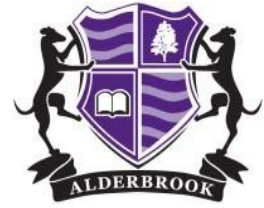


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Dear Parents and Carers

20 March 2026

As this short half term is coming to a close next Thursday, below are a few items to bring to your attention.

Meningitis outbreak in Kent

You may have seen coverage in the news about the outbreak of invasive meningococcal disease – a form of meningitis – in Kent.

The UK Health Security Agency has produced a [blog - What is meningitis? Symptoms, risks and how to protect yourself](#) It includes information about the vaccinations that are available which provide protection against some forms of meningitis and septicaemia.

The UKHSA has also produced some [communications resources](#) which aim to share information about these cases, to raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of meningitis and septicaemia, and the actions people should take if they require medical attention.

Travel disruption in the Middle East

The Local Authority has issued the below advice in case any of our families are affected with travel disruption in the Middle East:

The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) now advise against all but essential travel to the following countries: [Bahrain](#), [Israel](#), [Kuwait](#), [Palestine](#), [Qatar](#) and the [United Arab Emirates](#) (including Dubai). British nationals currently in these areas are advised to shelter in place, remain indoors, avoid travel and follow local authority instructions. Families in affected regions are advised to register their presence with the UK government.

Significant airspace disruption means many flights have been cancelled, and repatriation may take time. Schools have been advised to ensure families have provided their travel location and planned return date.

For families needing support:

- FCDO travel information links above for the specific countries
- [Guidance on dealing with overseas crises](#)
- [British embassies and consulates worldwide](#)

New menus in our catering outlets after Easter

Please find new Spring menus from Innovate, our Catering company, in the links below:

[Innovate Halal & Non Halal Restaurant Menu - April 26 - Print A3 & A4.pdf](#)

[Secondary New Spring Menu Update Apr-26.pdf](#)

NHS consultation - share your views

The Local Authority has asked us to share the following information with our parents and carers:

'The NHS in Birmingham and Solihull is running a public consultation on proposals to make changes to Urgent Treatment Centres and GP out-of-hours services. The consultation closes on 16 April.

- [Online survey](#)
- [More information](#)

Free road safety digital magazines – Solihull Council – to share with our parents and carers

Solihull Council have a range of free [road safety magazines](#) online. Whether you're an older driver, biker, avid cyclist or your child is learning to drive there are some great tips and advice.

Anti knife crime meeting – Saturday 21 March 2026

Please find below information we have been asked to share with our parents and carers:

Anti - Knife Crime Meeting
Shirley, Solihull

Shirley British Legion, Parkgate,
186 Stratford Rd, B90 3GG
Saturday 21st March 2026
5- 8pm
Park in Asda Car Park
Speakers include:
Alison - anti-violence speaker,
Inspector Mitchell Darby- West Midlands Police
Cllr Alison Wilson- Shirley West
Children Year 8 and above and all adults
welcome!

Uniform Expectations:

As the weather begins to warm up, a reminder please that students are welcome to leave their outdoor coats at home, **but they must wear their blazer to school every day without exception.** Students are to wear their blazers around school and teachers will allow them to take them off in lessons. Ties must also be worn every day and replaced if lost. In terms of footwear, trainers are not to be worn in school. Students who arrive to school without the correct footwear will be given shoes to wear. Our shoes are largely brand new and we have shoes in every size. Examples of unacceptable footwear are below.

EXAMPLES OF UNACCEPTABLE SHOES



Year 11 GCSE preparation

It has been wonderful to see so many students booking places on our Easter masterclasses, which are taking place during the first three days of the Easter holidays. May I also take this opportunity to remind parents/carers that all Year 11 students should be staying in school until 4pm (on every school night except Monday) so that they can attend the revision and intervention sessions that staff deliver. As we get close to the public examinations starting, now is the time for students to be putting in 100% effort and making the most of all the sessions that are available in school. We are here to support them every step of the way so that they achieve success in the summer.

Year 9 AP2 assessments

Year 9 students will be sitting their AP2 assessments straight after Easter. We wish them every success in these examinations.

Calendar reminders

Tuesday 24 March – Spring concert- book your tickets here:

<https://www.alderbrookschool.co.uk/alderbrook-productions/>

Wednesday 25 March – Year 13 Intervention evening

Thursday 26 March – End of term for students, returning on Monday 13 April

Friday 27 March – INSET day (school is open for staff only and GCSE students invited to complete NEA)

Monday 13 April – start of Summer term and return to school for all year groups. We are returning on Week 1

Wednesday 15 April – Year 8 Parents Evening

w.c. 20 April – MFL GCSE French and Spanish speaking exams

The school day will finish at the usual time on Thursday 26 March with school buses scheduled as normal.

Eid Mubarak to all families celebrating today, and I wish all of our families and students a restful Easter break.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr T Beveridge'.

Mr T Beveridge
Headteacher