



Weekly Newsletter 11th September 2026

Dear members of the Aldercar High School community,

It has been absolutely amazing to welcome our young people back to school after the summer break.

It has also been wonderful to see that our young people have returned with real commitment to our values of Ready, Respectful and Responsible. Our values also form the basis for our rewards systems and we are delighted that all of our young people are still meeting our expectations of being above 95%. Keep up the great work everyone.

Please enjoy our first weekly newsletter of the year.

School Photographs - We would like to remind parents and carers that school photographs will be taking place for all students on Friday 18th September. Please ensure your child comes to school in full school uniform and arrives ready for their photograph. Further information regarding the ordering of photographs will be shared following the photo day.

New Catering Service - at AHS we have moved to a new contractor called Aspens. Please find attached a sample menu.

STREATERIES		WEEK 1	Autumn/Winter 2026-27 21/09/26, 21/09/26, 12/10/26, 02/11/26, 23/11/26, 14/12/26, 04/01/27, 25/01/27, 15/02/27, 08/03/27
MAINS	MAINS		VEGGIE
	STICKY HONEY GINGER MEATBALLS & BEANSPROUTS With EGG NOODLES		MISO ROAST AUBERGINE & EDAMAME WITH STICKY CHILLI GLAZE With EGG NOODLES
	CAJUN CHICKEN STACK, TOPPED WITH MARINARA AND CHEESE With GARLIC & HERB WEDGES		CAJUN ROASTED VEGETABLE & BUTTERBEAN BAKE With GARLIC & HERB WEDGES
	SIMPLY ROAST PORK & YORKSHIRE PUDDING With SKIN ON GARLIC ROASTIES		CAULIFLOWER & SQUASH CHEESY GRATIN With SKIN ON GARLIC ROASTIES
	CHICKEN TIKKA PATHIA CURRY WITH MINT YOGHURT With BRAISED RICE		ALOO GOBI VEGETABLE CURRY With BRAISED RICE
	BATTERED FISH SAUSAGE/VEG SAUSAGE PIZZA SLICE With CHICKEN NUGGETS		PIZZA SLICE With CHIPS, GRAVY or IRISH CURRY SAUCE
	CHIPS, GRAVY or IRISH CURRY SAUCE		CHIPS, GRAVY or IRISH CURRY SAUCE
	VEGETABLES/SALAD		
	MONDAY: WOK FRIED VEGETABLES	TUESDAY: RED SLAW	WEDNESDAY: RED CABBAGE & BROCCOLI
	THURSDAY: COCONUT GREEN BEANS	FRIDAY: GARDEN PEAS OR BAKED BEANS	
DESSERTS			
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
			HOMEBAKE FAVOURITES
			THURSDAY
			FRIDAY

KEY: VEGGIE

Fresh Cut Fruit & Yogurt Pots available daily

NOT JUST POTATOES... LOADED SPUDS!		SO GOOD THEY'RE HERE TO STAY!
MONDAY CARBONARA LOADED SPUD	TUESDAY MEXICAN BEAN CHILLI LOADED SPUD	WEDNESDAY THAI GREEN VEG CURRY LOADED SPUD
THURSDAY CHICKEN TIKKA PATHIA LOADED SPUD	FRIDAY ALL THE CLASSICS	
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY BEANS • CHEESE • TUNA		
HOT DELIKITCHEN		REGULAR CHEF'S SPECIALS
MONDAY PILRI CHICKEN WRAP	TUESDAY KATSU CHICKEN BURGER	WEDNESDAY ROAST PORK & STUFFING 1/2 BAGUETTE
THURSDAY CHEESY NACHO DOG	FRIDAY LOADED CHIPS PEPPERONI MARINARA	
PASTA, RICE & NOODLE POTS		HANDCRAFTED DELI SANDWICHES, BAGUETTES, WRAPS, SALADS & MORE!
MONDAY CARBONARA SPAGHETTI POT	TUESDAY MEXICAN BEAN CHILLI RICE POT	WEDNESDAY THAI GREEN CURRY VEGETABLE NOODLE POT
THURSDAY SPICY CHICKEN PENNE	FRIDAY CLASSIC MAC CHEESE	
MID MORNING BREAK CONNECT		SELECTION OF PIZZAS AVAILABLE DAILY
Refuelling you between breakfast and your lunchtime destination!		
DAILY MEAL DEALS		Freshly Made from Scratch DAILY!

If your child has an allergy or dietary requirement that we are not aware of, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can support this in school.

Year 5 and 6 Open Evening [Early Closure] - on the 23rd of September we open our doors to our prospective students and parents. It is a wonderful opportunity for our community to see who we are and what we are about.

Due to this event taking place, Aldercar High School will close early at 1330 on that day to support preparations.



Year 5/6 Open Evening, Wednesday 23rd September 2026
From 5-7pm

This is a caring and inclusive school. Pupils benefit from warm and positive relationships. OFSTED 2026.

🍕 Complimentary food samples and refreshments available.

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GCSE Outcomes - We were delighted with the performance of last year's Year 11 students. Their performance, in some areas, were the best we have ever achieved. Our press release is accessible by following this link.

[Aldercar High School GCSE and Level 2 Examination Results 2026 - click to view press release - Aldercar High School](#)

Curriculum Capture: Spanish

We have had a busy first week back in the Spanish Department.

We welcome our new Spanish teacher, Ms Gonzales who has already started teaching the students this week. She is excited about sharing her knowledge & culture. Ms Gonzales is from Peru so we are excited to be able to get to know more about Latin American culture!

We started our Spanish learning journey in Year 7 by learning the Spanish phonetical system. We had fun learning how to pronounce new words and we even did some singing! Here are the sounds we learnt, can you get your children to show you how to pronounce them properly?

1  <u>araña</u>	2  <u>elefante</u>	3  idea	4  <u>olvidar</u>
5  <u>universo</u>	6  <u>cerdo</u>	7  <u>ciclista</u>	8  <u>casa</u>
9  <u>coche</u>	10  <u>cucaracha</u>	11  <u>gimnástica</u>	12  <u>hamburguesa</u>
13  <u>España</u>	14  <u>zumo</u>	15  <u>guitarra</u>	16  <u>llave</u>

We celebrated some super GCSE results in Spanish this summer and Mrs J was super proud of her class. Well done 👍

Relational approach and rewards

This year, we are introducing our new rewards system, built around our three school values:

Ready, Respectful and Responsible.

Students will earn R Points by consistently demonstrating these values in lessons and around school. Points can also be earned for things such as outstanding work, sporting success, supporting others, and going above and beyond.

Students will be able to spend their R Points in our Reward Shop, which will be open every Friday, with a range of rewards available.

A key part of our system is the 95% threshold. This represents the balance between positive and negative points, and our aim is for every student in school to achieve and maintain 95% or above by consistently demonstrating our three values.

We will also celebrate students who achieve 95% or above through our termly reward events at the end of the Christmas, Easter and Summer terms, we aim to hold activity days for all eligible students, giving them the opportunity to celebrate their hard work and positive choices.

Our message is simple: Every choice counts. Every lesson counts. Every day counts.

Ready. Respectful. Responsible.

Meet the Tutor Evening – Year 7

We are delighted to invite all Year 7 students and their parents/carers to our Meet the Tutor Evening on Thursday 15 October, from 4.00pm to 7.00pm. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet your child's tutor, learn more about life at school, discuss how your child has settled into secondary education, and ask any questions you may have. We look forward to welcoming families and working together to ensure every student has a successful and enjoyable start to their Year 7 journey.



Attendance Matters

A positive start to the school year begins with excellent attendance. Every school day provides valuable learning opportunities, helping students build confidence, develop friendships, and achieve their full potential. Missing even a small number of days can make it harder to keep up with lessons and important school experiences. We encourage all students to attend every day, arrive on time, and make the most of the opportunities available to them. Together, we can ensure that every child gets the best possible start to a successful academic year. We encourage all of our students and parents to keep a regular eye on their child's attendance through the Arbor Parent App and to ensure that it remains above 96%.

If your child is absent for any reason, please either ring the school office on 01773 712477 Option 1 before 8am each day of absence or email aldercarattendance@aldercarhighschool.co.uk.

100%	0 days off · Outstanding attendance Every learning opportunity has been maximised — a strong foundation for progress and personal growth.
98%	4 days off per year · Strong attendance A strong commitment to learning that gives a very good chance of making the most of school.
96%	8 days off per year · Minimum expectation Meets the school's minimum expectation and is around the national average. Our aim is for every student to attend 100% of possible sessions.
94%	12 days off per year · about 2 per half term · Below expectation Below the expected standard. Missing this much learning can affect progress and make it harder to keep up.
92%	15 days off per year · about 2.5 per half term · Cause for concern Significant learning time is being lost. Gaps can build quickly across subjects and may affect progress.
90%	19 days off per year · about 3 per half term · Serious cause for concern Around a month of school missed over the year. At this level the risk to progress and achievement increases significantly.
Under 90%	More than 19 days off per year · Persistently absent This is persistent absence. The risk of falling behind and missing key opportunities is high — please talk to us early so we can help.

Get Connected: Log In to the Arbor Parent App Today!

Managing school life just got a whole lot simpler. We are using the **Arbor Parent App** to give you a direct window into your child's school day, attendance, and important notices.

How to Log In

If you haven't accessed your account yet, getting started is easy:

1. **Download the app:** Search for "Arbor" in the Google Play Store or Apple App Store.
2. **First-time login:** Click "Forgot your password?" on the login screen.
3. **Activate:** Enter the email address the school has on file for you, follow the link sent to your inbox to set your password, and you're in! *(You can also log in on a computer at login.arbor.sc)*

Having Issues Logging In?

If you don't receive the password reset link, or if your email address isn't recognized, we are here to help! Please email our team at **data@aldercarhighschool.co.uk** with your child's name, and we will get your details updated right away.

Introducing Arbor Pay!

No more scrambling for exact change or managing multiple school website accounts. You can now take care of all school expenses securely right inside the Arbor App:

-  **School Meals:** View live balances and top up dinner money instantly.
-  **Trips & Clubs:** Register, consent, and pay for school activities in just a few taps.
-  **Easy Checkout:** Fast, secure payments via credit/debit card, **Apple Pay**, or **Google Pay**.

Log in today to ensure your account is set up and ready to go!

Year 8 Head of Year message

It has been fantastic to welcome our Year 8 students back to school this week following the summer holidays.

I have been really pleased with how well they have settled back into school life and adapted to the changes that come with a new academic year.

They have made a really positive start, and I am incredibly proud of the maturity and resilience they have shown. Well done, Year 8 – keep it up!

Mr Gilhooly

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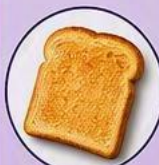


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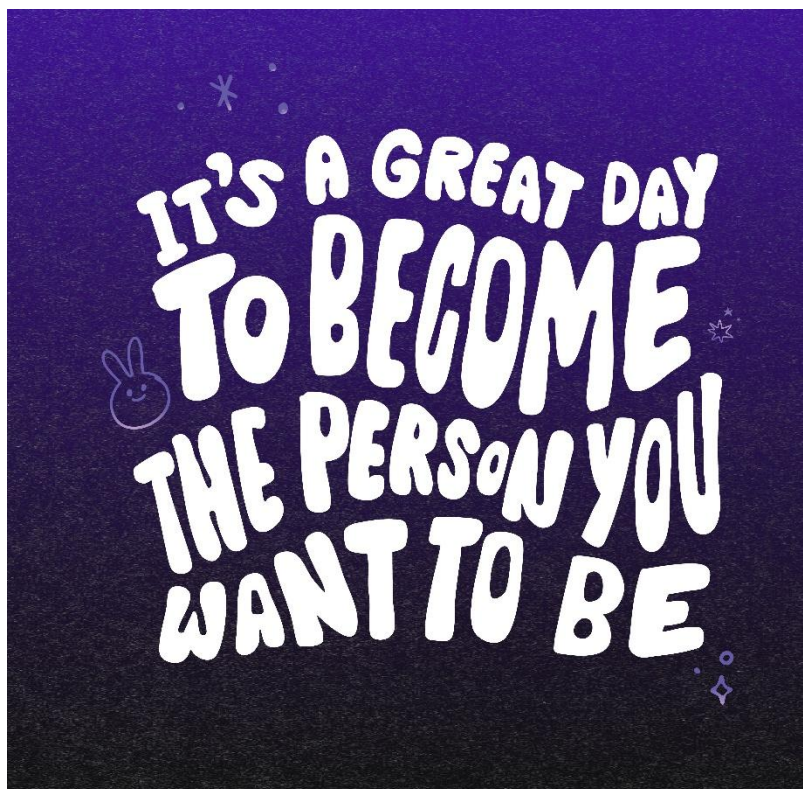
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Diary Dates

Thursday 17th – Saturday 19th September – Silver DofE exhibition

Friday 18th September – School photographs for all students

Wednesday 23rd September-School closes to students at 13:30

Wednesday 23rd September- Year 6 open evening 17:00 – 19:00

Thursday 1st October – Geography fieldwork coastal trip

Thursday 15th October – Meet the Tutor evening -Year 7 16:00 – 19:00

Friday 23rd October – Inset day

Monday 25th-29th October – Half term week

Kind Regards

Phil Smith

Proud Headteacher Aldercar High School

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

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