



Alameda Middle School

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Year 7 Newsletter October 2025

Welcome

Year 7 have made an excellent start to the new school year. Pupils have returned with a positive attitude, showing great focus and commitment in their lessons. They are working hard, supporting one another, and consistently demonstrating our school values in everything they do.

Updates & Successes

One of the key developments this term has been the introduction of our 'cold calling' in lessons. Pupils are embracing this new strategy brilliantly, ensuring that everyone is ready to respond and that all voices are heard. This approach helps to create an inclusive and engaging classroom environment where every pupil feels valued and involved in their learning.

We have also been really impressed by the quality of discussion during 'turn and talk' activities. Year 7 pupils have shown real focus and maturity, sharing thoughtful and insightful points of view with their peers. These conversations are helping to elevate their learning and build confidence across all subjects.

A real motivator for Year 7 this year has been the introduction of achieving 5 achievement points at the end of every week for meeting expectations all week and receiving no negative behaviour points. It's been amazing to see how well pupils have been motivated by being recognised for consistently being brilliant. As a result, achievement point totals have soared! Well done to the following top 5-point scorers in each form:

7A	Calum, Evie, Louis, Jasmine and Libby
7C	Austin, Pip, Rhianna, Amelia and Lily B
7L	Ava, Sofia, George, Poppy, Liana and Hollie
7M	Brooke, Ella, Vincent, Charlie and Ellie
7N	Bobbie, Isla, Ben, Lola and Bliss
7R	Erin, Harry, Ben, Alyce and Oscar

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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

7R	93.53%
7A	96.46%
7C	95.32%
7N	93.23%
7M	94.44%
7L	93.98%

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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
- **Tuesday 18th – Thursday 20th November** – Harry Potter Trip
- **Thursday 27th November – Tuesday 2nd December** – Book Fair

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

Mr O'Neill and the Year 7 team.

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