

Aldercar High School

Newsletter

December 2021

As we approach the Christmas break, I would like to thank both our parents and students for their continuing support for the measures that we have put in place in our school to keep everyone as safe as we possibly can. As a school we had a wave of coronavirus cases just before half term but have very few student cases at the moment. This suggests that the procedures that we have put in place are having the desired effect.

In order to best protect our school community as we start the new term, all students will be invited in to test on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th January 2022. We would then like to enlist your support by following this initial test up with a Lateral Flow Test at home 3-4 days after and encouraging students to continue their twice weekly testing at home.

Students will be expected to learn remotely following the guidance on our website for these 2 days with the exception of our Post-16 students. They will attend straight after testing so that they can best prepare for any exams that they may have that first week back.

Upon our return, it is really important that everyone continues to follow all of the rules put in place. This includes wearing a clean face covering each day over both their nose and mouth whilst on the school grounds, sticking to the one way systems around the school as well as sanitising on entry in to the building and each classroom. We understand that some students are getting weary of these safety measures but we cannot afford to be complacent as they are designed to keep us all safe.

Despite all of the challenges that this year has presented us, students are continuing to work hard in their lessons.

Our Year 11 students have just completed their mock exams. We look forward to discussing their results with parents during the Year 11 Parents' meeting in January as well as formulating plans for students to improve over the coming months before finally sitting their exams in both June and July.

Our Year 13 students have also completed their mock exams. Many Year 13 students are also in the process of applying for the next steps in the career. These plans include making applications to University and students are anxiously waiting for their offers to come in.

We have been very impressed with how well our Year 7 students have settled in to life at Aldercar High School. They have quite clearly risen to the many challenges that their first term at Secondary School has thrown at them.

With regards to staffing, Mr Webster (Caretaker) is retiring after having completed just over 15 years at the school. In addition, Mr Rawlings (Caretaker) will be leaving us to take up a new post outside of education after completing just over 6 years at Aldercar High School. Finally Miss Saunders (Learning Support Assistant) will be leaving us to take up a post at another school. We wish all of them luck for their future.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and I hope that you are able to enjoy some time with family and friends. Here's to what we all hope will be a much safer 2022!

Mrs Hatto Head Teacher

Pride Rewards

This year we have introduced a revamped merit system, in which students receive merits under the following categories:

Participation Respect Independence Determination Excellence

Subject staff and form staff are rewarding students regularly in class and during tutor time and all students across the school are working towards the Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum Awards:

Bronze 250 points

Silver 500 points

Gold 750 points

Platinum 1000 points



The first round of awards was given out recently. Students have received a certificate of merit as well as a pin badge to wear on their blazer. We are looking forward to many more students receiving their awards very soon.

Golden Tickets

As well as the new merit system, we are also running rewards events and trips each half term for students who have impressed a member of staff with their work ethic, progress and politeness. Each half term 50 lucky students receive a golden ticket from a member of staff. These students are entitled to attend school in non-uniform and take part in the reward event. So far this year we have organised a bowling trip and a film afternoon.



Head Teacher Commendations

Finally, each half term we are rewarding student progress in the curriculum. Each Head of Faculty nominates students from across all year groups to receive a commendation from the Head Teacher, Mrs Hatto. Students who have received these awards have been extremely proud and have fed back that they feel recognised and rewarded for their continued hard work.



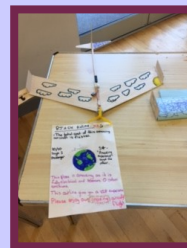
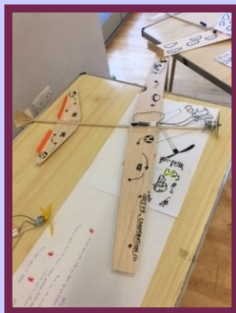
Well done to everyone in school who has received merits, golden tickets, awards and Head Teacher commendations so far this academic year. We are looking forward to giving out many more rewards for hard work and dedication!

Year 10 STEM event

On Wednesday 1st December, some of our Year 10 students were fortunate enough to attend a STEM event provided by The Smallpiece Trust, a charity encouraging STEM in schools. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths, and these events emphasise the importance that these subjects will have in many of our students' future careers.

Our students had the opportunity to work in small teams, initially building paper towers, then designing and building a small powered aeroplane out of balsa wood and other lightweight materials. Testing these aeroplanes in the hall was great fun, but one design proved to be a clear winner!

Well done to Year 10 for your participation: you showed great determination and represented our school well.



Peer mentoring

Gifted and talented students in Year 8 and Year 10 have taken part in some peer mentoring sessions this term. These sessions have tackled topics such as lesson experiences, homework, option choices and careers. Year 8 students have benefitted from the invaluable advice and life lessons from their Year 10 mentors. Next term, these Year 10 students will swap roles, taking the opportunity to pair up with some Year 12 peer mentors and learn from them. Following the success of this scheme, other groups of students will get an opportunity to take part later in the year.



Year 7 Battle of Hastings

Year 7 pupils took to the school field recently to re-enact the Battle of Hastings, 1066. This was all part of the preparation for them writing their first extended history essay.

Students had been set the challenge of making either a Saxon or Norman shield in preparation for the 'bloody' battle where the Saxons were slaughtered and William was victorious in claiming the throne of England.



Remembrance Day activities

As part of our remembrance activities some Key Stage 3 pupils took part in a live session with the National Archives in London on 14th November. Pupils interrogated primary sources and conducted an interview with Private Henry Fairhurst. The pupils asked some insightful questions and learnt about the conditions in the trenches and the events of The Battle of the Somme, 1916.



Hidden Humanities

Last academic year, the humanities department set pupils a challenge to explore the local area which they might otherwise have taken for granted. Pupils were asked to link their discovery to an area of history, geography or morals and ethics. Pupils uncovered some fabulous information about the local area which have been displayed in the humanities department. Below are just a few examples of their brilliant work.

Langley Mill Pottery




Langley Mill Pottery was in Langley Mill, Derbyshire on the Derbyshire - Nottinghamshire Border. From its Start in 1865 to its final closure in 1982, the pottery went through five distinct periods of ownership. These Products Varied From Stoneware To Salt Glazed Bottles, utilitarian items and tableware to high quality and original art pottery.

The First Owner Of the Pottery Since 1865 to 1883 Was Calvert Period. Then the Second Owner Was, Calvert & Lovett Period From 1883 - 1895, Then it went to Lovett & Lovett Period 1895 to 1920. After Him it was, Gates Period Taking Ownership Since 1931 to 1959. The Last Owner was, Derby Period Taking Over & Since 1959 to 1982.

Closure

The Pottery Was Closed On December 1982 with a special commemorative plate being produced to mark the last firing of the kiln and the sad end of 117 years of stoneware production. The site was eventually sold and the remaining buildings demolished in 1987. In 1997, the site was redeveloped and is now a small Park.

Langley Mill Pottery.

MOORGREEN PIT

Eastwood is a small town in Nottinghamshire. Coal has been mined in this area for nearly 700 years. The monks of Beavale priory held the rights to coal mining dating back to roman times.

Moorgreen colliery opened in 1865 and it was used to mine hard and soft coal. The mine was open and working for 120 years and closed in 1985. It had two 13foot diameter shafts and it was 286 yards deep. The coal production commenced in 1871 then again in 1880 due to fire that destroyed the headstock and winding rope witch temporarily stopped production.

It was producing around 1,00,000 tons of coal until 1981 when it was only producing 700,000 tons and in 1982 it was producing only 500 tons every day collecting around 500 tons of coal. The miners were exhausted and the pit closed.



Hidden Humanities

So I decided to add a twist to the homework and think outside the box. I decided to find when places were built that we thought were always there. Other things like what our town looked like years ago.



This is smiths flour mill. It was on Cromford road but by 2015 it was up for sale and by 2016 it was sold to D and D transport.



This is The Jockey. It was replaced by co-op a few years back.



This was when Asda was being built after Heanor haulage site was demolished. This picture was taken on the bridge overlooking the train tracks.

The photographs above are photos I have taken whilst on a walk around Shipley Park. This area was part of Shipley Country Park and the lake was used as a boating lake. In 1985, the area around this lake was developed to become Britannia Park.

Britannia Park was formerly opened on 27 June 1985, by Henry Cooper. On 9 September, just ten weeks after it opened, the park was declared bankrupt, and receivers were called in.

The County Council bought the park for £2.5 million who then sold it to Grenada. In June 1987 The American Adventure was opened. In 1997 it was sold to Venture world. The American Adventure itself announced its closure after the 2006 season.

The rides and statues of The American Adventure were auctioned off and the land is being developed for housing and leisure facilities.

Hidden humanities through the history and geography of the site.



The pit did offer the miners and their family's housing known as the square or the buildings the homes were built in 1850s also built on The Breach an Engine Lane and Princes Street in Eastwood and are still there today.

I choose worms for geography because They help mix up the soil and they carry organic material down into the lower levels, they break down dead plant material, and their burrows help air and water get deeper into the soil. worms are also very important in the food chain. They provide a crucial protein-rich source of food for other important species like birds, hedgehogs and frogs. Worms Will Become Paralyzed if Exposed to Light for Too Long also Worms Breath Through Their Skin and Have No Lungs, Worms Can Regenerate some Segments of Their Body it can live to 2 years old



The canals caused a great change in the economy of Britain. They supported the industries that allowed the country to become the worlds first industrial power and created the wealth that lead to the British Empire in the Victorian era. A canal is a human-made waterway that allows boats and ships to pass from one body of water to another. Canals are also used to transport water for irrigation and other human uses. Since then, canals have played an important role in connecting cultures and facilitating commerce. Canals are overall related to geography and history both together.

North Mill

The Belper North Mill concluded in 1786 by Jedediah Strutt and was sadly destroyed due to a fire in 1803. But was quickly restored in 1804 by Jedediah Strutt's son, William Strutt. The mill is one of the oldest surviving examples of an iron framed buildings in the world. The iron frame and the brick arches made it to withstand fire.



At the time, the mill was the most advanced building in the area. The mill was a fire hazard because of the cotton. The cotton fibres without difficulty, makes easy kindle to start a fire. Owners of the mill tried to prevent this by altering some things in the mill, such as the floors. The timber floors were exchanged with beams of cast iron. This wasn't available until after 1850.



Each floor of the north mill had different jobs. The first and second floor was used for spinning cotton. The third and fourth floor did carding, whilst the fifth floor did resting. In the north mills basement there are stone piers to upkeep all the floors overhead. The sixth floor, which is the attic, was a schoolroom. The classes were on Sundays for child employees. over time, also educated local children.

Child labour started around 1800's meaning that when the mill was re-established, children was employed and forced to work without pay. (Child labour). The women and girls worked in the cotton mills. One cotton spinner could spin a cotton 200 times a day.



This is a picture of mixed worker age groups in 1896.

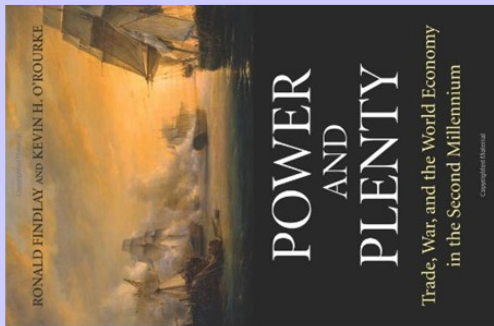
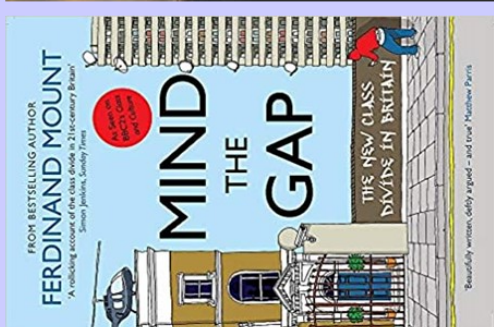
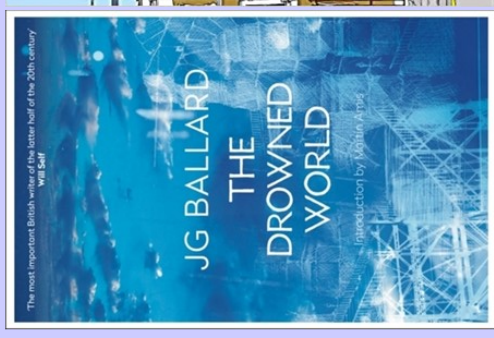
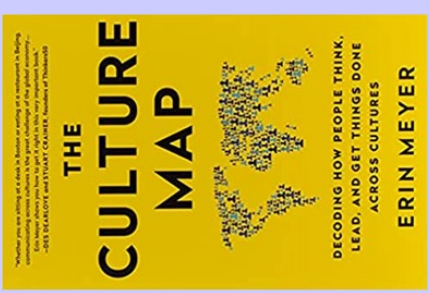
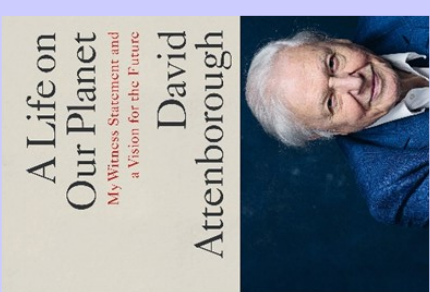
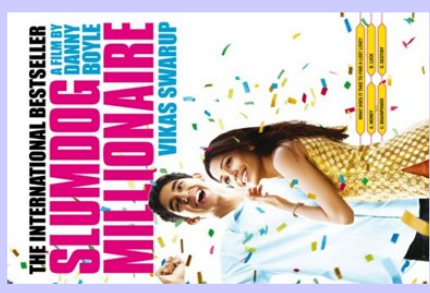
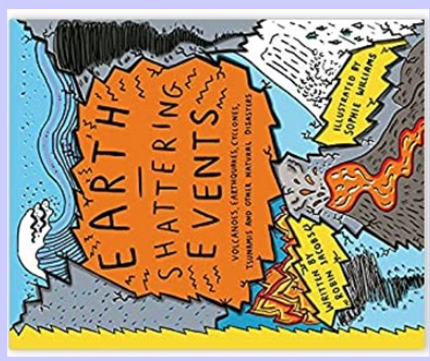
Geography reading suggestions for Year 11 students

Exploring Further: GCSE

Below are some suggestions to enhance your understanding of topics we are studying in Geography this year for passionate geographers to enjoy.

Scholarship and Fiction

TV & Film



- Colliding Continents: A geological exploration (youtube)
- Kevin McCloud: Slumming It (youtube)
- David Attenborough: Dynasties (BBC Iplayer)
- David Attenborough: Frozen Planet (BBC Iplayer)
- David Attenborough: A Life On Our Planet (Netflix)
- Katrina, The New Orleans Nightmare (youtube)
- Earth's Greatest Rivers (BBC Iplayer)



Podcasts

- [Disaster Zone](#)
Eric Holdeman, Center for Regional Disaster Resilience
- Natures Backlash
Cary Institute
- The Energy Podcast
Shell.com

History enhancement for Years 9, 10 and 11 students

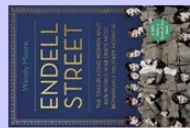
Digging Deeper: Year 9, 10 and 11

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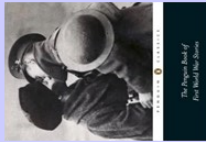
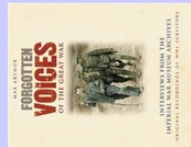
Scholarship and Fiction



Medicine Through Time:



WWI:



Cold War:



TV & Film

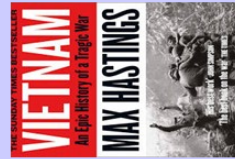
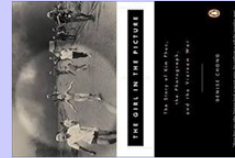


- 13 days
- Bridge of Spies
- The Help
- Pus, blood and Poison – BBC documentary
- The Trial of the Chicago 7
- Mississippi Burning
- Selma
- The Butler
- War horse
- 1917
- We We're Soldiers
- Full Metal Jacket

Civil Rights:



Vietnam:



Podcasts

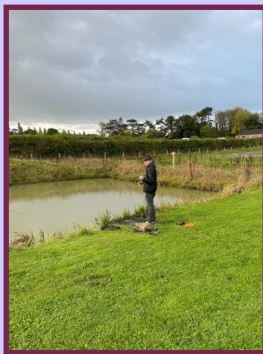
- Homeschool History by Greg Jenner – look for the episodes on Mary Seacole, Florence Nightingale, The Space Race
- History Extra Podcast – The Cold War: Everything you wanted to know. The war America could never win, opposition to the Vietnam War

House competitions

It has been a delight to see house competitions back up and running this term and we have already seen some great performances from students of all year groups. We began with the languages bake off, which produced some fabulous designs and flavours from across the continent. The ever-popular dodgeball and an impressive fishing competition soon followed. Points were also awarded through the Accelerated Reader program, GCSE Pod viewings, attendance to Year 9 parents' evening and the Year 11 revision event.

In form time, students took part in the Black History Month quiz and a fiercely fought English spelling Bee before finishing the term with the art origami star Christmas challenge!

So, who is in the lead? The winning house has moved around throughout the term but, at the time of writing, Ormonde are out in front, closely followed by Howitt. However there is everything to play for as we look forward to the new year and new challenges ahead!



Spelling Bee House competition

The 2021 Aldercar spelling bee finals took place on Thursday 25th November and caused much excitement amongst the pupils. Each of the three finals went to a sudden death 'spell off' with the winners proving hard to separate. Finally emerging victorious in Year 7 was Rosie, who managed to correctly spell 'buoyant'. In Year 8 it was Henry, who triumphed with 'Luxembourg' and, in Year 9, Archie, with his correct spelling of 'fluorescent'.

Well done to all pupils who took part. Mr Garratt was very impressed with the high standard of spelling throughout and is already looking forward to next year's competition.



Chess club

Aldercar has a new club this year and it is proving to be very popular. Having only started in September, our chess club, which takes place after school on a Wednesday, already has a dedicated and passionate following, some of whom have only just learned to play!

Mr Garratt, who runs the club, has been very impressed by the range of pupils attending and just how enthusiastic they are for the game. He hopes, in the future, to be able to assemble a chess team and to be able to take the pupils on competitive fixtures against other schools.



Duke of Edinburgh camping expedition

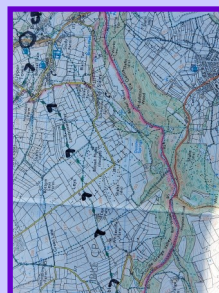
On the weekend of 18th and 19th September, seventeen of our brave and adventurous Year 10 students set off on their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze expedition weekend. The expedition had unfortunately already been cancelled once due to coronavirus, so to finally get this chance was great for our students, and the excitement was evident as they gathered at Aldercar High School for the short journey to Middleton Top in Derbyshire.



At Middleton Top, the team met their supervisors and put the finishing touches to their planned route which would see them hiking around 20 miles over the two days. As they set off, they were in high spirits, however it was not long until the students found that navigating small footpaths in the Peak District could be difficult, and a few wrong turns were taken!



The Barn Farm Campsite in Birchover was reached late on Saturday, and the teams immediately set about pitching tents and cooking a well earned hot meal over a Trangia stove. At times they found themselves watched by peacocks which inhabit the campsite. Despite being tired from the trek, all the students stayed up socialising and a great time was had by all before lights out ready for the next day.



At daybreak, the team made themselves breakfast, cleared camp and set off on their return route. With tired and sore feet, they showed great perseverance and determination. They braved steep hills, curious cows and tricky paths as they eventually all found their way back to Middleton Top. Despite all looking very tired, they all felt a great sense of achievement at what they had accomplished!

Well done to this fantastic team of Duke of Edinburgh Bronze explorers. We look forward to other year groups enjoying the same success in the coming years.



Hairspray theatre trip

On Wednesday 13th October we took some students to see a West End Touring Production of Hairspray at the Theatre Royal in Nottingham. The show was a delight to watch. The performance was entertaining and uplifting with a definite feel-good factor. The costumes and stage set were bright and colourful with a live band on stage throughout the performance. The singers were powerful and soulful. The dancing was great, especially on the last number when we were all invited to get up and join in dancing in the aisles.

One student said "it was amazing" another said "it was the best performance I've seen in my life". Overall, it was brilliant to visit the theatre after being away so for long because of coronavirus restrictions.



Severn Trent Water visit

In October, Year 9 students had a visit from Severn Trent Water in their Geography lessons. This was to explain their role, give advice on what can and cannot be disposed of down the toilet and the consequences of people not following this guidance. The process of cleaning our waste and career opportunities in water management were also discussed and linked to the Geography topics we study such as river flooding, ecosystems and urban planning.



Sport news

It is great to see students able to be back playing and competing at sporting activities again. Aldercar High School has had a good performance in football, netball and cross country. We have played in some challenging weather and played against some more experienced players, but we never give up.

Our Year 11 boys have excelled in their football games, developing their skills and control.

The Year 8 boys and girls travelled to Belper for a football match against other schools in the borough: they came 2nd in October and are getting ready to go again at the second meet after Christmas.

The Year 9 boys have been a credit to the school and have worked very hard in some very tight competitions over the term. There has been some great goal keeping going on!

Our Futsal teams have also been playing well this term with a couple of wins under their belts. Students have worked really hard and we are looking forward to the next games in the new year.

All of the students who took part in the cross country were a credit to the school. They were all amazing and we had some great results. A special mention goes to Sharna in Year 7 who came 12th in the Year 7 girls' race, Tansy in Year 9 who came 5th and Emily who came 6th both in the joint Year 8 and 9 girls race. These three will now be asked to represent Amber Valley some time in the near future.

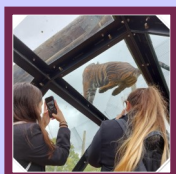
There have also been some exciting games of netball over the term, and the students have really enjoyed themselves.

Twycross Zoo

As part of their science course, the Year 9 students took part in a trip to Twycross Zoo on Tuesday 12th October. The students left in high spirits as this was one of the first trips to leave AHS since the coronavirus pandemic started.

Once at the zoo, the students enjoyed a range of animal and habitat exhibitions. These included the frightening tigers with walk through glass tunnels, enormous rhinos, entertaining gibbons, a fantastic new monkey enclosure and the very sleepy but gorgeous koalas in the new koala experience.

Students also enjoyed seeing some of the work the zoo does for conservation, and of course they had to browse the gift shop before departing back to school, having had a very different out of school science activity for the day!



Library news

You have probably noticed the two curly-haired ladies at the desk in the library since early November: they are Miss Strawson (who works Monday to Wednesday) and Miss Ross (who works Thursday and Friday). They love reading and know quite a lot about books, so are here and happy to help with all of your reading needs!

As it is remarkably busy in the library for much of the time, they also have an incredible team of reading ambassadors from across the whole of Key Stage 3 to help. They will be helping you to choose books, creating a display of great recommendations, setting up a book club and helping to voice your opinions on what is already being done well and how we can improve.

The reading ambassadors are:

Ewan 7D Howitt

Taegwyn 7E Ormonde

Isabelle 7E Shipley

Ethan 7E Gregg

Thomas H9 Howitt

Anais G9 Gregg

Cara S9 Shipley

Sophia O9 Ormond

Emi 8G Gregg

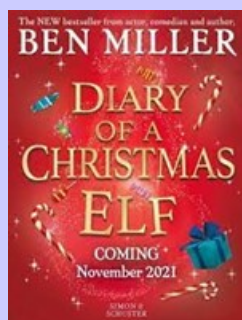
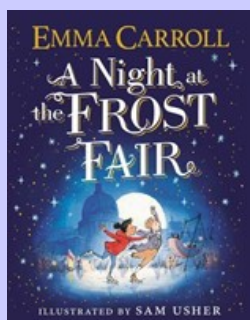
Cora 8S Shipley

Daisy H8 Howitt

Henry 8A Gregg



One of their first jobs has been to recommend some great books for reading over Christmas or indeed as present ideas! Here they are:



Happy Reading!

Post-16 news

Over the last term, Post-16 has seen a flurry of activity, especially for the Year 13 students as they have been writing UCAS applications, applying for apprenticeships and thinking about their future. The UCAS deadline is rapidly approaching and we can't wait to see the offers come rolling in.

We have also been working with our Year 11 students and have spoken to them all about their Post-16 options - it's great that so many are staying with us to continue their education and that they want careers in sectors as diverse as veterinary medicine, architecture and even forensic medical examination! Remember it's not too late to get applications in for Post-16 - see Miss Cracknell or Mrs Brighton for more information.

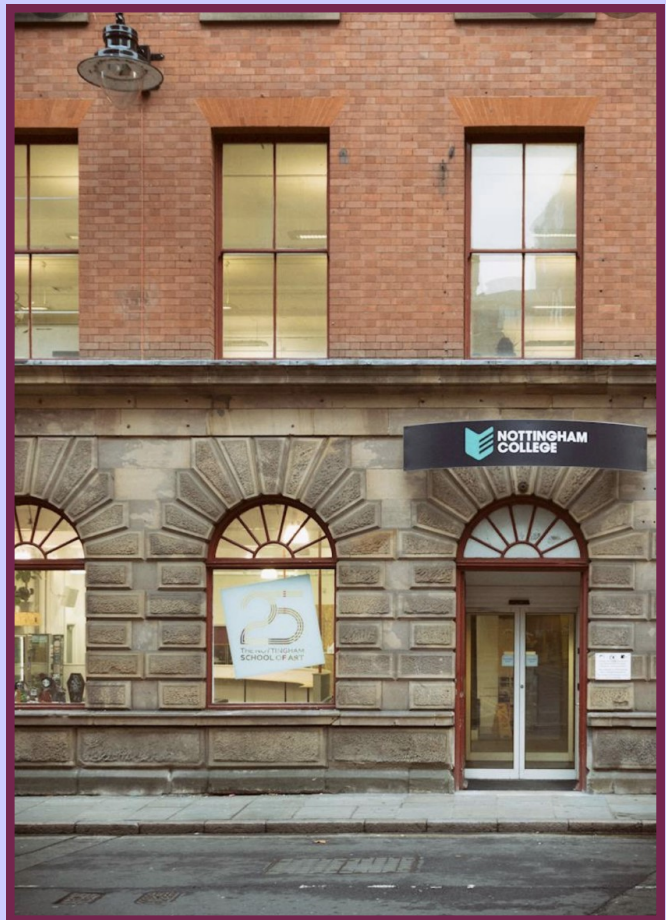
Students visit Nottingham Art College

Aldercar High School Post-16 Art & Design students were offered the opportunity to visit the iconic Foundation Studios based in the Lace Market Nottingham. We were kindly guided around the studios looking at the specialist areas of:

- Fine Art
- Graphic Design
- Fashion
- Textiles
- Photography
- 3D Design and Illustration

Students had the opportunity to ask specific questions regarding course requirements and elements of their portfolio which would need to be developed when applying.

It was a very successful visit, allowing the Post-16 students a valuable insight into what they could potentially achieve through their studies at Aldercar High School Post-16 Centre.



Dress to Impress

Remembrance Day was marked across the school by a two minute silence but Post-16 students were encouraged to take this further and 'dress to impress'. It was lovely to see so many of our older students setting such a great example and really going the extra mile as a mark of respect.



Enrichment

One of the most important things for Year 12 and Year 13 students is to build up their work experience and gaining skills and attributes in order to be seen as attractive candidates for future universities or employers. Year 12 have been introduced to the revamped Aldercar High School Post-16 enrichment programme and, from the new year, will be working towards bronze, silver or gold enrichment awards by carrying out volunteering, helping around school, completing online courses and a wide range of other activities. Many of our students will also get a special purple award for completing either their extended project or sports leaders awards. We look forward to seeing some of the other activities our students will do over the coming months.

Hearing Impaired

In deaf news, we have started a British Sign Language club and a sign choir on Mondays after school. Students have enjoyed learning how to have basic conversations in sign language. In addition, two of our Year 11 students passed their BSL level 1 assessments this term. They worked really hard for this and we are incredibly proud of them. Well done!



LGBTQ+ Society

This term the LGBTQ+ society has had lots of fun learning about key LGBTQ+ terminology, flags and the importance of pronouns. Students painted different pride flags which we have displayed in school. At Aldercar, we are keen to embrace and celebrate diversity in school and in the wider community.



Year 11 Prom

The Year 11 prom went ahead this year at Horsley Lodge. A great time was had by everyone and we wish our students all the best for their future.

Thanks to Mrs Salt for sorting out this great event.



Children in Need

In support of Children in Need, students at Aldercar High School took part in a non-uniform day as well as baking cakes for the popular cake sale held in Learning Support. In total we raised an amazing £630.35! Thank you to everyone who took part.



BBC
**Children
in Need**

Harvest Festival

Thank you for your generosity for the harvest food bank collection. The Padley Group took the time to write to the school and thank everyone who had contributed. They explained that our donations were used to support many vulnerable families at their Derby day centre which provides resources, basic needs advice and training as well as more specialist support services to the local community.



Students supporting charity work

We received a lovely letter from Andy Whitt who organises a charity music event each year to support a children's cancer charity (PASIC). He was writing to praise Kristina and Kelsey who had helped him with running a raffle and selling wristbands and pin badges to people who attended the event.

This year's event was on Saturday November 20th and it was a huge success, raising over £1300.

Andy told us: "The two girls were absolutely fantastic and a credit to your school. They worked tirelessly throughout the event, dealing with members of the general public in a polite and confident manner. Please praise them for the work they did."



Defibrillators charity collection

After tireless and successful fundraising, Aldercar High School has now purchased two defibrillators for the school and community. We want to extend a huge thanks to everyone who donated, and particularly to the father of Daisy in Year 8 and Tracy and Kate, who run the wonderful Up-Town Tanning salon in Heanor. Tracy and Kate created a fantastic charity night featuring a tombola with prizes which were generously donated by local businesses. This event raised a massive £1420!



Our defibrillators are registered with the East Midlands Ambulance Service and are ready for service in case of emergencies. One of the units is located externally on the wall of the Sports Hall and the other is inside the main reception to school.

Thanks again to everyone who supported us to achieve this for both our school and the community.



Vacancies



Did you know that Derbyshire Catering Service offer term time only jobs that fit in with the school day?

Derbyshire Catering Service are now recruiting for multiple positions local to you, offering good rates of pay!

No prior experience of working in a kitchen is needed as all training will be provided by our experienced team.

If you value good food and love working as part of a team please email catering@derbyshire.gov.uk with an expression of interest or check out our vacancies at derbyshire.gov.uk/jobs or telephone **01629 533190**



Diary dates

Event	Date
Last day of term	22nd December
CHRISTMAS BREAK	23rd December-7th January
Whole school lateral flow Covid testing	10th and 11th January
Year 12 and Year 13 students return to school	10th January
Year 7 - 11 students return to school	12th January
Year 11 parents evening online	17th January
Year 13 tutor review day	19th January
Year 13 UCAS deadline	26th January
Year 11 theatre trip	3rd February
Year 7 accelerated reader test week	7th February
Uniform pop-up shop 3pm-6pm	7th February
Year 9 theatre trip	10th February
Year 8 accelerated test week	14th February
Year 8 theatre trip	16th February
Year 9 options evening	17th February
Last day of half term	18th February
HALF TERM	21st February - 25th February
Students return	28th February
Year 10 geography field trip	28th February
Year 13 finance evening	1st March
Year 9 options deadline	2nd March
Year 11 photographs	4th March
Post-16 ERF Centre Parcs trip	7th - 11th March
Year 10 parents' evening	9th March
Year 10 science trip to the Natural History Museum	10th March
World Book Day	10th March
Year 11 and Year 13 Mocks 2	14th March - 25th March
Year 7 accelerated reader test week	28th March
Year 8 parents' evening	29th March
Sports Relief	1st April
Year 8 Accelerated Reader test week	4th April
Student gratitude week	4th April - 8th April
Year 7 parents' evening	7th April
Last day of term	8th April
EASTER BREAK	11th April - 22nd April