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An Aldridge Community Academy 

Clubs and Activities Policy

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Aims of the Policy

At Darwen Vale we facilitate a whole range of various clubs and activities to compliment and enrich and complement our curriculum offer. This allows the students to further develop their social, emotional and educational skills. By taking part in extracurricular clubs, students gain the opportunity to build long-lasting friendships and connections, meet pupils from different backgrounds, and gain transferable skills such as communication, teamwork, organisation, problem solving and time management. It will also improve confidence.

As a result of our extra-curricular off the students will:

- Have greater understanding of health and fitness and opportunities to opt for physical activity to encourage a healthy lifestyle, when attending sports clubs
- Learn and develop new interests, skills and talents.
- Show a desire to improve and achieve in relation to their abilities and aspirations.
- Develop the appreciation of the concept of fair play, team play, honest competition and good sportsmanship when attending sports clubs.
- Understand safe practice and develop a sense of responsibility.
- Promote self-esteem through physical competence and learning new skills

Activities available and the selection

The school provides excellent extra-curricular activities delivered by Aldridge staff and on occasions by outside specialists who are fully DBS checked. The range of clubs aims to offer the students the opportunity to perform in both competitive and non-competitive games and educationally learn new skills. Places will be offered based on the club's suitability to the age group. All students will have the opportunity to attend the clubs of their choice during the academic year.

General Information for school club, activities or competition

- Students are expected to listen to the club leaders and follow instructions. If a student is unable to stay on task, then they may have to be removed for health and safety reasons. Students will be given an opportunity to improve their behaviour before this action would be taken.
- The member of staff running the club or activity is responsible for the administration and registers for school clubs.
- A register of all pupils should be taken at each club and the cohort should be uploaded to ClassCharts
- All club leaders are responsible for emergency and administration requirements and who their emergency contact is
- Parents/carers should be made aware where and when to collect their children after the club has finished by the club leader
- Students should wear appropriate clothing, where necessary eg. PE kit.
- Parents/carers should be given reasonable notice before an event or competition
- If a club has to be cancelled, we will advise the parents of the child in writing as soon as possible. If a club is cancelled on the day, we will telephone or text the parents as soon

as possible

Accident procedure

If an accident occurs, the club leader or assistant will make contact with the school office and will establish what assistance is required. First aiders are on site for the duration of most school clubs. The club leader will then supervise the pupils and attends to the injured child's needs. The incident will be recorded including the time and what happened by the club leader. The club leader will inform the parent of the event, when they are collected. If the child is unable to continue the club, the club leader will decide whether to contact the child's parents by phone to be collected early or get them to stay until the end of the activity.

Example list of activities from September 2021

The Clubs and activities listed below will be held from September 2021. Please ensure you check the list regularly as new ones are being added all the time.

- Year 7 and Year 8 have been taking part in a series of COVID safe outdoor activities every Monday (Y7) and Wednesday (Y8). Activities include football, badminton and fitness clubs.
- Mr Johnston has started rugby with all pupils in Year 8. They have been working on a series of COVID-friendly skills and shown great determination in challenging weather.
- Year 9 bubble have been participating in football club with Mrs Mckenna and Mr Harvey. Again, in a COVID-friendly session, they have been working in small groups working on passing and dribbling.
- At KS4 Mr Hartley continued to run his circuit training every Friday after school as a socially distanced outdoor event. This in aid of our local charity, Derian House, who care for terminally ill children across Lancashire.
- Science department have been running a Year 7 astronomy club, where they have been star gazing with our latest portable telescope. There is also a gardening club that is ran by Mrs Padmore. The pupils have started to grow their own herbs. Mrs Padmore also hosts a Y7 homework club.
- Mr Bebro hosted a Y9 drama club in the Easter term.
- External coaches from Blackburn Rugby are in school every Thursday to deliver sessions to all Y7 pupils on a rotation. This is running until half term.
- Mr Broderick is running a Y7 interform competition with the first activity being dodgeball. Each form is involved every week with a round robin of fixtures, a league table kept and an overall winner. Pupils teams rotate every game so all pupils have the chance to participate.