



Weekly Newsletter 5th June 2026

Dear members of the Aldercar High School community,

We hope that you all managed to have a great sunny break over half term. We are delighted with our first week back and the climate around our school has been of a top quality. Our young people are demonstrating our values of **ready, responsible and respectful** regularly and we are impressed with the high volume of additional positive points that our young people are achieving.

We hope that you enjoy our weekly newsletter.

Published Ofsted Report

This week Mr Smith wrote to parents sharing our latest Ofsted report relating to our inspection in April. Please follow the links to the letter and the report itself. As a reminder, we will be holding a post Ofsted presentation on June the 15th at 1730 in the main hall.

[Ofsted Information Evening - Monday 15 June at 5.30pm](#)

[Ofsted Report - Aldercar High School](#)

If any parents or carers would like to attend, please follow the link to book you place.



Year 11 Exams

We have one full week of Year 11 exams left. They are doing themselves proud, and here is the plan for next week.

	Arrival	AM Exam	PM Exam	Leave
Monday	Students taking Biology to arrive by 8.20am. Non Biology students to arrive by 11am	Biology	Further Maths	Students not taking Spanish or Further Maths to go home at 1.30pm. Spanish students to leave at 2.55pm. Further Maths students to leave after the exam
Tuesday	Spanish students to arrive for 8.20am. Everyone else to arrive for 9.40am	Spanish Listening and Reading	History and Construction	2.55pm or after exam
Wednesday	8:20am	Maths	No Exam	Leave at 1.30pm
Thursday	8:20am	Geography	No exam	Leave at 1.30pm
Friday	8:20am	Chemistry	Polish and Statistics	2.55pm or after exam

Year 10

This is the final opportunity to book for the Year 10 parents evening for Thursday 11th June 2026. Closing date is Monday 8th June at 9am.

Arrival is between 4.30pm and 5.15pm, with the main presentation starting at 5.30pm. Please book your space on the form below so we can ensure the evening is tailored to your child, and if you would like to join us for dinner, here is where you book your dinner also. The evening will finish at 7.30pm.

- The revision evening will include:
- Collecting Y10 mock exam results and predicted grades
- An opportunity to talk to class teachers
- What Year 11 will look like for students
- General revision tips for all students
- Specific revision tips for English and Maths
- Wellbeing advice



We strongly recommend all students come to this event, even if parents are unable to attend.

[Year 10 Parents Evening Booking Form - Thursday 11th June – Fill in form](#)

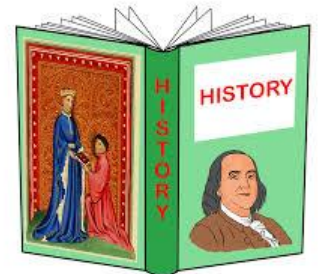
KS3 End of Year Exams

There will be end of year exams taking place in the Sports Hall for years 7, 8 and 9. Here is the timetable of the end of year exams. Further details will be shared with students over the coming week.

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Day	Date	Tutor	P1	P2	P3	P4
Thursday	18/06/2026		Y9 Maths		Y8 English	
Friday	19/06/2026		Y8 Maths		Y9 English	
Monday	22/06/2026					Y7 English
Tuesday	23/06/2026		Y7 Maths		Y9 Science	

This week in History

Students in history have been studying a range of different topics spread all across the world and different time periods. The study of history is a great way to understand how and why our country, and the world, has developed. It allows us to understand the struggles and achievements that have given us the life we have today.



Year 7

Year 7 have studied over 600 years of English history so far this year! From the creation of a kingdom called England under The Anglo-Saxons all the way to The English Civil War, Oliver Cromwell and The Restoration. This week they have been continuing their final topic looking at global civilizations. Students will be studying places all around the world looking at significant historical events over the time period they have studied all year. We will be visiting Africa, America, Central Asia and the Far East. To begin students have been studying The Middle East and this week have been looking at The Crusades of the 11-13th Centuries and what convinced people to travel 1000s of miles to fight.

Year 8

Year 8 have studied some of the most transformative events in the history of the country. They have studied The British Empire, The rise and eventual abolition of The Transatlantic Slave Trade, The Industrial Revolution, The suffragettes and The First World War. This week students are continuing their current unit of work on 1920s USA. Crossing the Atlantic to decide if the 1920s really was a golden age. This week students have been studying how life changed for people with new technologies, film and music. Maybe ask your students to practice their Charleston!

Year 9

Year 9 have focussed this year on 20th Century history. They have studied The Rise of The Nazi Party in Germany after WW1, Life in Nazi Germany, The Holocaust and The Second World War. This week students have been continuing their work on The Cold War. Recently students have particularly been focussed on the crises of the 1960s such as the building of The Berlin Wall and The Cuban Missile Crisis.



Inspirational Moves at the Embark Dance Festival

On Wednesday 3rd June, Mrs Wilde and Miss Tyrrell had the absolute pleasure of taking 10 of our fantastic students to the Embark Dance Festival—and we could not be prouder of how they performed.

Representing the school with brilliant energy and utmost professionalism, the group showcased incredible routines that they had been creating and rehearsing for just five weeks. Their dedication was evident in every single step.

A particular highlight of the day was watching our very own Year 9 students take the floor to teach the professional judging panel a few steps of Latin and ballroom!

The students were an absolute credit to the school from start to finish, bringing immense passion and team spirit to the entire event. Huge congratulations to everyone involved!





Year 7 Quad Kids event

Mr Briggs took some Year 7 students to take part in the annual Year 7 Quad Kids event, which includes 100m and 800m track events, vortex throw and long jump. They competed against other schools in the borough. All the students did really well through the events giving it their best. Overall we finished 3rd with the combined results and a special mention to Harry who finished 3rd out of all the boys who entered, what a great achievement.



Water safety resources

You will have seen reporting of the tragic water-related deaths in the recent heatwave, including several school-age children. Our thoughts are with the family and friends of those involved, and the communities affected by these events.



The [Royal Life Saving Society's Drowning Prevention Week](#) starts on 13 June, and there are also free school resources available from the [RNLI](#) and the [Canal and River Trust](#). New [statutory guidance on relationships, sex, and health education](#) from September includes water safety.



Request from Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner

Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner Nicolle Ndiweni-Roberts is currently consulting women and girls about their experiences of gender violence - to feed into the OPCC Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Delivery Plan to tackle VAWG across the Derbyshire police force area.

They are currently short of responses from younger women who live in the Amber Valley area and would like to ask for your help.

Female students in Year 10 and above are being encouraged to complete the survey below which takes approximately 4 minutes.

[Women and girls invited to share their experiences of gender violence | Office of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner](#)

The survey closes at the end of July and teachers, other staff, parents and anyone else who lives in Derby or Derbyshire are also welcome to complete the survey.

If you have any questions regarding the survey or would like any more information, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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Diary Dates

Thursday 11th June - Year 10 Parents Evening

Thursday 25th June - Transition evening for new Year 6 students

Friday 26th June - Inset Day - no students in school

Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd July - Y6 Transition days in school

Friday 3rd July - Y11 Prom

Thursday 9th July - Careers Fayre

Tuesday 14th July - Shipley and Howitt Celebration Evening

Thursday 16th July - Gregg and Ormonde Celebration Evening

Thursday 23rd July - Break up day

Kind Regards

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

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