

Hi Year 11 Leavers,

We hope you are enjoying your summer break and looking forward to your next steps. We are sending the below on behalf of the Aldridge Foundation. In addition to the Aldridge Alumni Network coming soon, this is another must join network!

Dear Aldridge Graduate,

Congratulations on graduating from Darwen Vale High School. We hope that you had a restful break over the summer and are now looking forward to whatever is next, whether it be further education, training, employment or a gap year.

We are getting in touch to let you know about **Aldridge Connect**. Aldridge Connect is an online community on the professional networking platform LinkedIn, set up by the Aldridge Foundation, for former Aldridge students... YOU! The online community will allow the Aldridge Foundation to offer support to you beyond your time at school, to help you create a professional network and to design the career path you aspire to, even in this challenging environment.

We wanted to create a space for sharing useful resources with you, from internships to job opportunities and online training courses, as well as helping to connect you with mentors who can give you advice and guidance as you navigate your way through further education, when you're preparing for job interviews, or thinking about how you can take the next step in your career. We want to help you build a supportive and useful network of your own. There may also come a time when you're in the position to inspire the next generation yourself!

In order to stay in touch and to benefit from our support, you'll need to first make a **LinkedIn profile** and then follow **Aldridge Connect** - it's really easy - and to help you get set up, [click here](#) for a short presentation which outlines the benefits of joining LinkedIn, building an engaging professional profile, and following Aldridge Connect and [click here](#) for a step-by-step guide to creating a winning profile. We have also attached a guide to help keep you safe online. **If you need any help with setting up your LinkedIn profile, please contact Georgie Butler who will be able to assist: georgina.butler@aldridgefoundation.com**

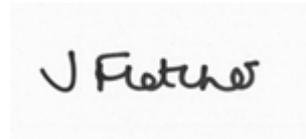
We would be delighted if you would join our community and are always open to suggestions as to how else we can support you. **Please do pass on this information to any other former Aldridge students that you are still in contact with. The bigger the network the bigger the benefit.**

We look forward to seeing you there on **Aldridge Connect**.

Best wishes,



Shona Nichols, CEO Aldridge Foundation



Jane Fletcher, CEO Aldridge Education

Recent opportunities that have been shared through the platform:

[FREE Digital Media Training Programme followed by a minimum of 2 weeks paid work placement with industry partners \(including Sky, BBC, Banijay, Channel 4, Warner Bros Entertainment, NEP and Hat Trick\) will grant you instant industry access while teaching you how to excel in digital production across multiple-platforms. You will master the tools and techniques required to succeed in a 'real life' collaborative and fast paced environment.](#)

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