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Parent/Carer Newsletter

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Year 8 have done a great job on their recent assessments. These are significant pieces of work that allow us to assess progress at the start of Year 8. The students have approached them with maturity, confidence and resilience.

On a related to note, good luck to Year 11 students as they start the first set of mock examinations from Mon 16 Nov. This is a crucial opportunity to practice in a real examination setting.

Each year we conduct stakeholder surveys across our staff, student and parent groups. This year, all schools in the Cambrian Learning Trust are partnering with The Engagement Platform (TEP) – a research-led engagement tool that will help us better understand your experience by gathering your feedback. Please follow this link to provide us feedback on your experience: https://questions.tep.uk/kingalfreds

Deadline for feedback: Friday 4th December

More information and guidance later in this edition of THE ALREdiAN

Jonathan Smart

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Year 8

An important week for our Yr 8 students undertaking their Tier 3 assessments. Lots of excellent knowledge has been displayed, and we are particularly impressed to hear of students' revision over the half term in preparation for these assessments.

Year 13

The King Alfred's Academy internal deadline for UCAS applications is Fri 27 Nov.

We are delighted to confirm that planning permission has now been granted for the much needed and eagerly anticipated new Drama studio on West Site. This is the last building that needs to be brought up to standard in what is otherwise a very pleasant environment. We now need to select the construction company to deliver the project before work will (hopefully) commence in Feb 2027.

Year 11

Year 11 mock examinations will commence on Thu 12 Nov. Please ensure your child knows which examination they have each day and where they are required to be.

Students must also ensure that they bring the correct equipment for each examination, including their candidate ID, which should be kept in a clear pencil case.

If your child requires a replacement examination timetable or candidate ID, they should speak to their tutor in the first instance.

We wish all Year 11 students every success in their mock examinations and the very best of luck during this important period.

We would like to invite all parents and carers of Year 11 students to attend the Sixth Form Open Evening on Thu 19 Nov from 5pm. Further details have been emailed to you previously.

YEAR GROUP UPDATES

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Yr 8 Tier 3 Assessments
Mon 9 - Fri 13 Nov

Yr 11 Mock Examinations
Thu 12 - Thu 26 Nov

European Ski Trip
Parents' Information Eve
Thu 12 Nov
5.30-6.15pm
Sixth Form Auditorium

Sixth Form
Open Evening
Thu 19 Nov
5-7.30pm
Please refer to a previous email or our website

SEND Coffee Afternoon
Wed 25 Nov
3.45-5pm
Details by invitation

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KA's students doing amazing things







Congratulations to the KS4 students who took part in the Nice trip over the half term holiday. They benefitted hugely from daily lessons in a language school and also had lots of opportunities to absorb the culture.
Likewise, well done to all those students who completed their Silver DoE practice expedition at the start of the half term break. Great work from all involved.



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Stakeholder survey

start here: https://questions.tep.uk/kingalfreds

The survey will take around 10 minutes to complete, and can be completed on your phone, tablet or computer. We want to hear all views - both positive things and areas for improvement. Your feedback will also be used to help understand how parents and carers feel across the country. This national research is undertaken by The Engagement Platform and is completely anonymous. It helps improve things for all families.

You can complete this in your own language; there will be an option to select your language when you start the survey.
You don't have to do this survey. It's your choice. We encourage you to participate, because hearing from many different families helps us support everyone better.
More than one person can take part. Each parent or carer in your home can answer the survey – we encourage feedback from everyone who wants to share their views.
No one at school sees your individual answers - only overall patterns from all families together. There's no way for us to track who has said what.
Your feedback is really valuable and useful – we'll use it to understand things we're doing well, and areas where you need more support.
Only combined results will be shared with us by The Engagement Platform – for example "50% of families feel welcome". The school never sees individual responses or knows who said what.
This survey is operated by The Engagement Platform. You can view their privacy policy on their website (www.tep.uk).
The survey will cover:

- **Quick questions about you and your family, such as how many children you have at our school. This helps us understand everyone's feedback better. You can skip most of these questions if you want. (2-3 minutes)**
- **Your thoughts about the different aspects of school life (4-6 minutes)**
- **How you support learning at home (1-2 minutes)**

If you have any questions please get in touch via our enquiries webform

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Academic Enrichment

Our Programme of AEP Talks for this academic year can be accessed via this link:
AEP Talks Brochure 2026-27

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Careers & Work Experience

For questions about our Careers Programme, or to find out who to contact for careers resources, please go to our webpage

King Alfred's Academy - Careers

And don't forget to check out our Careers Blog for upcoming events and opportunities for parents and students to explore future pathways

Please click on this link to view our Careers Programme Guide:
Careers Pamphlet Sept 2026