Alcester Academy WEEKLY BULLETIN

1st April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a term! We made it through again despite a few further national barriers put in our way! I'm delighted to report that we have no confirmed covid cases still. Based upon what I have heard from other schools, we continue to be very lucky with this. I can't thank you enough for supporting all of the measures to be safe. Please note the critical return to school lateral flow device test days further in the bulletin this week.

We have enjoyed these last few weeks with the students back in school very much and look forward now to a clean start to the summer term after Easter. The warmer weather brightened up the break times for the students this week. We are working on a plan to try and give the students some more social space on the field after Easter as long as we can do this as safely as possible.

Today we held our first virtual whole school assembly. This felt so special and provided another critical opportunity for us to come together as one community. For me it is really important that we can convey consistent messages but also that each year group can empathise with what others in school may be going through right now. I say this with reference to the students supporting our year 11s through the next few assessment weeks in particular. The day then concluded with a special SLT Easter bingo session for year 7/8. This is growing to become quite an end of term tradition now. There was plenty of chocolate to go around!

In other updates for you this week:

Thank you

Thanks to Kerri Sparkes for continuing to improve the grounds around school. We are very grateful for all of the time offered to this.

A newly planted plot at the rear of the academy.

MFL Idiom of the Week

English: Too many cooks spoil the broth

French: Autant de têtes autant d'avis
Literal meaning: So many heads, so many opinions
German: Viele Köche verderben den Brei
Literal meaning: Too many cooks spoil the porridge

Our school gardening plots….

BEFORE (Summer 2020) and AFTER (Spring 2021).

Easter holidays

School is shut from Friday 2nd April and we re-open on Monday 19th April.

A small number of KS3 students are working in school during the second week of the Easter break with Miss Sacco. We are looking forward to this very much indeed. Other Easter activities for students across South Warwickshire are advertised in the Family Information Service bulletin: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/directory/46/easter-holiday-activities/category/316

Term Dates

SPRING TERM 2021

Spring Term ends (Easter)	Thursday 1st April 2021

SUMMER TERM 2021

Summer Term begins	Monday 19th April 2021
May Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May 2021
Half Term	Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2021
Back to school	Monday 7th June 2021
Summer Term ends	Tuesday 20th July 2021 at 12.40pm

2021/2022 TERM DATES ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

Positive Covid cases over Easter

Please report any positive Covid cases to head@alcesteracademy.org.uk up until Sunday 11th April 2021. We will then be in a position to trace close contacts and update other parents if required. If there are any positive cases, after this date, please seek advice as needed from your GP or by calling 111.

Don't forget that students are urged to continue to use the LFD kits provided over Easter. Thursday 16th April and Sunday 18th April are key LFD test dates as advised by Public Health England. Testing on these dates will secure fewest cases for a return to school on Monday 19th April.

IT developments over Easter

We are delighted to be working alongside Lourdes IT over Easter with regard to server updates. Mr Alexander has worked very closely with Lourdes on these improvements and we are very excited about this.

Year 9 start time after Easter

We will revert back to an 8.40am arrival time for year 9 after Easter. Thanks for your co-operation with this. There are no other bubble time changes.

Return to outside school clubs and activities

As the students return to additional clubs and activities outside school, please can I ask you to be extra vigilant with regard to Covid. Thank you. I extend this to any lockdown easing over the Easter period also.

A Tenner for Tom

Thank you to all of the families that have got behind our campaign for raising £10 each for local NHS causes. A total of £590 was raised over the last half term. We will now work with Student Council to decide where this money goes and will keep you updated.

Year 11 Results Day – 12th August 2021

Further to a meeting held last week with local headteacher's, I can confirm that AGS, KES, SGGS and Stratford School will all expect to enrol year 11 students to their sixth forms on 12th August. As we hear more about other providers we will update you.

Year 10 Exams and Preparation

Year 10 exams begin on 7th June. We will be support year 10s to prepare for these directly after Easter with support from Elevate Education and workshops designed to help with the 'how to revise' aspect of this.

Other assessment windows—Summer term

We have had to restructure the assessment and reporting cycle within school until the end of the academic year. Any assessments will take place in classrooms prior to the report cycles, with the exception of year 10 who will have exams in the hall after May half-term. The following provisional dates might be of interest to you:

Year 7 Full Reports—w/c 24th May

Year 8 Full Reports— w/c 7th June

Year 8 Options Evening — 10th June (virtual)

Year 8 Subject Leaders on Options on Schoolcloud —15th June

Year 8 Options—deadline 23rd June

Year 9 Full Reports—w/c 12th July 2021

Year 10 Mock data, ATL and exam results—w/c 12th July 2021

Road Safety

I have had cause to speak with a number of our year 10 students recently about their safety whilst using the local road system to get around on bikes and scooters. If you can remind students about being aware whilst they are out, I'd be very grateful.

Uniform

You should have received the reminder about the required uniform for after Easter by now. We appreciate that times have been difficult but we hope that you can work with us over Easter to ensure that the high standards in this area return with all students. We will be completing checks in tutor time after Easter.

I'm delighted to say that shorts return for both boys and girls in the summer term! We lost the novelty of this new addition last summer with the lockdown. Please bear in mind that these should be tailored and mid grey in colour and longer in length stopping just above the knee. (No cargo pockets).

Visiting school

After Easter, under safeguarding, we will be asking all visiting parents/carers to school for ID please e.g. driving licence, work ID.

Thank you!

I appreciate that I spend a good proportion of each bulletin thanking various people. This is very important to me however and is always genuine.

In particular, I want to say how proud I am of our students every single day. They shine in so many new ways and never cease to put a smile on our face in the most difficult of times. One positive from the current situation is the resilience being developed by the students. They are also illustrating how well they can adapt as required to the circumstances around them. Your support as parents and carers is invaluable also and not taken for granted. Behind the scenes, we have a committed group of very proactive governors who give their time willingly in order to help us develop opportunities for the students. They have worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic under very challenging circumstances. Finally, our staff work each day to help and support all of the students who make up the Alcester Academy community. Without fail they continue to go that extra mile for the students and I especially want to thank them for their work again since Christmas and wish them a well-deserved break over the next two weeks.

Can I take this opportunity to wish you all a very relaxing and peaceful Easter season. We look forward to a calmer summer term ahead (and a hair cut!).

Best wishes

Sarah Mellors
Headteacher

epraise updates - week ending 31.3.21

Congratulations to the Top Students this year:

1st	Maya	7BW	Second week
2nd	Jack	7HT	Second week
3rd	Isabelle	9WA	Third week

Top Scorers this week:

1	Maya	7BW	19 points
2	Lucas	7TY	15 points
2	Chloe	7HT	15 points
4	Harvey	7NE	14 points
5	Charlie	7TY	12 points
6	Caja	7TY	11 points
6	Jack	7NE	11 points
8	Emily	8MA	10 points
8	Tyler	7NE	10 points
8	Emily	7TY	10 points

Top Staff this week:

1	Mr Bowater
2	Mr Yarrington
3	Mr Rowberry
4	Mr Bastock
5	Miss Heitmuller

Top Tutor Groups this week:

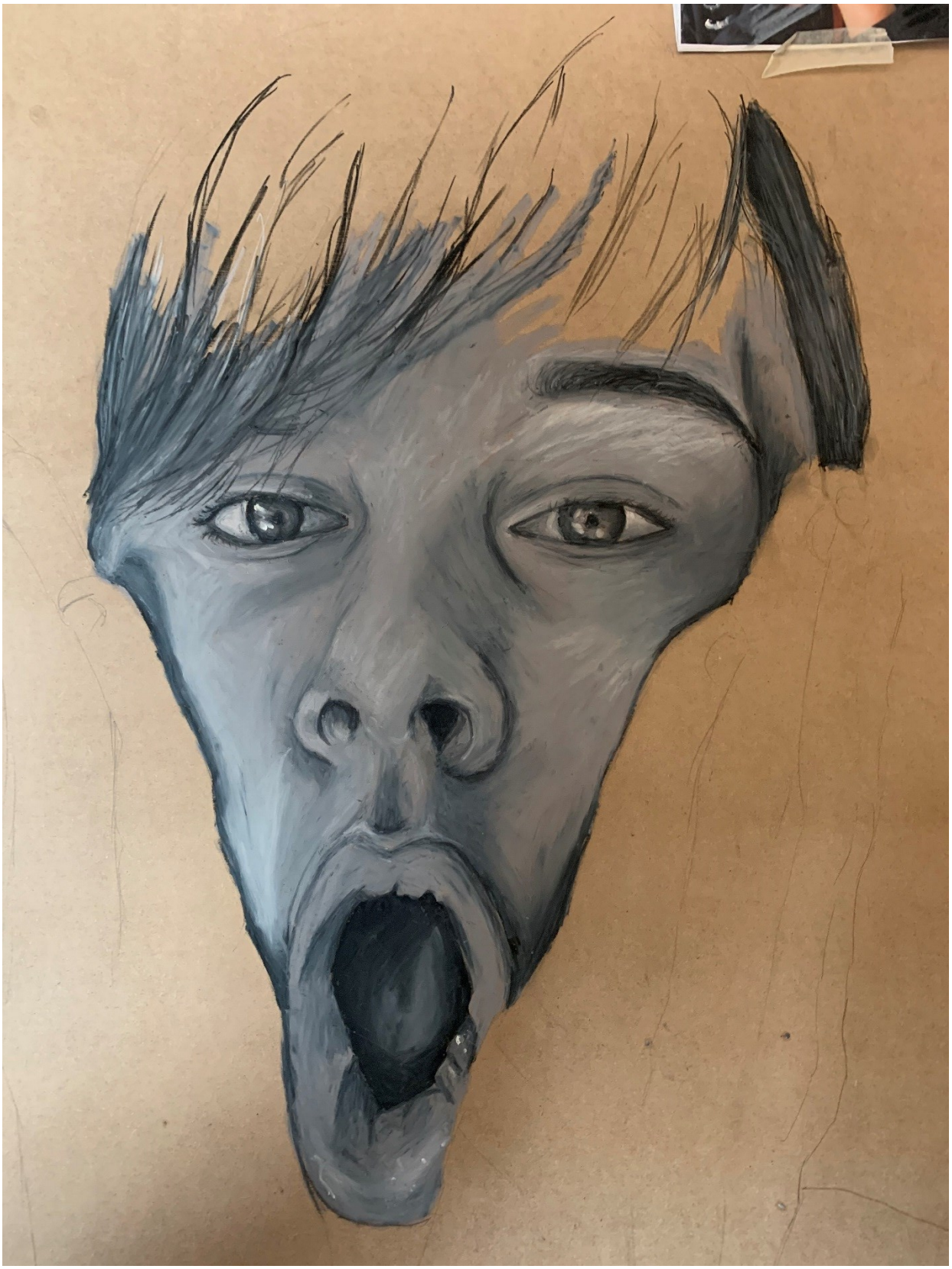
1	7TY	222 points
2	7NE	165 points
3	7HT	154 points
4	7BW	131 points
5	8YA	124 points

Top Subjects:

1	Science	12002 points
2	Maths	8515 points
3	English	4508 points
4	Art	3760 points
5	German	2689 points

Artworks of the Week

**This week we are featuring year 11 art work in progress,
based on families and generations.
The pencil study is by Neve and ……**



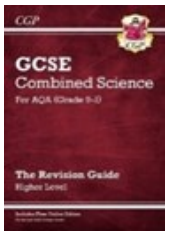
the paint study is by Mia.
Great work. *Miss Nemeshanyi*

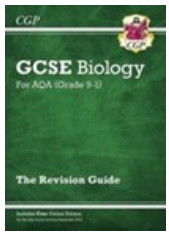
Science Revision Materials

Year 7 and 8
£3 direct from science

GCSE – Year 10 and 11
Combined science (10 sets 3 to 5 and 9 sets 3 to 5)
£6 direct from science

Triple science (10 set 1 and 2 and 9 set 1 and 2)
£9 direct from science





Careers Information

JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #05 - EMPLOYMENT ADVISOR

School Attendance — up to 31.3.21

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Whole School
92.9%	93.3%	92.5%	90.6%	91.6%	92.9%

Top Tutors — congratulations!

7HT, 8BL, 9SC and 9TN, 10RO and 11BR

Dogs for Good Warwickshire & Coventry Fundraising group invites you to enter to...

WIN AN EASTER EGG

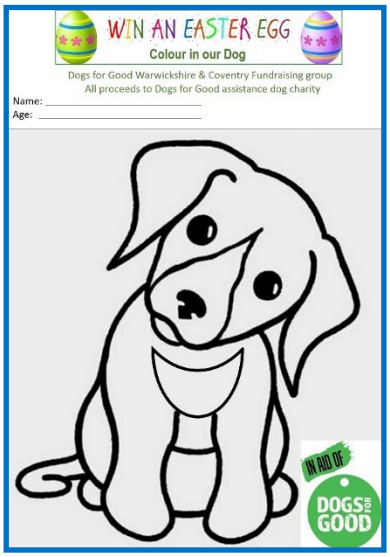
Colour in our Dog picture or Draw your own

IN AID OF DOGS FOR GOOD

Rules ...

1. Select a class and age category to enter - Colour in our Dog picture or create your own.
2. Classes:
   a) Colour in our dog – open to ages 0-4 years
   b) Draw your own dog picture – categories open to ages 0-4, 5-7, 8-11, 12-14 and 15-18 years
3. The Colour Our Dog picture can be downloaded from our Dogs For Good Warwickshire & Coventry Fundraising Facebook page or by email on request.
4. Your own dog picture must be on A4 paper.
5. To submit your entry, take a photograph of your colour-in or drawing and send it by private messenger to our Facebook page or send by email to warkcov.dfg@gmail.com
6. Each entry = £1 - Pay via Paypal. Make sure you select friends & family and pay to warkcov.dfg@gmail.com
7. Entries Open on 22nd March 2021 and close on 9th April 2021.
8. All classes will be judged on 10th & 11th April 2021.
9. There will be one winner for each class. Winners announced on our Facebook page on 12th April 2021.

Submitting pictures is your permission for us to post the picture with the winners first name and age on our Facebook page.



Holiday
Lunch Club
FREE lunches for kids!!!
First Come First Served!
Don't miss out!
@The Depot - Eric Payne Community Centre
Everyday from the
6th - 16th April: 12:30 - 1:30 PM
@Alcestertowncouncil

escape | arts
creating community wellbeing
The Secret Knitted Garden
As lockdown continues our Stratford In Stitches group invite you to help us create a SECRET KNITTED GARDEN, out of WOOL. We would like you to knit or crochet flowers, vegetables, fruit, birds, bugs, and wildlife creatures to contribute to an undercover installation at the Escape Arts & Heritage Centre. Let your imagination run free!!! Items can be dropped off or posted to us. For more information or access to patterns please contact: info@escapearts.org.uk
COMMUNITY FUND
ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND
building communities
escapearts.org.uk

THE DEPOT YOUTH CLUB
We are looking forward to reopening on
Tuesday 20th April 6pm – 9pm.
We will be opening on Tuesday evenings
Please like our Facebook page
to get updates and make suggestions!
Depot Alcester
We need you
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We also need volunteers - are you aged 17+?
Are you in sixth form or doing DofE and need some volunteering hours?
Can you offer 3 hours of your time either once a week or once a fortnight on a Tuesday evening?
Please contact us on Facebook or email
mailto:clerk@alcester-tc.gov.uk

ALCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB
Covid compliant, all rules followed and controls in place
Calling all Junior Rugby Players
WE ARE BACK!!
Alcester Rugby Club
Birmingham Road, Alcester, B49 5QF
All players 5yrs+ welcome.
Qualified coaches for each age group.
Come along and join in the fun.
Get fit, make friends & be part of a great team.
Interested?
Contact Stu Phillips on 07843 080865
Dave Marriott-Woods on 07823 536083
ACCREDITED RFU CLUB
https://www.facebook.com/AlcesterRugby/

Vacancy
Teacher of Mathematics

Alcester Academy

Required for September 2021

Full time NQT's and experienced teachers to be considered

Closing date Friday 23rd April 2021

Interviews week commencing 26th April 2021

Alcester Academy is a highly successful 11-16 school with 640 students currently on roll. Alcester is located between Studley and Stratford-Upon-Avon. The school has an excellent reputation based on examination results, a progressive approach to educational development and a strong sense of community. At our last inspection, Ofsted judged us good with a view to returning very soon in order to re-assess this decision towards an outstanding judgement. The schools' overall Progress 8 score for 2019 was 0.77, which onceagain places us as one of the top performing non selective schools in Warwickshire, and in the top 5% nationally.

Further details about the school can be found on our website, including our current curriculum information. Our Twitter feed is another excellent source for a feel of the school.

At Alcester Academy, teachers enjoy the freedom to deploy their individual skills, and talents, whilst conveying a passion for their subject and delivering excellent outcomes. The Mathematics Department is friendly, hardworking and committed to making learning maths an interesting and enjoyable experience for all our students. The department is comprised of experienced teachers and a dedicated HLTA.

The maths department is proud of the progress that students make. As a team, we have an established record of excellent results; results in 2019 far exceeded National Averages: 93% at grades 9-4, 75% at grades 9-5; with a progress 8 score of +0.9.

Maths is taught across both KS3 and KS4 in groups that are set by mathematical ability. Students have four 60-minute maths lessons during each week. They follow the Pearson second edition scheme of work for KS3. During KS4 students follow a tailored scheme of work adapted from the Edexcel syllabus.

Please complete the application form. A written statement in support of your application will be accepted but we do not consider CVs. Previous applicants for the position need not apply.

The application deadline is 12 noon on Friday 23rd April 2021. Interviews will take place week of 26th April 2021.

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VACANCY— Lunchtime Supervisor

Alcester Academy

We are currently seeking reliable staff to join our team of lunchtime supervisors, working 7.5 hours a week, term time only. Times may vary according to academy activities throughout the academic year.

Currently hours are temporarily increased to cover Covid–19 academy need and are expended to approx. 3 hours daily covering mid-morning break and lunchtimes.

This increase will be managed on a monthly basis.

Post Level Band A £9.25 per hour

This post is temporary 12 months in the first instance due to COVID – 19.

Closing date for applications is 23rd April 2021 at 12 noon.

Interviews will take place week commencing week commencing 26th April 2021.

For further details please visit the school website.

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