

23rd September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy and varied fortnight at Alderman White, and are settling into the routine of the new school year. I have been very impressed by the engagement and learning that I see as I walk around school and visit lessons, and we have all been so impressed by the engagement with our enrichment programme – over 70 students auditioned for our production of A Christmas Carol, 58 students attended Choir this week, and we continue to have large numbers of students attending rugby and football. Competitive fixtures are now underway – our Year 11 boys football team representing the school with commitment and determination in a challenging away fixture this week – please see our Newsletter, which you can sign up to receive on our website, for sports event reports.

The first of our Duke of Edinburgh Bronze expeditions and our Silver expedition have now taken place, with the second group going out on their Bronze expedition next weekend. The students taking part have been a credit to themselves and have returned well exercised and with some adventures to talk about!

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Welcome Meetings on Teams last week. The presentations were sent out to parents of students in each year group at the end of last week for your reference – if you have any questions or need to discuss anything with us, please do get in touch with your child's tutor or Progress Leader. Remember that there is lots of general information on our website including information about what your child is learning:

<https://aldermanwhite.school/curriculum/subject-information>

On Thursday 6th October we are hosting an Open Evening for children in Year 5/6 and their parents / carers. This is the first time in 3 years that we have hosted this event on site and we are looking forward to showing visitors our school. Information has gone out via local primary schools. An important part of the evening is an opportunity to meet current students and your child may be asked to help on the evening. If this is the case, a permission letter will be sent or emailed to you. This is a privilege and responsibility – we really appreciate the time students give up to show visitors how proud they are of our school.

The last day of this half term for students will be **Thursday 13th October**, as Friday 14th October is an INSET Day. School will reopen for students on Monday 31st October. On Thursday 13th October we will be offering all Year 7 parents an opportunity to meet with their child's tutor after school to discuss how their first term has gone - further details will be sent out to Year 7 parents. You can find a full, live copy of our calendar here: <https://aldermanwhite.school/parents-and-students/calendar>

Yours faithfully,

Mrs A Mellors
Headteacher