



Alameda Middle School

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Year 8 Newsletter October 2025

Welcome

We have had a great start to the academic year. Our amazing pupils have embraced the start of Year 8, the last year of their Alameda journey! I am very proud of the year 8s and proud to have become their year leader.

Updates & Successes

I have heard fabulous accounts of the work that has been going on across the board but especially in art, drama and DT lessons. Many students were awarded for their hard work by Trinity College in drama. Alongside that, some of our students' work has been selected as examples to be shared nationally in centres of excellence across the arts. Keep up the good work. What an achievement!

We also have some talented athletes at Alameda. We have had some fantastic results against our local schools in football, netball, rugby and cross country. Please do check out our Alameda Middle School Facebook page and Instagram pages <https://www.instagram.com/alamedapeandski/> for more information.

Many of our Year 8s have been given opportunities to take on leadership roles within the school. Some of our students have been busy in the PE department, working very closely with Mrs Nelson-Cole as Sports Leaders. They have been working hard and assisting with tasks such as running competitions, supporting at extra-curricular clubs or keeping the PE department in check by helping with administrative tasks. Their valuable work does not go unnoticed.

Another example of how our oldest members of the school are helping some of our youngest is in the DT and science departments. These take place at lunchtimes where our year 8s are passing on their knowledge and understanding of the respective subjects by leading practical sessions under the close supervision of Mr. Brown (DT), and Mr. McGrath (science). These opportunities may instil a passion within our Year 8s to have a very successful career later in life. Who knows? Maybe we will see them come back and teach at Alameda one day!

In the last 8 weeks we have been very busy celebrating everything that makes this year 8 cohort special. We like to celebrate all successes no matter how big or small, so if your child has recently been awarded their black belt in karate, or received their grade 2 in piano, or even volunteered at a local organisation, we would like to hear about it to share it on our Monday morning success

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slides. Please do email your child's form tutor or email me directly, possibly sharing a picture alongside some information about the success. My email address is:

aburt@alamedamiddleschool.org.uk

Here is the list of top 10% achievement points winners in Year 8 over the half term:

Ethan A	93	Emilia D	92
Zara C	91	Lando R	89
Emilia M	89	Holly D	85
Rosie C	85	Alice B	85
Freya V	83	Grace S	83
Noelle B	83	Cameron S	81
Georgia G	81	Sophia D	81
Leap S	80	Eleanor P	80
Kayden P	80	Shiloh P	79

Morning & Attendance Reminders

- Phone hand-in supervision begins at 8:15am.
- Breakfast Club is open and supervised from 8:00am.
- Attendance reminder: If your child is not well enough to attend school, please phone the absence line (01525 750900 – option 1) or email pupilabsence@alamedalamedamiddleschool.org.uk to inform us of the reason. This is important for safeguarding purposes.
- Late arrivals: If your child arrives to school late, they must come through reception to sign in.

Form Attendance

8N	93.72%
8A	92.34%
8M	90.09%
8R	92.74%
8L	94.44%
8C	95.40%

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Upcoming Events

- **Tuesday 4th November** – Pupils return to school
- **Thursday 6th November** – Fun Run (wear house colours and crazy hair)
- **Friday 7th November** – Remembrance Service
- **Thursday 13th November** – Open Evening
- **Thursday 27th November – Tuesday 2nd December** – Book Fair

Applications for Upper School

Please be reminded that the deadline for Upper School applications is **Friday 31st October**. This is a strict deadline. If you do not do this your child will be placed in a school of choice by Central Bedfordshire, this will be a school that is normally undersubscribed. Your child is not guaranteed a place at Redborne and certainly won't be if the deadline has been missed.

Other Information

A gentle reminder that, to help keep all our pupils safe, vehicle access to the school site is not permitted during school hours (8:00 am – 3:30 pm) except blue badge holders. We kindly ask that parents and visitors use the Sports Hall car park (via Parkside) or the turning circle between 8:40am and 3:00pm and walk up to the school.

We all hope you enjoy the well-deserved break after a long half term.

Kind Regards

Mrs Burt and the Year 8 team.

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