alderbrook School

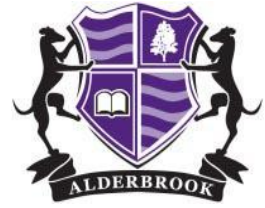
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Dear Parents and Carers

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It has been lovely to welcome our students back to school for the new year, and thank you for your support with the school closure last Friday. Our Year 11s are showing a mature and focussed attitude to their mock exams and we will be sending parents and carers further information about support being put in place for students in the run up to their summer exams in due course.

Housekeeping reminders

Can we please stress that parents and carers must not come onto site unless you have an appointment with a school colleague or a pre-arranged agreement to do so. We have taken steps to ensure the school site is as free from traffic as possible during the school day to uphold the safety of our students around the site; minimising pick ups and drop offs is an important part of this.

If your child has an external appointment, please email in advance to absence@alderbrook.solihull.sch.uk with the details of the appointment and include a note in your child's planner which will enable the teacher to release your child from lessons. We do not have the capacity to fetch students from classrooms during a lesson. All students leaving site for whatever reason must be collected from our reception where they will be handed over.

Work experience – Solihull Council – February Half term

Please see attached details [here](#) of Youth Voice Network work experience to be held during February half term. This will give participants new skills around a career in Local Government, Public Health or Community Development and the deadline for any interested student to apply is **5.00 pm on 2nd February 2026**.

Lunar New Year market – 7 February 2026 – Alderbrook School – 10.00 am – 4.00 pm

Please see details [here](#) of an exciting event due to be held at school on 7 February. There will be a Lion dance, music performances and many stalls. The attached poster gives you a QR code where you can pre-book for priority entry (£1 per person) or you can pay at the door. We hope to see many of you there!

Widney Junior School are also hosting a coffee morning for Hong Kong families on the 20th January at school, between 9.00 and 10.30 am. The Outreach and Engagement Officer, Yan Yeung from Solihull Council will be there to meet you. Details can be found [here](#).

Pre-loved uniform sale

We are holding a uniform sale on Wednesday 28th January 3-4pm in The Blue Room (by the Sports Hall) so do come along if you need to purchase any items. Pedestrian access will only be available from 3pm via our Dingle Lane gate. We are sorry but there will be no parking available on site for this event. If you have any uniform donations, please send them into school. Donation boxes are located in reception and by First Aid. The funds raised from our uniform sales help purchase all the 'added extra' items for students like sports team kits and resources for extra-curricular clubs.

Trainers

We do appreciate that shoes can be an expensive item for parents to buy and recognise the speed with which some students grow out of shoes. Students should not, however, wear trainers to school of any colour or design.

Only pupils who have a medical note are permitted to wear trainers in school.

Students who are injured, or who have a medical condition, will be seen by our school nurse, who will issue students with a note to show staff, which will also include a date in which the student will be expected to wear their school shoes.

Pupils who wear trainers to school, regardless of whether they have replacement shoes on order, will be directed to change into the shoes provided. Their trainers will be returned to them at the end of the school day. This is a message that is reinforced continually by staff. Should pupils have PE on any particular day, they will only wear trainers for this lesson.

As well as Uniform Checks at the start of P1, Senior members of staff will be checking uniform over the course of the coming weeks.

Year 7 disco – Friday 6th February 6-7.30pm

Year 7 parents will be receiving a letter about the Year 7 disco which is taking place on Friday 6th February. Tickets will go on sale soon on ParentPay. There are 150 tickets available which will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. The attached poster has more details.

Calendar reminders

w.c. 12 & 19 January – Year 11 mocks

Thursday 22 January – Year 9 Parents Evening

w.c. 26 January – Year 7 assessments

Wednesday 28 January – Pre-loved Uniform sale, 3.00 pm, Sports Hall

w.c. 2 February – Year 13 assessments

9th & 10th February – Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

12th February – Year 12 Parents' Evening

Best wishes



Mr T Beveridge
Headteacher