



Weekly Newsletter 8th May 2026

Good afternoon members of the Aldercar High School community,

We hope that everyone had a great extended bank holiday weekend. Although our week in school has been shorter it has definitely not been less busy. There has been so many wonderful things taking place in and out of school that I am very proud of. Our school values of Ready, Responsible and Respectful are lived every day and I am delighted to share my belief that we are a caring and inclusive school where pupils benefit from warm and positive relationships with their teachers.

We hope that you enjoy our weekly newsletter.

Year 11 Guard of Honour

Today our whole school formed a guard of honour to wish our Year 11's good luck for their exams. This was beautifully observed and we do wish all of our year 11's all the best for examinations, starting with English Literature on Monday morning.



Year 11 Rewards

Last week, we were pleased to reward 35 Year 11 students who attended more than 25 Period 6 sessions this year.

As recognition for their excellent attendance, commitment, and engagement with Period 6, students enjoyed a Domino's lunch in the hall alongside staff, with music and a really positive atmosphere throughout lunchtime.

It was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the hard work and dedication these students have shown beyond the normal school day. We are extremely proud of the effort and maturity they have demonstrated in preparing for their exams, and it was great to see them recognised for this achievement.

Year 11 BTEC Sport students

BTEC Sport students in year 11 completed the big quiz before their exam this Thursday. It was extremely competitive with the winners Lacey G, Ryan L, Ryan A!



Year 10 Silver Practice Expedition Preparation

Next weekend, 30 determined Year 10 students are preparing for an exciting challenge as they take part in their Silver Practice Expedition. This important milestone will test their resilience, teamwork and outdoor skills, while giving them a real sense of adventure and achievement.

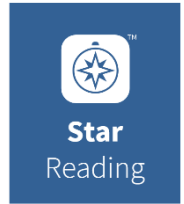
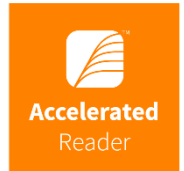
The expedition will involve two full days of walking, covering over 20 miles in total. Students will navigate a variety of terrain, carrying all the equipment they need and working together to plan routes, manage time and look after one another along the way. Alongside the walking, they will spend two nights camping, learning how to pitch tents, cook meals using camping stoves and remain organised in a shared outdoor environment.

Preparation has been well underway, with students developing navigation skills, practising campcraft and building their fitness and confidence. Staff are extremely proud of the commitment and enthusiasm shown so far, as students support each other and embrace the challenges ahead.

The Silver Practice Expedition is not only a physical test but also a valuable opportunity for personal growth, independence and teamwork. We wish all participating students the very best of luck and look forward to hearing about their experiences when they return.

Star Reader Tests

Over the next two weeks, students in Year 7, 8 and 9 will be completing their Star Reader Tests for the Summer Term. This is part of the Accelerated Reader Program that students use in library lessons. It is very important that your child tries their best on these tests as it will be able to accurately assess their progress in reading and allow us to match the curriculum they receive to their reading ability going forwards. Additionally, any concerns can be addressed quickly with a variety of reading interventions we are able to offer. Reading with your child is an excellent way to support their studies, even when they are older. Ideas to encourage teenagers to read at home are outlined in this article for more information.



[Advice for parents to encourage children and teens reading - Scottish Book Trust](#)

Breakfast Club Treat

A huge thank you to the wonderful Sharon from Asda for kindly donating an amazing selection of fresh fruit for our students to enjoy at our free Breakfast Club which runs every morning in the refectory - everyone is welcome!

We're proud to offer toast, bagels, and juice every day, and the addition of fresh fruit has been a fantastic treat for our students to start their day happy, healthy, and ready to learn.

Your generosity is truly appreciated—thank you for supporting our school community! ❤️



Post-16 Inclusion Centre

Aldercar High School students from our Post-16 Inclusion Centre have been doing split-face self portraits in their Art lessons. Photos of each student were taken and printed out, this was then folded in half, and they had a go at mirroring the second half. For the face, the students used pencils, chalk pastels and pencil crayons and for their clothing they used tissue paper and pencil crayons.

We think these have come out brilliantly.



Diary Dates

15th – 17th May - Silver Duke of Edinburgh practice camp and walk

18th – 22nd May - Year 10 Work Experience

22nd May - Break up for half term

1st June - Return to school

Kind Regards

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'Every child known, every lesson counts, every future unlocked'

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