

Alderbrook School

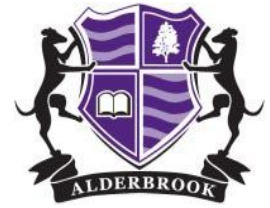
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Parent Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a pleasure to welcome students back for the start of another exciting school year. We extend a particularly warm welcome to our new Year 7 students and their families; Year 7 have made a fantastic start to life at Alderbrook. We are also delighted to welcome a number of external students into Year 12 and are proud to have our largest ever Sixth Form cohort, with record numbers of students choosing to continue their studies with us.

Successful Exam Results

I am delighted to share the outstanding success of our students in this summer's public examinations. Our Sixth Form students achieved excellent A Level and vocational outcomes, with 35% of grades awarded at A*/A, 69% at A*-B and 88% at A*-C (or equivalent). Meanwhile, our Year 11 students also celebrated remarkable GCSE results, with 27% of all grades at 9-7, 68% at 9-5 and 80% of students securing at least a Grade 4 in both English and Mathematics. These achievements are a testament to the hard work, resilience and ambition of our students, as well as the dedication of our staff and the invaluable support of families. We are incredibly proud of all that our young people have accomplished and look forward to seeing them continue to thrive in the year ahead. The full press releases are available [HERE](#).

Key Dates

Please ensure you are aware of some key dates coming up this half term:

Wednesday 23rd September – Open Evening

Thursday 22nd October – Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening

Friday 23rd October – INSET Day

School will finish at 2pm on Wednesday 23rd September. Buses will unfortunately not be available to collect students at this time so please ensure you have alternative arrangements in place.

Curriculum Information

If you haven't done so already, please do check out the Curriculum pages on our website which detail what your child will be learning during this academic year. The [Learning Journeys](#) offer a great visual overview of each subject, and the [Curriculum Booklets](#) give more detailed information about the topics that are taught within each subject area.

Smartphones and Mobile Phone Policy

This week Mr Stent has delivered our Standards Assemblies, which remind all students of our expectations around Behaviour, Uniform and Smartphones and Mobile Phones (please click [HERE](#) for our mobile phone policy).

Whilst most students are very clear on our rules and expectations, some will need some support in adapting their routines around devices, particularly at the start and end of the school day. To be clear: with the exception of those students with medical exemptions, even authorised mobile devices (non-Smartphone) should not be seen or used anywhere on school site throughout the school day.

Multi-Academy Trust Update

We are pleased to inform parents that the DfE has approved our application, alongside seven other local schools, to establish a Trust. Please click [HERE](#) for more detailed information.

Charity Update

I am delighted to announce that our nominated charity this year is Cancer Research UK, as voted for by staff and students across the school. Thanks to the support of our school community, last year we raised £6,862 for Birmingham Children's Hospital and we would love to achieve the same success this year. We will be hosting a number of fundraising events throughout the school year and we look forward to your support! Watch this space for further details.

Parking at the Start and End of the School Day

I would like to remind all parents and carers about parking arrangements at the beginning and end of the school day.

For the safety of all our students and staff, parents' vehicles are not permitted on school site. We also kindly ask that the Blossomfield Road Entrance is not used as a drop-off point or turning area, as this can make it difficult for school buses to safely enter and leave the car park.

When using residential roads to drop off or collect students, please be considerate of our neighbours and other road users. We have recently received reports of vehicles being parked on yellow lines, across pavements and in front of residents' driveways. These situations can create safety concerns and inconvenience for those living nearby.

Thank you for your co-operation in helping to keep our school community safe and maintaining positive relationships with our local residents.

Free School Meals

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, please be reminded of the following:

- A £2.70 daily allowance for free school meals is to be used at lunchtime only
- Unspent lunchtime allowance cannot be carried over to the next day
- Purchases made at lunchtime more than the allowance must be funded by parents/carers by adding money to their child's ParentPay account
- Purchases made before school or at break time must be funded by parents/carers by adding money to their child's ParentPay account

- ParentPay only shows the money that parents/carers have paid into their child's account, and the purchases that have been paid for with that money, which will be anything over and above the daily allowance. Any purchases made using the daily allowance do not, therefore, show on ParentPay

Labelling Uniform/Lost Property

We have been coming across a lot of mislaid uniform items and bags around school. Much of this is not labelled. We would like to remind you to ensure that all your child's property is clearly labelled so that in the event items are mislaid they can be returned to their owner. If your child has lost any items this term, please direct them to Lost Property which is located in Cartwright near the pastoral offices.

Clubs

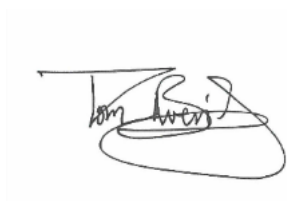
Our extra-curricular clubs will begin next week; we offer a huge variety across the school year; please click [HERE](#) for details about specific arrangements.

The "ABK" Club

Please click [HERE](#) for more details on how to join the "ABK Club" our new monthly prize draw, with the money raised each month split between our Monthly Prize Fund and our Marjorie Willis Foundation, the school's registered charity.

The charity exists to raise funds for the school, with trustees awarding grants for any appropriate educational purpose. More recently the charity has awarded grants including stage equipment, models for art, STEM equipment, reading pens, a breakfast, music lessons, basketball nets, a kiln, subsidised theatre and educational trips. For £2 a month your number will be entered into the draw for cash prizes. The greater the number of sign-ups, the greater the cash prize!

Yours faithfully,



Tom Beveridge
Headteacher