



Alder Community High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Second Autumn Term Newsletter 2019

Training Day

Please note that Monday, 2nd December 2019 is a training day and students are not required to attend school on that day. Students return to school as normal on Tuesday, 3rd December 2019.

Alder Houses

Students have now been given a House Achievement Passport. Students will use the passport to track and log their achievements as they work towards achievement badges. More information about the Alder Houses can be found on our website <https://www.aldercommunityhighschool.org.uk/student-zone/alder-houses>

House Name	Incana	Rubra	Nitida	Crispa	Cordata	Viridis
House Colour	Gold	Red	White	Purple	Blue	Green
Year 7 Forms	7TLI	7PPO	7AHA	7KOS	7LCR	7NPI
Year 8 Forms	8SRE	8JWA	8JHL	8ZMU	8CBS	8JCL
Year 9 Forms	9MWA	9SSI	9KBA	9JDO	9USH	9VCA
Year 10 Forms	10VLA	10AHN	10JCA	10PRA	10RYO	10CCO
Year 11 Forms	11VGO	11CGA	11WTA	11AGR	11MDO	11KSM

Pre Public Examinations (PPEs) 2019

Year 11 begin their PPEs on Monday, 9th December. These are important examinations in preparation for the final GCSEs in May/June. Also, the results can be used on college application forms.

Remaining Parents' Evenings

Year 9: Thursday, 9th January 2020

Year 10: Wednesday, 6th May 2020

Year 11: Thursday, 6th February 2020

Calendar Dates

We break for the Christmas holiday on Friday, 20th December 2019. Term dates for the remainder of the academic year are as follows:

Spring Term

Monday, 6th January 2020 – Friday, 14th February 2020

Monday, 24th February 2020 – Friday, 3rd April 2020

Summer Term

Monday, 20th April 2020 – Friday, 22nd May 2020

Monday, 1st June 2020 – Thursday, 16th July 2020

School will be closed on Friday 8th May, the Bank Holiday for VE celebrations.



Other dates for your diary:

- Year 11 Physics trip to CERN - Wednesday, 11th – Friday, 13th December 2019;
- Alder Evening of Dance - Thursday, 12th December 2019;
- Christmas Lunch – Tuesday, 17th December 2019
- Christmas Carol Concert at Hyde Chapel – Tuesday, 17th December 2019 at 5pm;
- Year 8 Science trip to Disneyland Paris - Tuesday, 11th – Friday, 14th February 2020;
- Year 10 Spanish trip to Barcelona - Wednesday, 25th – Saturday, 28th March 2020.

Year 10 work experience 18th – 22nd May 2020

A letter was sent home earlier in the year about work experience which will take place in the Summer term for all Year 10 students. Please see the school website for more information. Students who have yet to secure a placement should use time over the Christmas holidays to do so.

Absence and illness

There are certain illnesses whereby children will be absent (e.g. sickness and diarrhoea) and will not need to visit a GP. Although these absences would not be authorised, concerns would only be raised when a child is absent for 5 days or more in any given term. Please do not make GP appointments **unless you would ordinarily do so for that medical concern**. If you do seek advice from a pharmacist (in order to avoid unnecessary GP appointments) then confirmation of that consultation can be used to enable school to authorise absence.

ParentPay

To help school it would assist us if when paying for trips, revision guides, etc, if Parent Pay could be used rather than sending cash into school; the school office can issue an activation letter if required. ParentPay can also be used to credit and monitor your child's dinner money account.

MyEd School App

If you are a priority 1 contact at school for your child, by downloading the [MyEd](https://www.myedschoolapp.com/) school app, not only can you view your child's timetable, attendance and achievement points but it also means that school can send you messages for FREE meaning a significant cost saving throughout the year. <https://www.myedschoolapp.com/>

Lost Property

Please ensure that your child's coat and other items of clothing are clearly labelled with their name so that items of lost property can be easily returned.

Arrangements for the last day of term

Lessons will continue as normal up to the last day of term. However, on Friday, 20th December, we will have a variety of activities to celebrate the end of term and the beginning of the Christmas holidays. Celebration assemblies will take place in the morning and some students will receive the first badges under the House system. There will also be a range of festive activities including the much loved school disco! We will finish at 12.15pm (no lunch available). Students can come into school in non-uniform on the last day for a contribution of at least £2.00 which will go towards School Fund.

Yours sincerely



R O'Regan
Head teacher

