

Alderbrook School & Sixth Form

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**Welcome to
Alderbrook!
2026**

WELCOME

Message from the Headteacher



I am delighted that you have accepted the place offered to your child at Alderbrook School for September 2026. I look forward to working together with you and your child in a supportive partnership that will ensure your child has a successful and rewarding experience over the coming years.

We are really happy that we are able to offer your child a two-day transition and a Summer School at our school where we will run a range of activities to help your child settle in to life at Alderbrook.

Mr Tom Beveridge

Message from the Associate Assistant Headteacher Year 7



We are very excited to meet you and your child at our transition days and events. There are a number of different opportunities for your children to get to know the school and our teachers. We are welcoming Year 6 students from a range of different schools so your son/daughter does not need to worry about making new friends if they are the only child coming from their primary school. Hopefully this booklet will provide help with any questions you may have.

Mr Chris Finnegan

Year 7 Pastoral team

Your child will have a Pastoral Manager, Head of Year and form tutor who support the students within a year group. The Pastoral Manager's role is to support students in Year 7 with their transition from primary school. The Pastoral Manager is based in Pastoral and will be out at break and lunch time to support your child. If your child is lost or needs some help or important information, they can go to Pastoral where they will be given the information and support they require.

TERM DATES

Early in the Autumn Term, a calendar of the main events of the school year will be available and published on the school website. This will include examinations, parents' meetings, music and drama productions, issuing of school reports and other occasions <https://www.alderbrookschoo.co.uk/school-calendar/>

School Year

September 2026 - July 2027

Autumn Term 2026

- **Term Starts:** Tuesday 1 September 2026
- **Half Term:** Monday 26 October 2026 to Friday 30 October 2026
- **Term Ends:** Friday 18 December 2026

Spring Term 2027

- **Term Starts:** Monday 4 January 2027
- **Half Term:** Monday 15 February 2027 to Friday 19 February 2027
- **Term Ends:** Thursday 25 March 2027

Summer Term 2027

- **Term Starts:** Monday 12 April 2027
- **May Day:** Monday 3 May 2027 – school closed
- **Half Term:** Monday 31 May 2027 to Friday 4 June 2027
- **Term Ends:** Wednesday 21 July 2027

INSET Days

Tuesday 1 September 2026
Wednesday 2 September 2026
Friday 23 October 2026
Monday 4 January 2027
Thursday 25 March 2027
Friday 25 June 2027

We aim to provide a high-quality education where all students learn the essential knowledge and skills to enable academic success, future learning and employment. It is our intention to prepare all students to become responsible and engaged citizens, with the core aptitudes of ambition, bravery and kindness.

TIMINGS OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Year 7/8/11		Year 9/10/12/13	
Period 1	08.30-09.40	Period 1	08.30-09.40
Period 2	09.40-10.40	Period 2	09.40-10.40
Break	10.40-11.00	Form(R1)	10.40-11.00
Form (R2)	11.00-11.20	Break	11.00-11.20
Period 3	11.20-12.20	Period 3	11.20-12.20
Lunch	12.20-12.55	Period 4 (4a)	12.20-13.20
Period 4 (4b)	12.55-13.55	Lunch	13.20-13.55
Period 5	13.55-15.00	Period 5	13.55-15.00

WHAT WILL MY CHILD BE STUDYING IN THEIR FIRST YEAR?

THE CURRICULUM

Students at Alderbrook will usually be with us for five crucial years, passing through a very important stage of comprehensive education before continuing their education in our Sixth Form, elsewhere, or going on to training and/or employment.

Our aim is to provide an education for all students (regardless of their background or ability) the skills, aptitudes and understanding which will provide solid foundations for further and higher education and more importantly for life. Teaching develops students' knowledge, skills and understanding and takes place within a broad and balanced curriculum. This is accompanied by an effective social, moral, spiritual and cultural ethos and PSHCE curriculum.

KEY STAGE 3

All students study:

- Art
- Computing
- Dance
- Drama
- English
- Food Preparation and Nutrition
- French/Spanish
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Music
- Physical Education
- Religious Education
- Science
- Technology



HOW WILL THEY BE SET?

The learning groups will be allocated in order to achieve a balance of ability, gender and interests. The learning groups are mixed ability. A small number of children who require additional support in developing their literacy and numeracy skills may be withdrawn from some lessons for special targeted help and small group work or, whenever possible, are given extra support by a Student Support Assistant within the classroom. Maths is the only subject that is set in year 7 and this is done within the first month or so.

HOW IS PERSONAL, SOCIAL, HEALTH AND ECONOMIC EDUCATION TAUGHT? (PSHE)

At Alderbrook School, we believe that a balanced PSHE curriculum makes a major contribution to a range of statutory responsibilities. PSHE is taught in designated lessons, through our assemblies and through the Life Ready Programme.

We focus on:

- Clear consideration of the personal, social, health, citizenship and economic well-being of the young people within our community.
- An age appropriate and thorough provision for 'Relationships and Sex' education.
- Development of the spiritual, moral, social, cultural development of students.
- Preparation for opportunities, responsibilities and experiences in later life.

PSHE is a priority for Alderbrook and at the heart of the school's work. Time is provided for teachers to have training and prepare for the delivery of this broad and important area of learning.

The design of this programme is based on the needs of each year group and is designed, crafted and constantly reviewed, aiming to provide inputs at the most relevant time in their school lives.

Our contact for PSHE is Mr Steve Aylin.

WHAT IS THE LIFE READY PROGRAMME?

An important part of the curriculum is the opportunity to develop wider skills for life. Alderbrook is a lead school in a programme and co-designer of a programme called 'Life Ready', which provides opportunities for students to develop:

- Health and wellbeing
- An understanding of human values
- Employability skills
- Social, moral, spiritual and cultural learning
- Online safety

Whilst these aspects will be embedded in the curriculum, there are some key places within the school day where these aspects are a particular focus:

We have a programme of three Life Ready Days spread throughout the year, where students will not go to usual lessons, but will allow us to work in more depth with the students. In Year 7, this programme will focus on managing changing relationships, keeping healthy and safe, and the development of creativity and an entrepreneurial spirit.

There is also a strong programme of assemblies, where students will cover some important social and moral issues.

WHAT IF MY CHILD NEEDS ADDITIONAL SUPPORT?

The Student Development Department supports teaching and learning throughout the school. The department provides support for students who may have a specific learning difficulty, special educational need or disability or another barrier to learning. We are committed to ensuring that all our students have full access to a broad curriculum and are able to enjoy all the resources and opportunities available at this school.

Alderbrook welcomes students with Education Health Care Plans (EHCPs) for a variety of areas of need. Alderbrook also offers provision to students with an EHCP with a primary need of autism. The ARC has a separate application process to the mainstream school. There are only 6 places per year group in the ARC. These places are allocated by the Local Authority.

As a school, we liaise with primary schools in the summer term of Year 6 to share valuable information about students with SEND to inform a smooth transition to Year 7 before they begin their school life at Alderbrook.

The Student Development Department includes our SENCo; a dedicated ARP (Additional Resource Provision) Manager and a Deputy SENCo together with a team of specialist teachers and support staff. In addition to the expertise provided by the team in school, where necessary, students can be supported by external agencies including the Specialist Inclusion Support Service (SISS) and the Educational Psychology Service.

Primarily, students' needs will be met in the classroom through quality first teaching. If teachers have concerns about a student they will inform the Student Development team. If parents/carers have concerns they can contact either the child's Form tutor for any pastoral concerns or the subject teacher for subject specific concerns. If these colleagues are unable to resolve the issue raised, they will escalate it to the Student Development team.

FIRST AID

The school has an In-house School Nurse, and several trained First Aiders who are able to treat minor injuries in school. If your child is taken ill at school and we feel they should not stay in school, we will contact you using the emergency contact numbers you have provided. It is important that we have at least two contacts for your child.

Students must not use their mobile phone to call home to be collected, they must go to First Aid. Our School Nurse will contact parents if a child needs collecting.

First Aid is located near to Malley Hall.

Any students who have been advised by their Doctor that they require an EpiPen or Inhaler, **must** carry one with them at all times whilst both in school and on school trips. If your child is due to go on a trip out of school and they do not have the correct medication they will not be permitted to attend and will remain in school.



Medical Conditions

We ask all parents to let us know if their child has any medical condition which requires medication, special care or special consideration. We will keep safe any prescribed drugs or treatments which a child must have during the day and we will assist in administering any if necessary. Parents are responsible for ensuring medication is in date and suitably stocked. First Aid also keep supplies of sanitary wear for students to access.

School Nurse Service

We work closely with the School Nurse Service and the Immunisation Team. The school organise and collaborate with the Immunisation Team for the arrangement of vaccinations which take place in school. Parents will be notified of these arrangements where applicable. The School Nurse Service arrange regular drop-in sessions in school and students are notified of these in advance.

COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS/CARERS

We communicate with our parents/carers via email through our MIS system, Bromcom.

Please ensure that abkbromcom@alderbrook.solihull.sch.uk is added to your safe senders list.

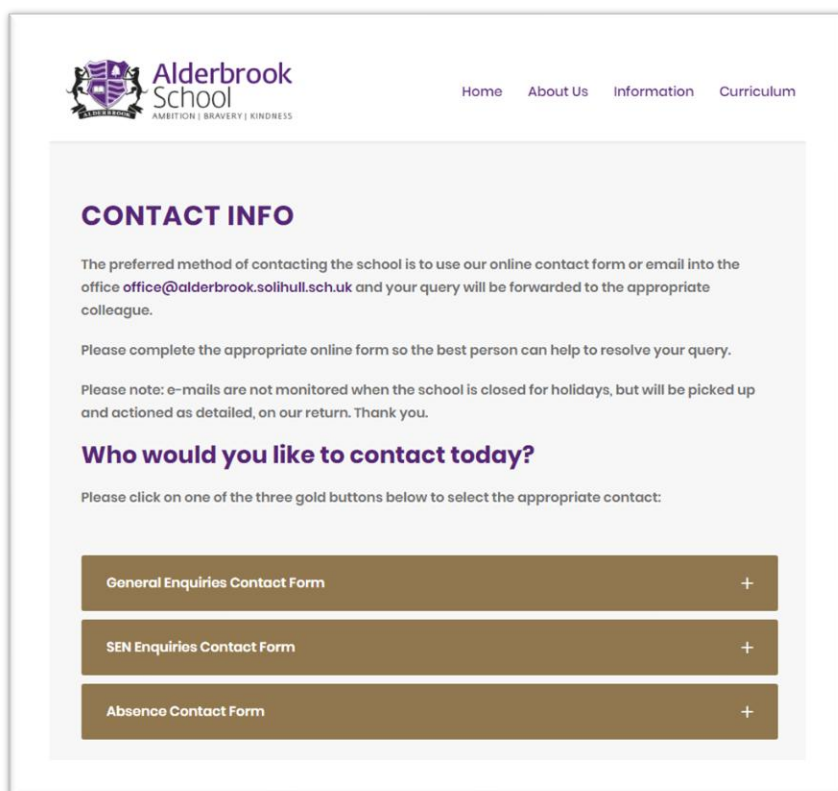
When your child starts at Alderbrook, you will receive an invitation to sign up for MCAS (My Child at School). If you sign up for MCAS, you will receive a push notification via the MCAS app, not an email. If you open the app on a mobile phone device and look towards the bottom right-hand corner, there is an envelope. Click on the envelope to view your messages. You will need to ensure you update your settings to allow MCAS notifications, or you will not receive a push notification when an email is sent from school. If you open the desktop version of MCAS, the envelope will be in the top right-hand corner.

If you sign up for MCAS, please ensure that no-reply@mychildatschool.com is added to your safe senders list

HOW DO I CONTACT THE SCHOOL?

If you need to contact us, in the first instance, please email the school at office@alderbrook.solihull.sch.uk and your enquiry will be directed to the appropriate colleague in school. Alternatively, you can use the Contact page on the school website.

Please provide details of your enquiry in your message to school. All enquires will be forwarded to the appropriate member of staff.



The screenshot shows the Alderbrook School website's contact page. At the top left is the school's crest and logo with the motto 'AMBITION | BRAVERY | KINDNESS'. To the right are navigation links: Home, About Us, Information, and Curriculum. The main heading is 'CONTACT INFO'. Below this, it states: 'The preferred method of contacting the school is to use our online contact form or email into the office office@alderbrook.solihull.sch.uk and your query will be forwarded to the appropriate colleague.' It then asks users to complete the appropriate online form and notes that e-mails are not monitored during school holidays. A section titled 'Who would you like to contact today?' asks users to click on one of three gold buttons: 'General Enquiries Contact Form', 'SEN Enquiries Contact Form', and 'Absence Contact Form', each with a plus sign icon.

REPORTING AN ABSENCE DUE TO ILLNESS

If your child is unwell and not able to come school, you should make contact with the school before the school day starts (08.30am).

You can do this by emailing the Student Absence absence@alderbrook.solihull.sch.uk Alternatively, by calling the Student Absence Line – 0121 704 2146 and select option 1.

When notifying the school of an absence, please state your child's full name, registration group and symptoms. You are required to email/call in **each day** your child is absent from school.

APPOINTMENTS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Wherever possible, please arrange appointments outside of school hours. However, if your child has an appointment during the school day, please notify us in advance by emailing absence@alderbrook.solihull.sch.uk and provide a copy of the appointment letter if applicable.

If the appointment is first thing in the morning i.e. your child will not be attending school before the appointment, students must sign in at Attendance (located next to Malley Hall) when they arrive in school.

If your child's appointment is during the school day, please provide your child with a note to show their teacher or put a note in their planner. Your child must sign out at Attendance before they leave. Your child must be collected by an adult from Main Reception.

If your child is returning to school before the end of the day, they must sign back into school at Attendance and go straight to their lesson.

WHEN WILL I HEAR FROM MY CHILD'S FORM TUTOR?

Form tutors are the first port of call if your child does have an issue at school as they see your child every day. If you need to speak to the form tutor, you can either write in the planner or email the office office@alderbrook.solihull.sch.uk asking them to contact you. We will also be organising a Year 7 tutor evening in the first term for you to meet your child's form tutor.

WHAT IS THE UNIFORM FOR ALDERBROOK?

All students attending Alderbrook are required to wear our school uniform. From the school's point of view, it helps us set an example of high standards in dress, establish the identity of the school and pride in that identity. We do daily checks to monitor and maintain our high expectations of uniform.

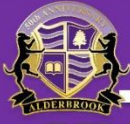
Midland School Wear, Monkhouse and Concept School Wear supply a full range of uniform in the approved style and colours.

Replacement school ties can be purchased on Parent Pay and your child can collect one from the Admin Office in Malley.

Braids

At the beginning of the school year, students are given braids according to their year group. These must be sewed on their blazer at the top of the blazer pocket just above the Alderbrook badge. Replacement braids will be available at a cost of £1.00. This must be paid for on ParentPay and your child will need to collect it from the Admin Office in Malley. Year 7 students will be given braids at the start of the year free of charge.

<u>Year 2026- 2027</u>		
Year 7	Red	
Year 8	Blue	
Year 9	Orange	
Year 10	Green	
Year 11	Yellow	



ALDERBROOK

UNIFORM

At Alderbrook School all students are required to follow standard uniform guidelines.

Compulsory Items for ALL students



ABK Blazer



ABK Tie



ABK PE Top

ALDERBROOK SCHOOL UNIFORM



Purple school blazer with Alderbrook logo

White shirt/blouse can be long or short sleeved

Alderbrook tie—all **shirts** must be worn with a tie

Black box pleated skirt
Tailored black Trousers or Shorts

Plain black shoes (more information overleaf)

Black tights or ankle socks

Purple V-neck jumper (optional)



ALDERBROOK PE KIT

Students will need one of the following items from each section

TOPS:

ABK PE Top - Black/purple/white (right) with ABK logo (COMPULSORY)

Rugby shirt - Purple/black with school logo (Optional)



FOOTWEAR:

Football socks (black)

Short white ankle socks (for indoor use)

Shin pads (for rugby/football)

Sports trainers (not canvas trainers)

Football boots (moulded studs)

BOTTOMS:

Black Skort

Leggings— Plain Black

Black football / sports shorts

Black rugby shorts (plain)

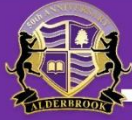
Track bottoms - Black



OPTIONAL EXTRAS:

Hooded Alderbrook sweatshirt with "ABK logo"

1/4 Zip top with "ABK logo"



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FURTHER GUIDANCE



Make-up: Make-up is inappropriate with school uniform and should not be worn.

False Nails: False, acrylic or gel nails are not to be worn in school. Also coloured/varnished nails are not acceptable.

False Eyelashes: False eyelashes in school environments are also unacceptable due to Health & Safety concerns.

Jewellery: Students are not permitted to wear any jewellery except a watch. Students are not permitted to wear rings.

Piercings: Only one plain discreet stud per ear lobe is permitted allowed.

If your child is going to have their ears pierced, please ensure this takes place at the beginning of the six week summer holiday so that students are able to remove earrings if requested without disturbing the 'settling in period' Earrings must be removed for health & safety reasons during PE lessons (no large earrings or studs with glass).

Skirts: Skirts should be "BOX PLEATED" skirts only. They should be no shorter than 7cm above the knee and not worn rolled up.

Trousers: Trousers should be black and a tailored, straight leg design. The following styles are not permitted tapered or flared trousers, cropped trousers or cargo pants, nylon / lycra trousers or leggings, jogging bottoms, denim jeans, skinny-fit trousers.

Tailored shorts: Must be knee length. The following styles are not permitted cargo, chino or sports shorts

Black or Navy coats

no suede, leather coats, denim or 'denim style' jackets, slogans or tracksuit tops - hooded or otherwise. No fur gilets or sleeveless coats/jackets

Hoodies: Hoodies are not to be worn in school and will be confiscated.

SHOES

Your child may tell you differently, but sports brand trainer style shoes are not permitted, nor are canvas pumps, trainers or mules. Shoes should be flat or with a minimal heel, sensible, plain style, black and clean/polished please. Should your child attend school in unacceptable footwear, we will provide a pair for use that day.



Plain Black Shoes
No Trainers

EXAMPLES OF UNACCEPTABLE SHOES



WHAT EQUIPMENT SHOULD MY CHILD HAVE?

Timetables

At the beginning of the school year, students will be given their timetables which they are requested to handwrite into their planners. Any replacement timetables students can obtain from their Form Tutor at Form time.

Carrying Books and Equipment

It is most important for each child to have a suitable bag for their personal property, to carry books and to ensure that exercise books and other items are protected from the weather. All items of clothing and personal belongings must be marked with the owner's name. As books can be taken home, we recommend your child having a plastic folder to keep them in.

Planners

Students will be given a planner each term to help them record and monitor homework they are given.

Equipment List

Students are required to have at least 6 basic pieces of equipment, every day:

- Pens – black and green
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Planner
- Scientific Calculator
- Reading book



LOCKERS

If your child would like to use a locker for Years 7- 11. You will be required to pay £10 via ParentPay.

Any student wishing to have a locker must abide by the school's rules. Lockers are to be used to store school supplies and personal items necessary for use at school. Any student who fails to abide by this will forfeit the right to have a locker. Students are advised not to bring valuable items to school. The school will not be held responsible for any items that are lost or stolen.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property is a problem which can be reduced if every article is named including casual clothes brought into school.

Our lost property is located in Pastoral. If your child has lost an item, please ask them to check lost property either before school, during break or lunch, or at the end of the day (not during lesson times).

HOW CAN MY CHILD GET TO ALDERBROOK SCHOOL?

School bus timetables will be published on SMBC website together with information 'Applying for a bus pass. Link shown below:

<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Schools-and-learning/School-buses>

[Code of conduct for pupils on a school bus](#)

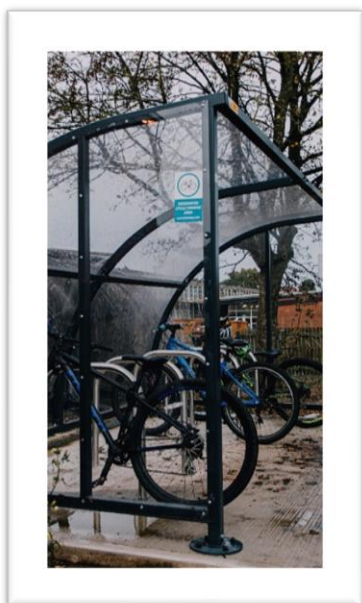
SMBC Transport allocate buses based upon your child's home address. Any queries about the bus your child has been allocated must be directed to SMBC – edtrans@solihull.gov.uk

Bus passes are delivered at the start of term and distributed to students in the first couple of weeks in September. Your child will be allowed to travel on their allocated bus until their pass arrives to school. Termly passes are delivered at the start of each term and your child can collect their new pass from the Admin Office in Malley.



If your child loses their bus pass, please email office@alderbrook.solihull.sch.uk to order a replacement pass. Your child will be given a holding letter to allow them to travel until their new replacement pass arrives.

CAN MY CHILD CYCLE TO SCHOOL?



Please ensure that your child's bicycle is in a safe and roadworthy condition if they are travelling to and from school. We ask all students to mark their bikes and to padlock them securely in the designated area. Any bikes left on school premises must be locked away in the bike shed and are left at the owners' own risk.

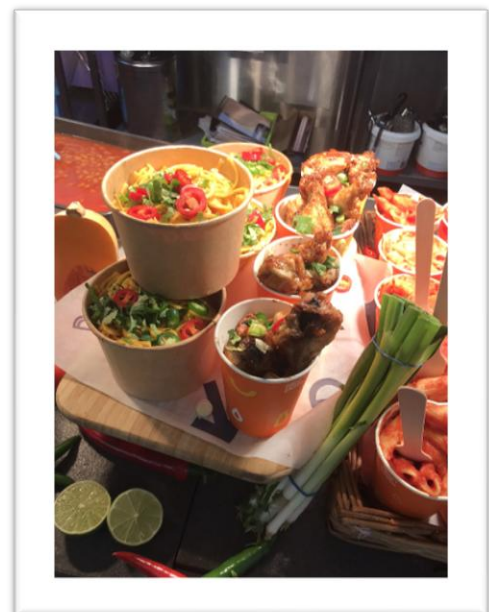
For safety reasons, cyclists must wear helmets to and from school, and walk along the drives when entering or leaving school. If the school are made aware of a student cycling dangerously, parents will be informed that their child will not be allowed to cycle to and from school or have their bike on school site.

Please also ensure they follow the 'safer routes to school' cycle lanes.

HOW WILL MY CHILD GET FOOD AT BREAK AND LUNCH TIME?

There are various food outlets for students to get food from. The canteen is open at break and lunch times to sell drinks and snacks both hot and cold. Impact Food are our food services provider and are extremely passionate about the food and service that they provide to their customers. Their menus are well balanced, focused on value and health while ensuring they offer food that reflects current trends on the High Street. Year 7 students have a separate dining area in which to eat.

https://youtu.be/PbNx_ORv-YI



PARENTPAY & FREE SCHOOL MEALS

A ParentPay activation letter was given to students on the second transition day. You will need to use the login details provided to access your ParentPay account. We are a cashless school; all transactions have to be done via ParentPay. If you have any queries regarding this, please email us using the Contact facility on our website or email our Finance department on finance@alderbrook.solihull.sch.uk

Free school meals are available to children of parents in receipt of certain benefits. Please apply via the portal – www.solihull.gov.uk/fsm where your request will be treated in confidence.

Please note, if your child **does not** attend a Solihull Primary School, you will need to complete an application form using the link above.



<https://www.alderbrookschool.co.uk/catering/>

HOW CAN I SEE HOW MY CHILD IS DOING IN SCHOOL?

Reports

Parents and Carers are provided with feedback in the form of an academic school report which is sent home twice a year. This will include data about your child's progress and attainment as well as their attitude to learning. Parents also have the opportunity to speak to subject teachers at parents' evening.

Mychildatschool

Alderbrook School records have gone live!



This means you will be able to view information about your child who is currently studying at this school. This information will include attendance records, behaviour and achievement information, the current timetable and some relevant assessment data as well as the latest school report.

You will also be able to view your own personal details and check that it is correct. It is vital that we have up-to-date records for both you and your child and that you provide us with a minimum of two contact names and numbers for your child, should we need to contact you in an emergency.

Classcharts

Classcharts is an online system used by staff and students to track achievement and behaviour. Some homework is also added onto Classcharts.



The main purpose of using this system is to allow students to view and monitor their own behaviour and achievement record.

This programme has been created in response to requests from both students and parents/carers. Students wanted staff to put a stronger emphasis on rewarding positive behaviour and learning.

The is the system that you will receive detention notifications, please add **donotreply@classcharts.com** to your email contacts, as this will be the email address that we will be using to inform you of any detentions. If your email address has changed, please logon using the parent app or section of the Classcharts website.

Please note: for you to receive email notifications from Classcharts, you need to sign up using a passcode specific to your child's account. Please call 0121 704 2146 or email office@alderbrook.solihull.sch.uk if you require more assistance with this.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

A wide range of extra-curricular activities are available to students before school, during lunchtime, and after school. This includes a variety of PE clubs, which run both before and after school and are promoted weekly through the PE bulletin shared with students during form time. Details of after-school clubs can be found on the school website: <https://www.alderbrookschool.co.uk/extra-curricular/>



After-school clubs run from 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm and are updated each half term on the website. If your child is selected to represent the school in a fixture, you will receive an email with details of the team selection, venue, timings, and arrangements.

If a club is cancelled, students will be informed either verbally or through assembly notices.

A programme of planned activities is shared at the start of the Autumn Term. However, additional opportunities may be introduced throughout the year as staff respond to new enrichment opportunities.

Educational visits form an important part of the curriculum and include day trips as well as visits to theatres and concert halls, which may take place in the evening.

The school also offers international trips, which may include visits to France, Spain, Poland, Iceland, New York, and Germany. In addition, there are a variety of field studies and outdoor education experiences.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE)

PE Kit and Lesson Information

To support families during the current economic climate, the school has reduced the number of compulsory PE kit items. Students will not be penalised for not having optional items such as hoodies, quarter zip tops, rugby shirts, or rugby shorts. However, these are recommended for colder weather. Only items listed on the school website are permitted in lessons.

ALDERBROOK PE KIT

<p><u>TOPS:</u> ABK PE Top - Black/purple/white (right) with ABK logo (COMPULSORY) Rugby shirt - Purple/black with school logo (Optional)</p> <p><u>BOTTOMS: (at least one of the following)</u> Black Skort (NO cycling shorts) Leggings— Plain Black Black football / sports shorts Black rugby shorts (plain) Track bottoms - Black</p>		<p><u>FOOTWEAR:</u> Long plain football socks (black) Short white ankle socks (for indoor use) Shin pads (for rugby/football) Sports trainers (not canvas trainers) Football boots (moulded studs)</p> <p><u>OPTIONAL EXTRAS:</u> Hooded Alderbrook sweatshirt with "ABK logo" 1/4 Zip top with "ABK logo"</p>
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PE Lessons and Grouping

The full PE lesson rotation will be published on the school website in September and will be organised by ability groups.

Year 7 students will take part in a range of activities during the first half term so staff can assess their practical skills. After October half term, students will be placed into ability groups based on these assessments.

Students take part in two PE lessons each week, with activities and required kit potentially differing for each lesson.

First Lesson

The first PE lesson is an introductory health and safety session. Students do not need to bring their PE kit for this session.

Year 7 First Half Term Activities

WEEK	BOYS LESSON 1	BOYS LESSON 2	GIRLS LESSON 1	GIRLS LESSON 2
1				
2	INTRODUCTION TALK	CROSS COUNTRY	INTRODUCTION TALK	CROSS COUNTRY
3	RUGBY	RUGBY	GYMNASTICS	GYMNASTICS
4	FOOTBALL	FOOTBALL	NETBALL	NETBALL
5	GYMNASTICS	GYMNASTICS	BASKETBALL	BASKETBALL
6	BASKETBALL	BASKETBALL	FOOTBALL	FOOTBALL
7	ATHLETICS	CAPTURE THE FLAG	CAPTURE THE FLAG	ATHLETICS
8	SET GROUPING	SET GROUPING	SET GROUPING	SET GROUPING

PE Kit Requirements

Indoor Lessons:

- Polo shirt
- Black ABK shorts, skort, leggings, or tracksuit bottoms
- White socks
- Trainers

Outdoor Lessons:

- Polo shirt
- Black ABK shorts, skort, leggings, or tracksuit bottoms (no cycling shorts)
- Long black football socks
- Trainers and moulded studded boots
- Shin pads (for football and hockey)
- Gum shield (for rugby) – **Not compulsory but recommended**

Ability Groups and Progress

Following the initial assessment period, students will be placed into ability groups suited to their skill level. These groups are reviewed regularly, and students may move between groups to ensure appropriate challenge and progress.

PE Kit Expectations

Students must bring their PE kit to every lesson, even if they are unable to participate. If a student is injured but able to change, they are expected to take part in a supporting role, such as officiating or coaching.

A written note in the student planner is required to confirm an injury. Same-day emails should be avoided, as teachers may not see them in time. Emails can be used for longer-term injuries.

CAN STUDENTS BORROW BOOKS FROM THE SCHOOL LIBRARY?

Our school has a library which has a large selection of books covering a range of topics and abilities to encourage our students' love of reading.

Students are tested and will receive their reading age within the coming weeks.



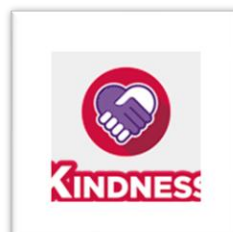
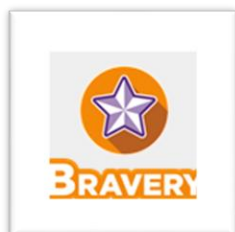
IS THERE A REWARD SYSTEM IN SCHOOL?

Credits are rewarded to students for a number of reasons such as, working hard in lesson, completing homework and demonstrating the school's values: ambition, bravery and kindness. Students can cash in their credits for rewards on ClassCharts such as early lunch pass or tea and biscuits with the head teacher etc. Students who also reach a certain amount of credits, are rewarded certificates and incentives such as hot chocolate with the head of year and pastoral manager.

Debits are given to students for not following the school rules. When a student reaches a certain amount of behaviour points, meetings are had with the relevant staff to ensure that

students are supported to make the right choice. Form tutors regularly check debits and credits to ensure that students are mentored effectively to support a positive and productive time at Alderbrook School where they understand the expectations to succeed.

HOUSE COMPETITION



Each student in Year 7-9 is part of one of four Houses and through a range of activities and competitions, students are able to gain points for their House.

House names are based on our core values. House points will be awarded for attending Extra Curricular clubs, appearances for Sports Teams etc. These will also be awarded for Presentation Evenings and supporting the community.

There will be at LEAST 6 House events that will take place across the school year where students will have the opportunity to gain points for their House such as:

- Half term 1: Bake Off
- Half term 2: Science Challenge
- Half term 3: Spelling Bee
- Half term 4: Maths Challenge
- Half term 5: Braids Assembly
- Half term 6: Athletics Championship

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