



Weekly Newsletter 3rd July 2026

Dear members of the Aldercar High School community,

It has been an incredibly busy week in school, and following on from the disruption caused by the heatwave last week, students generally have adapted back into the school routine well.

We are in the middle of the World Cup and are aware that England are playing in the early hours of Monday morning. School will be open as normal on Monday morning, and during tutor time and Period 1, students will be able to watch the highlights.

We were sad to say goodbye to our Year 11s today, and we are excited to celebrate their 5 years at Aldercar High School at prom tonight.

It has been delightful to see our Year 6 students in school yesterday and today, and we are all incredibly impressed by their attitudes in school.

I was extremely proud to represent the school at the Embark Awards on Tuesday evening. This is always a special event in the school calendar, and you can read more about it later in this newsletter.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support in helping us maintain high standards for uniform and attendance through to the end of the summer term.

Mr Blake



Curriculum Capture – Geography

This week in Geography we have been celebrating the amazing Year 7 Biomes Homework Projects that have been coming in. They completed a range of tasks from making a biome in a box, food chains of their back gardens, extreme animal survival fact files and even writing a letter to the Brazilian Government stating why we should protect the Amazon Rainforest. Congratulations to all students for a fantastic effort!



District Athletics

We had a fantastic day on Tuesday at Moorways District Athletics, with some amazing, well behaved and resilient students who gave their very best efforts in every event they did. Stand out performances from Sienna M and Erin B



Year 10 and Year 7 Sports Day

We have had two great sports days this week with the Year 10 and Year 7 students competing in lots of different sports. Seeing students having a smile on their faces over the two days has been brilliant and we very much look forward to Year 8 sports day on Wednesday and the final day being year 9 on Thursday to then crown house champions 2025/2026. Results are very close so far.....



CURRENT SPORTS DAY STANDINGS



YEAR 10 SPORTS DAY

GREGG = 15 POINTS / HOWITT = 14 POINTS / ORMONDE = 12 POINTS / SHIPLEY = 8 POINTS

6TH FORM LEARNING SUPPORT SPORTS DAY – TO BE CONTINUED

GREGG = 1 POINT / HOWITT = 3 POINTS / ORMONDE = 4 POINTS / SHIPLEY = 2 POINTS

YEAR 7 SPORTS DAY

GREGG = 17 / HOWITT = 16 / ORMONDE = 12 / SHIPLEY = 15

CURRENT PLACING = 1ST = GREGG & HOWITT 33 POINTS, 2ND = ORMONDE 28 POINTS, 3RD = SHIPLEY 25 POINTS

YEAR 8 SPORTS DAY

GREGG = / HOWITT = / ORMONDE = / SHIPLEY =

YEAR 9 SPORTS DAY

GREGG = / HOWITT = / ORMONDE = / SHIPLEY =



Here are some photos of this week's events:





The Embark Awards 2026

On Tuesday 30th June, the annual Embark Awards took place at the New Horizon Centre in Langley Mill. The Embark Awards celebrate young people across the trust who demonstrate the core trust values of Family, Teamwork, Integrity and Success, through their actions, attitudes and achievements. These awards recognise those who make a positive difference within their schools and communities and who inspire others through kindness, determination leadership and resilience. Each school nominates a number of different students for each of the core values and in addition a special award. Please see below for this year's winners from Aldercar High School:



Hunter B Year 9

This award recognises a remarkable young person who has shown resilience, kindness, and determination in the face of significant challenges. Following his father's accident, he has taken on the important role of young carer, demonstrating maturity and compassion well beyond his years.

After joining our school in Year 9, as an in-year transfer due to difficulties at his previous school, he quickly settled into our community, embraced new opportunities, and formed strong friendships. His positive attitude and willingness to engage with others have made him a valued member of our school.

We are also delighted that his father has become actively involved in school community events, helping to strengthen the partnership between home and school. Together, they exemplify perseverance, courage, and the importance of community support.

It is a pleasure to recognise his achievements and the positive contribution he and his family make to our school community.



Lucy N Year 7

Lucy joined us this year at the start of Year 7. Lucy is hearing and visually impaired as well as navigating lots of other significant health care issues. Starting a new secondary school, out of catchment, where she didn't know anybody was always going to be a huge challenge for Lucy and her family. However, with the bespoke support available in school, she has managed this transition brilliantly and is currently exceeding all expectations. Despite so many obstacles and barriers, Lucy displays incredible resilience and not only attends school every day but works tirelessly to achieve her potential day in and day out. We are so proud of Lucy's commitment to learning and her can do, lets crack on, attitude. We are very excited to see and be part of Lucy's bright future.



Joshua K Year 9

Josh is a member of Ripley Rascals Swim Club and became RLSS Speeds Nationals 2026 National Champion, winning 50m mannequin tow and 100m rescue medley, placing third in 100m and 50m mannequin carry, and topping the 12–14 category with 85 points. He helped his team win 4x25 mannequin and medley relays, place third in rope throw and 4x50 obstacle, competing nationally including Blyth, Cardiff, Ireland and Jersey events.



Toby T Year 13

Toby has been a committed and hardworking student throughout his time with us from Year 7 all the way through to completion of his A Level's this summer. We have nominated Toby for this award for his completion of the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award. Toby has worked so hard on all levels of this award and demonstrated incredible motivation, perseverance and commitment throughout. Toby was lucky enough to recently attend an awards ceremony at Buckingham Palace and he is the first student at our school to achieve this incredible accolade. We wish Toby all the best for the future.



April R Year 11

Despite recently being diagnosed with Functional Neurological Disorder (FND), April has continued to show incredible resilience, determination, and positivity throughout what has clearly been a very challenging time. As a Year 11 student preparing for GCSEs, she has faced obstacles that many people would struggle to cope with, yet she continues to come into school with a smile on her face and gives her absolute best every single day.

What stands out most is her attitude. Even when things are difficult, April remains kind, positive, and motivated to succeed. She has shown real courage in continuing with her studies and trying so hard with her GCSEs despite the challenges she is facing personally and medically.

She is a fantastic example of resilience, strength, and perseverance, and we truly believe she deserves recognition for the way she has handled herself during such a difficult period.



Former student signs Professional contract with Notts FC

We are delighted to share some fantastic news about one of our former students, Zac D, who has signed a professional contract with Notts County FC. This is an outstanding achievement and a reflection of Zac's hard work, commitment, and talent. Everyone at the school is incredibly proud of his success and wishes him every success in the next chapter of his football career.

Congratulations, Zac – You Pies! 🏆 ❤️



Diary Dates

Wednesday 8th July – Year 8 Sports day

Thursday 9th July – Year 9 Sports day

Thursday 9th July - Careers Fayre

Monday 13th July - Howitt & Shipley Celebration Evening

Thursday 16th July- Ormonde and Gregg Celebration Evening

Friday 17th July – Rewards trip to Alton Towers

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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