



December 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As we reach the end of a busy and successful term, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on our achievements and look ahead to the new year.

Attendance Matters

Thank you to all students and families who have prioritised excellent attendance this term. High attendance is the foundation of our school's success, supporting both academic progress and personal development. Let's continue this positive momentum into the new year - the dream is Every Child, in Every Lesson, Every Day!

Year 11 Exams and Outcomes

A special mention to our Year 11 students, who have shown great maturity and enthusiasm, especially during their recent Geography fieldwork, English and Maths mock exams and our really well attended Revision Evening. Year 11 have been busy preparing for their upcoming mock examinations which begin on 12th January 2026, and I encourage all students to use the Christmas break to rest, recharge, and prepare thoroughly. The skills workshops and revision sessions held at the Revision Evening, along with all the extra intervention sessions within the school day and after school have been invaluable, and I am confident that with continued hard work, our students will achieve the excellent outcomes they deserve in the summer.

Uniform Changes

Looking ahead to the new term, please note important updates to our school uniform policy. The highlights to the changes are:

- From September 2026, our new school tie will be available for students to purchase.
- From September 2026, students no longer need to wear trousers or skirts with the Aldercar logo. The trousers and skirts must be consistent with the new policy available on our website.

These revisions aim to promote consistency and a sense of pride within our school community, while remaining mindful of uniform costs. We recognise that students will require new uniforms as the academic year progresses. Therefore, beginning in January 2026, students will not receive any sanction if their skirt or trousers do not display the school logo.

A reminder that due to health and safety standards, students are not allowed to have false or long nails. Students that have false nails that are of an inappropriate length will receive a sanction, and will be asked to have them cut to an appropriate length by the next day.

Your support in ensuring all students return in January wearing the correct uniform is greatly appreciated.

Please see overleaf



Year Group Updates

As we refine systems to ensure students receive the best pastoral care possible, I would like to update you with a slight change to Heads of Year for students:

- Year 7: Miss Jones
- Year 8: Miss Jones
- Year 9: Mrs Steed
- Year 10: Mrs Larkin
- Year 11: Mrs Larkin
- Refocus Manager: Mr Evans
- Alternative Provision: Mr Gilhooly
- Strategic Pastoral Leader: Mr Aplin

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and partnership. I wish you all a restful Christmas break and a happy, healthy New Year. We look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday 6th January, ready for another term of learning and achievement.

With best wishes,



Mr Blake

Head of School

