

Summer Term 1 Enrichment Express



Altruism



Leadership



Diversity



Excellence



Resilience

Alder celebrates Ramadan

This year, during our annual Ramadan celebration led by Mr Shaukat, our students participated in a food sale where they managed to raise £250 for the local Islamic Centre. The Centre's chairman was incredibly proud of the effort put forward by the staff and students. Mohammed Rahman had this to say:

"Assalamu Alaykum wa Rahmatullah. I pray you're well. Today we received the cheque in the amount of £250.00. We express our appreciation to the students and staff for their kind donation and look forward to hosting them one day in the near future Insha'Allah."

Our very own Mr Dixon, and year 11 student Jack Jones, took part in a fast in order to experience what our Muslim community experience each Ramadan. They produced a sensational video blog of their experience throughout their day of fasting. They both found it to be incredibly challenging but took a great deal from the experience. Here are some of their thoughts from the blog:

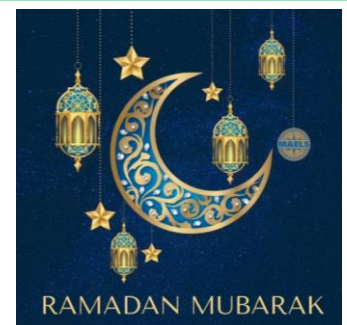


"I'm doing this to educate myself and learn about Islam."

"I have learned that you don't have to be any colour or race. Being Muslim is not a colour; it's religion and it is faith."

"This is so we can see the experience and perspective of somebody fasting that isn't Muslim."

"It has been harder than I thought. I know it sounds cliché but it really does make you appreciate how much you miss and need food and water."



Culture Club rolls onto Japan

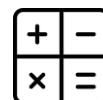


On the 17th of May, our Humanities Culture Club took part in a Karate session led by our very own Mr Watts. This term, Culture Club are studying the country of Japan and have had the amazing opportunity to learn the basics of traditional Japanese Karate. Thank you Mr Watts & Ms Cargill for organising such a fun session!

Along with experiencing Karate for the first time, our the club are exploring the history of Japan, cooking up some Japanese cuisine, and learning all about the science of the earthquakes and tsunamis that plague the country. Culture Club takes place every Wednesday after school with our amazing Humanities team.



KS3 take on the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge



On Wednesday 26th April, 50 pupils from Year 7 & 8 took part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. This is a 25 question challenge, completed by pupils individually in test conditions. Pupils have one hour to attempt as many of the questions as possible with a chance of achieving Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. The questions are challenging and encourage mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency of maths to solve interesting problems.

Congratulations to all pupils; the excellent results show that Alder has some incredible mathematicians.

Bronze award – Year 7

Jaiden Baker, Kamil Rahman, Michael Bohusz-Mulvey, Lena Fieroch, Roksana Yazdani, Esme Hynes, Darcie Fayle



Bronze award – Year 8

Max Godfrey, Raisa Alam, Iqra Mehek Abbie Myerscough, Sam Threlfall, Sadie Harrop, Amie Bowery, Ewan Colley, Will Sherriff, Amelie Deakin, Ted Threlfall

Silver award – Year 7

Quad Brady, Maria Mehek



Bronze award – Year 8

Sadie Thorp, Thomas Bradley, Rory Bromley, Cole Findlow



Culture Club

KSM KBA PPO ABR JGR VCA ESK

Year 8/9 – Why not pop in? – Every WEDNESDAY after school

- ❖ Take part in some Japanese cooking (and eat it!)
- ❖ Learn about the science behind the earthquakes and tsunamis in Japan
- ❖ Study the amazing history of Japan, including Pearl Harbour and Hiroshima.
- ❖ Discover the amazing Japanese prints.
- ❖ Learn about geisha's and Japanese culture.
- ❖ Take part in a karate session!!



And much more!

ALDER'S GOT TALENT 2023



A huge well done to everyone who auditioned for this year's Alder's Got Talent. We had a great selection of students showcasing their talents and some amazing acts entered the competition, including singers, dancers, musicians and a rapper! This competition once again highlights the broad a diverse ranges of talent that we have here at Alder. Voting is currently taking place to see which students make it through to the grand final, so watch this space!

Congratulations to the following students who made it through the first round of voting:

Christopher Beddows - drums

Siobhan Leigh - bass guitar

Jaiden Baker - rapping

Maisie O'Gara - Irish dancing

Luke Armstrong and **Alex Worsley** - singing

Lily Brown - tap dancing

Matthew Pollitt - keyboards

Nathan Bodgers and **Riley Hargreaves** - drums and guitar

Rihannan Rennie - singing



Year 10 put on their wellies for fieldwork



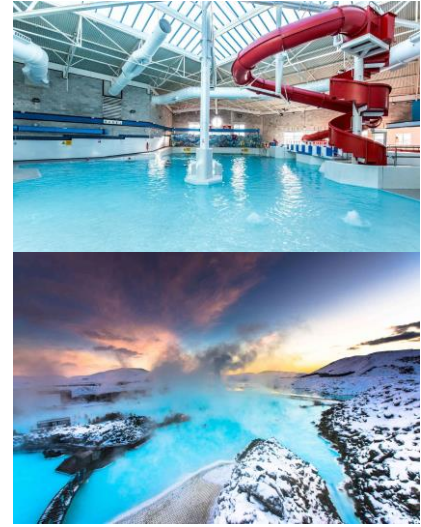
Two groups of Year 10 students have undertaken their geography rivers fieldwork over two separate days at Crowden Brook. Year 10 had an enjoyable and enriching experience getting to discover how rivers change and behave downstream. Some students had never even worn wellies before this trip so new experiences come in all shapes and sizes. A huge thank you to the Crowden Outdoor Education Centre for leading this fantastic field trip.



Year 8 prepare for Iceland



70 Year 8 students who are preparing for the 2024 Iceland trip attended a swimming session at Hyde Leisure Pool. This was to prepare them for the Blue Lagoon Spa and to check their confidence in swimming. The Blue Lagoon is one stop of our upcoming trip, which also includes whale watching, visiting Reykjavik, a glacier hike and visiting the national LAVA Centre. Our Year 8s proved particularly adept at swimming and are really looking forward to the trip next year. Whilst at the pool, they were blasted with water cannons and endured the wave machine for good measure, as well as tackling the water flume.



Year 8 girls explore the world of STEM



Mr Shaukat took 20 Year 8 girls to MediacityUK in Salford to take part in a CyberFirst Empower event. This was a fantastic opportunity for the girls to spark their interests in technology-based careers whilst meeting some world-leading technology companies. They were inspired by women who work in STEM industries and got to explore the latest innovations in areas such as AI, cyber security, data science and robotics.

Dangers of Addiction guest lecture for Year 10



Year 10 students welcomed a guest speaker from the UK Addiction Treatment Centre, one of the largest substance and behavioural disorder treatment providers in the country. The students had the opportunity to talk about key issues such as bullying, vaping, cannabis and laughing gas with our guest expert. Our Year 10 students took a great deal from the informative talk and fully engaged with the guest lecturer on the real issues that face our community.



UK Addiction Treatment Centres

DofE Navigation Day



Year 9 students have been training for their upcoming expeditions in June in the Peak District. Last time we checked in with this year's cohort, they were learning how to cook in the wild. In order to achieve their Bronze award this year, our students will have to complete an expedition over two days and one night. This will entail a total of 12 hours navigating the Peak District with a map and compass; they will have to find a suitable camping site and stay the night in a tent they have erected. Our students are learning vital life skills whilst excelling in teamwork, communication and leadership. Practice makes perfect, year 9, and we can't wait to check back in once you complete your real expeditions.



Guitar as you've never seen it before!



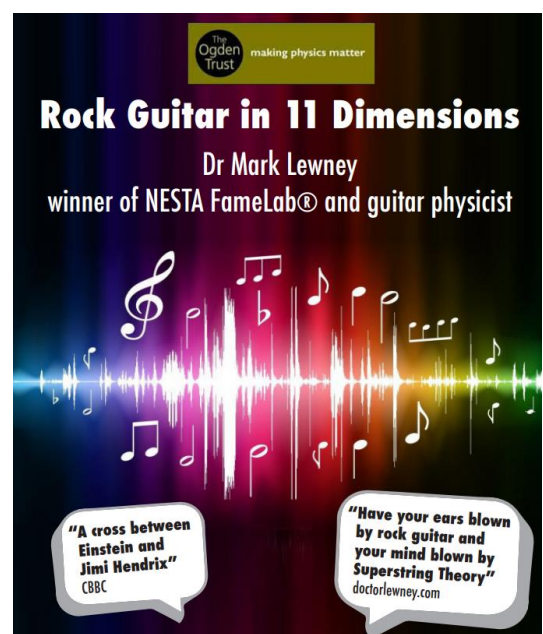
Our students have the opportunity to rock and nerd out with Dr Mark Lewney. Dr Lewney is a NESTA FameLab® winner and guitar physicist. The students will have their ears blown by rock guitar and minds blown by Superstring Theory at Dukinfield Town Hall. Dr Lewney also does inspiring maths and physics talk for schools, universities and festivals. **Due to popular demand, there is an extra night with tickets available on 22nd June 2023.** This is open to parents and students alike. Tickets are available through Eventbrite.

Mark has appeared on Radio 4's Material World as a guitar expert, on BBC's Newsnight as a "physics evangelist", and on CBBC's Xchange! as the "Rock Doctor".

"A cross between Einstein and Jimi Hendrix"

"Gobsmackingly amazing ... a high energy performer"

"A gust of fresh air"



Get involved!

There is a whole host of clubs at Alder that you can get involved in at lunch time and after school.

Here are the clubs available at lunchtime each week:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Lunch				
Art Club B5	Art Club B3	Art Club B3	Art Club B5	Ps Photoshop B2
Game Design C10	Dance Club Studio	Alder Roots F10	Chess Club A4	
Fitness Suite	Fitness Suite	Fitness Suite	Fitness Suite	
Indoor Games Sp. Hall	Indoor Games Sp. Hall	Indoor Games Sp. Hall	Indoor Games Sp. Hall	
	Yr. 7 Vocal C15	IDEA C10	Table tennis Studio	
		Citizenship F9		

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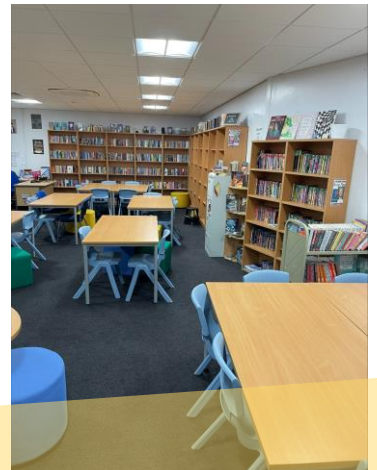
Here are the clubs available after school each week:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
After-school				
Art Club B5	Indoor Games Sp. Hall	Art Club B3	Art Club B5	Basketball Sp. Hall
Badminton Sp. Hall	Dance Club Studio	Drama Club B4	Culture Club 6th Oct	KS4 Book Club (not weekly) A12
Fitness Suite	Fitness Suite	Fitness Suite	Fitness Suite	Fitness Suite
Girls Football Yr 7/8/9 Astro	D & D Library	Chess Club A4	Boys Football Yr 7/8/9 Astro	
		Textile club C21	Instrumental C17	
		School Band C17		

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		Textile club C21		
		School Band C17		

Don't forget: there are also quiet places you can work, reflect, read and get support with your homework.

- The Library
- Prayer Group
- Computing Club
- Homework Club





BACK OF THE NET



Year 11 sign out with an unlucky semi-final loss

In the last ever match for the Y11 boys, they played St Damian's in the semi-finals of the Tameside Cup. After holding St Damian's for 60 minutes, we eventually conceded in the 62nd minute. Due to this, we gambled and switched to an attacking formation. We hit the bar and the post but eventually lost the game 2-1. Unlucky Y11; good luck with the rest of your careers. Team PE.



Year 7 & 8 made the Tameside cup semi-finals

Both teams reached the semi-finals with Y7 playing Audenshaw and Y8s playing St Thomas More. In two very tense games we eventually lost to very good teams who both went on to win the final. Roll on the 2023-24 season!



Our undefeated Year 9 netball team see the professionals!

Mrs Dobbyn, Miss Gilligan and Mr Lenahan took our undefeated year 9 girls to Belle Vue sports centre to see Manchester Thunder play Team Bath. We all had a great time and it was inspiring for the students who had not seen elite level Netball being played before. It was also a first for Mr Lenahan, who was amazed at the speed of the game! Thunder were well in control throughout the match with the final score 76-57 to Thunder.



Year 9 and 10 girls football tournament

Alder's KS4 girls' football team came 3rd place in a tournament held at Alder. Despite our girls playing one player less during each game, they never gave up and continued to battle on. Their communication and motivation throughout each game was brilliant and they should be so proud of themselves.

