



Weekly Newsletter 1st May 2026

Good afternoon to the Aldercar High School Community,

It has been a great week in school where our values of Ready, Respectful and Responsible have been evident in abundance. I am so proud of so many elements of our school, and we are delighted to share some of them captured in our newsletter.

Year 11 Prom - One of lovely events to celebrate the end of schooling for our Year 11 students is our prom. We appreciate that there have been some confusing messages regarding attendance at prom. Our prom and the vast majority of students are well above, above or close to 500 points and well done to our wonderful year group. However, to clarify, generally all students will be eligible to attend prom. If we have concerns regarding a student's eligibility, we would have already been in contact with parents. I would also like to thank our staff in advance as they will be donating their time to supervise and run the prom.

Top Readers

Here our Reading Champions of Summer Term 2026: Emmanuel, Ife and Anna.



Emmanuel has taken out an incredible 59 books this academic year.

Ife has logged an astounding 5,230,537 words read on Accelerated Reader.

Anna has contributed the most thoughtful reviews of the books she has read this year.

UK Maths Challenge

On Wednesday, it was a pleasure to see sixty of our Year 7 and Year 8 students take on the Junior UK Maths Challenge, a nationally recognised competition designed to inspire enthusiasm for problem solving and mathematical thinking. The challenge, organised by the UK Mathematics Trust, encourages students to tackle unfamiliar problems and to apply logic, creativity and resilience—skills that are central to success both in mathematics and beyond.

The atmosphere throughout the session was one of quiet determination and focus. Students were presented with a range of multiple-choice questions that stretched their thinking and pushed them beyond the standard curriculum. While some questions required careful numerical reasoning, others demanded lateral thinking and perseverance, giving every participant the chance to shine.

I was particularly impressed by the positive attitude shown by all involved. Attempting challenging problems can be daunting, especially when there is no obvious method at first glance, but our students approached the challenge with confidence and maturity. Regardless of the final results, taking part in the Junior Maths Challenge is an achievement in itself and reflects the commitment our students have to developing their mathematical skills.

Events such as these play an important role in showing students that mathematics is not just about getting the right answer, but about exploring ideas, making connections and enjoying the satisfaction of tackling something difficult. I would like to congratulate all sixty students who took part for their hard work and enthusiasm.



Exam Update

We are proud of our Year 11 students in both Art and Photography, who have completed their exams over the last 2 weeks. We have the Health and Social Care exam on Tuesday, Sport exam on Thursday and Spanish speaking exams on Thursday and Friday.

Year 10 mock exams have now finished. On the whole, Year 10 students have been fabulous, and we look forward to seeing their results as the mock exams are marked over the coming weeks. Year 10s have enjoyed a little treat this afternoon as they left for the bank holiday weekend.

Top Year 11 students for Period 6 attendance

We would like to say a huge well done to the following students who have been Aldercar High Schools top attendees at Period 6 revision sessions. Well done we are very proud of you.

Kelan H
Sophie H
Maya G
Cerys P
Charlie P
Taylor S
Harry R

BTEC Sport recent mock exam

With the hard work and dedication the students in the cohort are putting in we have been achieving some really high scores ahead of next weeks exam.

The below students achieved over 50 marks out of 60 on their most recent mock...

Liam S
Taya H
Lewis H
Scarlet P
George C
Noah C
Oli K
Charlie P
Eva W
Ruby S
Lacey G
Grace C



A special mention to Harry R who scored 60 out of 60! – Harry, so far in our mocks, hasn't scored lower than 54 out of 60! Incredible form going into the exam.

Well done everyone in the cohort, keep up the hard work and go and smash the exam!

Top 10 House Point Achievers so far this year

Name	Year Group	Points
Semilore B	Year 8	1907
Lexxi H	Year 8	1837
Zofia G	Year 8	1818
Ikan-Abasi M	Year 8	1814
Scarlett E	Year 8	1803
Ife B	Year 8	1795
Brian K	Year 8	1795
Violet R	Year 7	1697
Ellis M	Year 9	1648



Top 5 House Points Achievers in each Year group so far this year

Name	Year Group	Points
Alan D	Year 7	1370
Audrey P	Year 7	1353
Millie C	Year 7	1282
Alice H-W	Year 7	1216
Darcy W	Year 7	1206



Name	Year	Points
Scarlett E	Year 8	1803
Ife B	Year 8	1795
Dexter B	Year 8	1467
Katie L	Year 8	1448
Izzy H	Year 8	1347



Name	Year	Points
Mila Q	Year 9	1464
Taylor B	Year 9	1381
Logan W	Year 9	1213
Anitah C	Year 9	1207
Harlowe T	Year 9	1165

Name	Year	Points
Eva R	Year 10	1219
Katelyn T	Year 10	1190
Rosalie H	Year 10	1132
Hayley G-L	Year 10	1072
Bethany B	Year 10	1068

Name	Year	Points
Ruby K	Year 11	1123
<u>Iniebehe M</u>	Year 11	1104
Gracie H	Year 11	1054
Eva W	Year 11	993
Ruby S	Year 11	923

Duke of Edinburgh Award update

We are incredibly proud of the commitment and enthusiasm shown by the 60+ students currently taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme. A key part of the award is volunteering, and our students have embraced this aspect wholeheartedly, making a real and meaningful contribution to the local community.

In the surrounding areas, our students are giving up their time each week to support a wide range of organisations and activities. Many have been volunteering at local community groups, offering practical help and friendly support to people of all ages. Others have been involved in regular litter-picking sessions, helping to keep shared spaces clean, safe and welcoming for everyone who uses them.

Several students have also taken on important roles supporting local Park Runs. From marshalling to cheering on participants, they play a vital part in ensuring these popular community events run smoothly and remain inclusive and enjoyable for all. In addition, a number of our students are volunteering at local sports clubs, where they help to coach and support younger club members. These roles not only benefit the clubs, but also allow our students to develop leadership, communication and teamwork skills.

What stands out most is the sense of responsibility and pride our students show in their volunteering. They are learning the value of giving back, building strong connections within the community, and recognising the impact that small, consistent actions can make.

We would like to congratulate all students involved in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award for their dedication and positive attitude, and to thank the local organisations who continue to support them. Their efforts are a fantastic reflection of the school's values and our commitment to community engagement.



Anti-bullying poster

We are pleased to introduce our new anti-bullying poster, which reinforces our commitment to ensuring that everyone at Aldercar High School feels safe, respected and included. The poster clearly explains what bullying is — including online and cyberbullying — and reminds students how to seek help, support others and speak up if they are worried. Displayed around school, it highlights our clear message that bullying is never OK and that our staff will always listen and take concerns seriously. Together, we can continue to build a positive and supportive school community.



Everyone Has the Right to Feel Safe

At our school, bullying is never OK. We all deserve to feel safe, respected and included.



What is Bullying?

- **Verbal** - name-calling, teasing, threats
- **Physical** - pushing, hitting, damaging your things
- **Emotional** - rumours, leaving you out
- **Online** - nasty messages, posts, pictures or videos

Everyone is respected here.



Cyberbullying

- Mean messages
- Embarrassing pictures or videos
- Fake accounts
- Sharing private information

If it happens:

Save it. Report it. Tell someone



If YOU Are Being Bullied

- Tell a teacher
- Tell your parents
- Tell your friends
- Seek out support



If You See Bullying

- Tell a member of staff
- Don't join in
- Check the person is OK
- Report online bullying

You can help stop it.



How School Helps

We Will:

- Listen
- Take it seriously
- Offer counselling
- Help with friendships
- Online safety advice



Speak Up. We Listen

Bullying stops when we all take action-don't be a bystander. Report all incidents to staff in school. We want a safe and secure place for students to learn.



Need Support?

- Form Tutor
- Head of Year
- Family Support Worker
- Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Any trusted adult in school.



Email:- safeguarding@aldercarhighschool.co.uk

London Marathon for Macmillan Cancer Support

On Sunday 12th April, our very own Mrs. Greenwood ran the London Landmarks half marathon whilst raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support, a charity very close to her heart. Mrs. Greenwood completed the 13-mile run in a fantastic time of 2 hours, 23 minutes and 36 seconds and we as a school community are so proud of her. Mrs. Greenwood raised a total of £1060 towards the charity. We can't wait to see what her next challenge will be!



Kind Regards

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

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