

Alcester Academy SPORTS BULLETIN



1st April 2022

It has been a brilliant year of sport so far at the Academy with much to report in a number of different activities. As ever, our students have been fantastic at grabbing every opportunity that has been offered to them and this has resulted in tremendous progress for all our teams, and on many individual fronts, as you will see later.



Last night saw the third incarnation of our Sports Awards and we hope that the trophies medals and Colours ties presented last night will act as a spur to all our students to strive for better in whichever sporting discipline they participate in. It is an absolute pleasure to reward our brilliant students for their achievements and we are looking forward to the summer term's action with great anticipation. The P.E. department recognise that we are very fortunate to get to work with such fabulous students and it is with great pride that we all represent Alcester Academy in every sporting endeavour.

X. Country

Marijke, Dylan, Tibault, William (year 7), Jessica (year 8), Jake and Tom (year 9) were all selected for the South Warwickshire team following their outstanding performances at the South trials. The District race took place at Stratford School on November 6th and all our runners contributed to the South's excellent table-topping performance.



Marijke and Will (both year 7) also gained County Selection and competed at the National Championships last weekend with Marijke finishing 45th and Will 70th in their respective races.



Football

Both girls and boys have produced some magnificent performances on the football field this year with attendance at extra-curricular clubs sky high. All teams have acquitted themselves well with notable results coming from the girls in their South Warwickshire Tournament finishing 3rd, a feat matched by the year 10s at their District competition.





Netball

It's been encouraging to see the development of all our netball squads this year and the standard of play has improved markedly. The highlight has been a third place for the year 8s at their District Tournament with all teams that took part in the

District competitions performing well and showing good skill development, enthusiasm and commitment. We have enjoyed some exciting fixtures across years 7-10 and are looking forward to next season.





Basketball

We've been busy on the basketball court this year with our 7s and 8s involved in the Junior NBA and the other year groups taking part in district competitions. In the jr.NBA both teams have a chance of

making the regional play-offs whilst in the District competitions the 10s and 11s both made the semis and the 9s have made it through to the final where AGS await. Good luck gents!

Archery

The Bowmen of Alcester led by Ray and Jane have been coming in to deliver weekly sessions for a selection of year 8s. All have passed their basic bowmanship tests and it's been fabulous to see their progression in a sport requiring skill, precision and patience. The Christmas competition was keenly fought and we're looking forward to the next one!



Forest School Games 2021

In October we were fortunate to be invited to take part in the first CSW Sport Forest games event held at the Rough Close Scout centre in Coventry. 14 Year 8s experienced 4 activities designed to build confidence and teamwork and all of them grabbed this opportunity with both hands! We started with fire building, foraging for kindling and larger branches to build a fire. Having built and lit a small scale fire, a larger version was set and the students toasted marshmallows, to their great delight.

We then moved on to Orienteering. Initially the students practiced their map reading and orientation skills with some fun activities.



They were then sent out around the camp to find a number of stations using their map skills with aplomb to successfully find the right code numbers.



Team building was up next and anyone who is familiar with the Royal Tournament field gun race will understand the nature of the challenge facing the students. Tasked with moving a wooden gun carriage across a number of obstacles the students had to work together to take it apart, rebuild it and move it to the checkpoints as quickly as possible. Much fun ensued and, after the third run and some excellent teamwork, they were exhausted but should be proud of the way they came together in their groups.

The final activity was the, slightly, more sedate den building. Tasked with building a structure to shelter all of their group they headed off into the woods to collect the necessary materials and set to work. Their efforts were rewarded with some very impressive constructions as you can see. All in all it was an excellent day, enjoyed by all and, as always, the students were a credit to themselves and the Academy.



Well done everybody!

Rowing

Our rowers have excelled themselves this year with three of our four teams making it through the District Tournament to earn places at the County Finals. After some stiff competition our year 10 boys team (Luke, George, Finn and Alfie) earned themselves third place, a feat matched by the year 8 Boys (Fin, Aaron, Ed and Max). Our year 8 girls team (Chloe, Darcie, Olivia and Summer) finished just outside the medals but not before giving a fantastic account of themselves in the individual

and relay races. All twelve rowed magnificently with good technique and power and, as ever, were a credit to themselves and the Academy.

Back in school our House Rowing competition has really taken off with all students involved in the quest for House glory. After a week of fierce battling Greville took the year 7 and 8 crowns, Oversley the year 9 and Billesley the year 10 and 11 titles.



Sports Hall Athletics

Sports Hall Athletics is a fantastic event and our students took part in the District competitions this year, held at AGS. A Bronze medal for our year 7 girls was the highlight with the year 8 girls and year 7 boys coming fourth and the year 8 boys fifth.

Across the range of events there were some fantastic performances, all athletes acquitted themselves well and we are looking forward to the summer outdoor athletics season.



Individual Successes at Alcester Academy

Arthur (year 7) joined Stratford Athletics club at the age of 8, and since his first ever session he hasn't looked back. Arthur currently competes in Cross Country Events throughout the winter and Track and Field Events throughout the summer. He has recently just completed his Cross Country season with his team just missing out on medals finishing a fantastic 4th place in the West Midlands Young Athletes' Cross Country League, there are 21 different clubs in this league so a great achievement with many teams having 10+ runners. Being a part of a local athletics club has done so much for Arthur and his confidence, meeting new people from different schools across different age groups has been a real benefit to him. He trains hard, Tuesday and Thursday evenings and early Sunday morning regardless of weather which gives him a great deal of commitment qualities for his life ahead.



Congratulations to Diego (year 8) who has just earned a rugby scholarship to Bromsgrove School in September! Diego started playing rugby at the age of 5. Having tried a few sports prior to playing rugby, like football, cricket and tennis, it only took one day of rugby to get him hooked! We wish him all the best and thank Diego for his sterling service to sport at the Academy.



Also on a rugby theme, Jimmy (year 11) is playing for the Worcester Warriors DPP as a flanker, recently being involved in a 17-17 draw versus Harlequins Academy. He is looking to go on to Hartpury College after leaving us to pursue his rugby dreams and we wish him every success and thank him for all he has done for Academy sport.





Congratulations to Lewis (year 10) who was selected to represent the county a few weeks ago in an Army Cadet Force Football tournament after competing in the company tournament earlier this year. We are waiting excitedly to see if he has been selected for the national tournament later this year.

Lola (year 11) is a keen and talented tennis player and, over the course of the last season or so, she has made significant progress climbing through the ladies' ranks at Henley In Arden



Tennis Club; so much so that, despite some very stiff competition, she recently earned a place in their Women's 'A' team for the new season, thus becoming, at just 15, their youngest ever member to play at this level.

Maya (year 8) started playing hockey in September 2017 at the age of 8 and found it really enjoyable. After two years in the lower group she was moved up to the next stage (juniors) where, after a few sessions, she asked if she could have a go at goalkeeping. Training ensued until she was comfortable in this position and she is now in



the position full-time for the Badgers (junior section) and also, occasionally, for the adult ladies side. The photo of Maya holding the trophy was when she was asked to play for the ladies team. Maya played so well that she was awarded player of the match on her debut and is going from strength to strength with her keeping.

Jacob (year 7) will be taking his Tae Kwon Do black belt first Dan grade in April. He's been studying martial arts since the age of 5 and at all grade levels, from 10th Kup white belt to 1st Kup black tag, he has passed with A star grades which is a superb achievement on its own. He has also performed brilliantly in competition, winning medals at regional championships for both sparring and patterns. He attends Stratford TKG with Master Geoff Gravestock. We wish Jacob the best of luck with his grading this month and look forward to an update on all his achievements.



Following 5 years of dedicated training with CKMA karate, Fin and Alex (both year 8) have been awarded their 1st Degree Black Belts in the art of Tang Soo Do. Well done to both!



Danny (year 7) has recently done his Tae Kwon Do grading and earned his blue belt with a distinction grade, a wonderful achievement. He is pictured with his teacher Mr Willow Manton of Apex Martial Arts. Good luck with the next belt Danny!



Morgan (year 7) is currently Junior Captain of Stratford Sharks. She competed in freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke & medley events in the Warwickshire County Championships making the final in 50m and 100m breaststroke. She has also qualified for the West Midlands Regional championships to be held at the end of April. Well done Morgan!



Following a series of personal bests and a growing reputation for good sportsmanship Arturo (year 7) has also been made Captain of the Junior Development team. The 5.30am starts definitely seem to be agreeing with him!



Courtney (year 7) has been busy raking in the medals for Evesham Swimming Club in recent galas. A successful meeting at Gloucester saw her come home with 4 medals for - 50m backstroke, 50m breaststroke, 100m backstroke and 200m freestyle. Finishing 7th overall in the 11 year old age group.



Well done and keep it up, Courtney!

Stefan (year 9) has been working hard with his swimming and has managed to qualify for the West Midlands regional long course championships in two events, 50m and 100m backstroke. It's his second time qualifying, but unfortunately due to covid the championship was cancelled so he didn't get a chance to compete. He achieved the regional time for the 50m backstroke in January at the Worcestershire County Championships and the 100m backstroke since then. The West Midlands regional competition is taking place at the end of the spring at the Alan Higgs Centre in Coventry and we wish Stefan the very best of luck!



Katy (year 7) enjoys swimming representing Evesham swimming club. At the beginning of the year she achieved her County times and qualified to swim in 7 races at Worcester County championship where she brilliantly managed to gain PB's in all 7 races. Despite illness and injury she recently swam at an open meet in Weston-Super-Mare where she gained 3 Pb's 2 silver medals in 200m freestyle and 100m breaststroke as well as 2 bronzes in 100m freestyle and 200m backstroke. Coming up, Katy will be swimming at the Bristol International open meet where she is hoping to gain her times to qualify for regionals. As well as all this she enjoys playing football as part of a team with Bidford juniors U12s.



Marianna (year 10) has affiliated with British Show Jumping only last year in August and has been jumping in the Bronze League. In this time she has been very consistent in jumping up to 1.10m classes. During this time she has achieved 20 clear rounds with many wins and top places. She is currently ranked 301 out of 6640 nationally and 36th out of 558 regionally. Her current focus is to gain more experience and move to jump 1.20 classes in the second half of the year. She has also qualified for 1.05 National Amateur Second Rounds.



Abby (year 9) and her horse Molly have been competing regularly and focusing on training over the winter, making sure that both her and her pony are ready to go when the new season starts. This means a lot of core and flexibility work for Molly so Abi has spent a lot of time lunging, bending, and bonding with Molly as the more relaxed and flexible she is the better she can avoid injury. Show jumping training has been focusing on approach and the rhythm between jumps which is essential, so we were very excited for them to win their first rosettes of 2022 and we are really looking forward to getting out to compete more this season, including some further away venues.



Martha is a very keen horse rider, and spends hours and hours each week, no matter the weather caring for and schooling her pony, Cookie. They go out competing regularly, either show jumping, arena eventing or in the summer they enjoy One Day Events (dressage, show jumping and cross country). Over the last couple of months they have won the KBIS 80cm arena eventing championships at Aston Le Walls. They also won the 80cm arena eventing at the RDA, and have had 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in the 80cm and 90cm show jumping at Solihull.



Lola (year 9) recently competed at the Legacy Dream Extreme National Championships in Birmingham (All Star Cheerleading). She competed in two teams, Coventry Dynamite TNT (International Junior Level 3) and Coventry Dynamite Excelerate (International Junior Level 4). Their performances were amazing, with both teams securing first place in their divisions. They then crown the team who achieved the highest score across the whole division as Grand Champions. Lola's team TNT (International 3) were delighted to win that title, making them the National Champions.

Lola has also been training with Team England since October and they have their final training session on April 7th in London. They then have their first public performance the following day. On the 15th April she will be flying out to Florida where she will be representing her country in the ICC World Championships with Team England (International Junior 3). On the same trip, she will also be representing her club team TNT (International Junior 3) at The Summit, a world championships that they have secured a place in the final of at ESPN, Florida.

Lola competed at The Summit World Championships in 2019 and, despite securing the opportunity to compete there again the following year, covid stopped that, so this is extra special to the team.

Diana is a very sporty girl, taking part in both dance and cheerleading. She has recently been in a cheerleading competition (Ice Cooler Competition) with her team where there was lots of cheerleading teams from all over England. They did very well, and won 1 of the trophies.



In December '21 Emmy-Lou and Lilli (year 8s) both took part in the Ice Cheerleading Competition in Stoke on Trent competing for JNB Cheer Team and in February 2022 they competed at the Cheer City regional championships in Leicester. The team performed brilliantly as it was their very first competitions and placed 5th and 4th respectively. They performed some amazing tricks and tumbling too. Great experience for them all.



Last year Jack (year 8) successfully trialled for Racing Club Warwick FC who play in the Midland Junior Premier League (MJPL). He is currently their joint top goal scorer and has as many assists as goals! Amongst many successes this season, a highlight was beating the Wolverhampton Wanderers Academy team 3-1, with Jack scoring in the match! Having been promoted to Vice Captain for some games already, Jack will be looking to Captain the team next season.



George (year 9) plays for Warwickshire Hawks basketball club where he has played for the last 4 years. During this time his team have achieved some fantastic wins. George has recently been put forward by his coach to trial for the Basketball England Aspire Talent programme.



As well as on the basketball court George has been busy gaining his RYA competent crew qualification, setting sail on a 47 foot yacht with a skipper/trainer on board for the week around the West coast of Scotland. The skipper said George was a complete natural and he



took over the helming of the boat through rain and storms for the majority of the week. Not only did he achieve his qualification but he did it with a smile on his face through stormy weather and sea sickness!

At the end of last years cricket season Oliver (year 7) won an award with Alcester and Ragley Cricket Club who he plays for. He received the Batsman of the Year in the under 11s and is looking forward to continuing his progress in the coming season.



Kobe (year 8) has been playing Warwickshire County Cricket for three seasons. He has had significant success as an opening bowler, with ability to swing the ball both ways resulting in plenty of wickets. A very agile and committed fielder who leads from the front and continues to bat at a middle to lower order at a county level, but opens the batting for his club, Alcester & Ragley Park CC.



Whilst playing a high standard of cricket, he also plays fly-half (No.10) for Stratford Rugby Club and plays point guard for Warwickshire Hawks Basketball. Recreationally Kobe swims, enjoys athletics and plays football. Most importantly, he really enjoys the social benefits of team play and demonstrates strong sporting values.

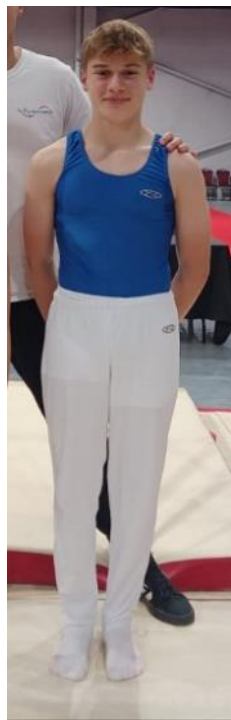
Jun (year 9) has been playing for Lillington Freechurch table tennis club in the National Cadet League held at Cirencester. Recently was the concluding day and his team stormed home to finish on top of division 1. Jun, along with his teammates were each awarded a



gold medal from Table Tennis England for their efforts and achievements. Jun is also playing in division 3 of the Leamington table tennis league, his team is jostling in the top 3 position with 6 matches remaining. A top 2 finish will secure a promotion to div 2.

Pre-Christmas Laith (year 9) took part in British Gymnastics Mens Artistic National Elite and Club Development Grades 2021 at Telford International Centre. There is normally a selection process for this competition where a gymnast has to compete in another open competition to be selected. However, with the current climate, routines had to be filmed and submitted for selection. Laith was selected to represent the West Midlands with a team of 3 other boys. He competed at club level 5 on all 7 pieces of apparatus floor, pommel, vault, rings, parallel bars, high bar and ppp (physical preparation programme).

It was a tough competition against 32 other boys. Laith produced some fantastic scores on pommel 9.350, vault 9.500 and high bar 9.100, finishing in the top 10 on most pieces. The club level 5 West Midlands teams finished 6th overall out of 8 teams. A great result!



Zach (year 11) has played football for Stratford U16 Team for five years, this season they are in the final of the Birmingham U16 Cup Competition which will be taking place in May. Zach is also a member of the Warwickshire U16 Football team, this year they have played Sheffield Football Academy where they drew 1-1.



In the autumn term Zach trained with Birmingham City Football Academy until he picked up an injury.

In September Zach will be joining Leamington Football Academy where he will progress his football career and study for a Level 3 BTEC in Sport.



George (year 10) won the Claret Cup at the Vale Golf Club in the pre-Christmas competition. Off a handicap of 7 George shot a gross score of 71 (one under par) giving him a nett score of 64 to retain the title he won last year in fine style. George continues to make extraordinary progress with his golf and his handicap continues to drop. In addition to this he has been playing County golf for Worcestershire at U16 level and was recently part of their League winning team and he has also recently been selected for the U18 team too. In his own age group he is reigning County champion which, all in all, represents a fabulous set of achievements by anyone's standards!



Curiosity and Creativity * Respect and Tolerance * Honesty and Integrity

Alcester Academy PE Awards Evening

Thursday 31st March 2022

Curiosity and Creativity * Respect and Tolerance * Honesty and Integrity * Tenacity and Perseverance * Kindness and Compassion

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AWARD WINNERS 2022	
7 BASKETBALL	AIDAN
7 BOYS XC	WILL
7 FOOTBALL (BOYS)	DYLAN
7 FOOTBALL (GIRLS)	AMELIA
7 NETBALL	SCARLETT
KS3 GIRLS XC	JESSICA AND MARIJKE
8 ATHLETICS (BOYS)	AARON
8 ATHLETICS (GIRLS)	DARCIE
8 BASKETBALL	KOBE
8 FOOTBALL (BOYS)	JACK
8 FOOTBALL (GIRLS)	SOPHIE
8 NETBALL	XANTHE
8 ROUNDERS	MERCY
8 ROWING (BOYS)	ED
8 ROWING (GIRLS)	SUMMER
8 RUGBY	FINLAY
8 TENNIS (BOYS)	TOM
JUNIOR (8&9) BOYS XC	TOM

9 ATHLETICS (BOYS)	LUCAS
9 ATHLETICS (GIRLS)	HOLLY
9 BASKETBALL	GEORGE
9 FOOTBALL (BOYS)	HENRY
9 NETBALL	ZOE
9 ROWING (BOYS)	JOSH
9 ROWING (GIRLS)	MARTHA
9 TENNIS (BOYS)	GIANLUCA
10 ATHLETICS (BOYS)	FIN
10 ATHLETICS (GIRLS)	MARY
10 BASKETBALL	GEORGE
10 FOOTBALL (BOYS)	CAIDEN
10 NETBALL	CHLOE
10 ROWING (BOYS)	LUKE
10 ROWING (GIRLS)	EMILY
11 BOYS STAR	JIMMY
11 GIRLS STAR	POPPY

Last night the third PE Awards Evening took place. It was a superb event with students, families, school governors and staff enjoying the achievements of our talented and committed young sports people.

Presenting the awards and giving us the benefit of his sporting experiences was Darren Harris. Darren, is a dual Paralympian, and England's most capped and most decorated blind footballer. Outside of sports he is a number one bestselling author, motivational speaker and transformational coach.



Congratulations to all of our winners and we are really proud of you!

Help to pay your household bills

Are you, or is anyone you know, struggling to pay energy bills?

If you or someone you know are struggling financially and unable to afford to pay their gas or electricity bill, please call the Local Welfare Scheme in confidence.

Call **0800 408 1448** between 4 and 22 April 2022.

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme

The Household Support Fund can help households in need of support



Do you need help to access food and manage your money?

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/facinghardship

Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme

The Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme helps the most vulnerable residents at times of unavoidable crisis when they have no other means of help.

It also administers the Household Support Fund, which provides one-off financial support for people in need as the country continues its recovery from the pandemic. It can help families with children, other vulnerable households and individuals facing hardship this winter, to ensure that they have the support they need to afford food, energy, water bills and associated costs. To enquire or apply call the Local Welfare Scheme.



Visit: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/
localwelfarescheme](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme)

Call: 0800 408 1448
or 01926 359182

Headlines

Good afternoon,

Welcome to the news from Alcester Academy this week. I'm delighted to hand over to Mr Powell, Head of PE this week to share some of our sporting updates with you after a most successful Sports Awards Evening last night.



We welcomed Mrs Scott, Teacher of English back from her maternity leave this week. That has flown by I'm sure you'll agree. It's great to have you back Mrs Scott!

Many thanks to the PE team for organising this for our students. Special thanks to our guest presenter GB Paralympian Darren Harris also. Congratulations to every student that was nominated as part of this event. It was extremely special to return to a live event in honour of our students' achievements at last.

Well done to year 9s this week for the first week of their exams. We are well into establishing a routine for exam protocol now.

Thank you to the Performing Arts team who gave some of our year 9s a night off revising with year 10s whilst they went to see the fabulous *Curious Incident of The Dog in the Night-Time*.

In brief this week in other areas of school life, we saw the publication of *The White Paper*. This is the first, and long awaited White Paper since 2016. As part of this, the Regional Schools Commission have also published a document for parental attention called:

[Opportunity for all: strong schools with great teachers for your child](#)



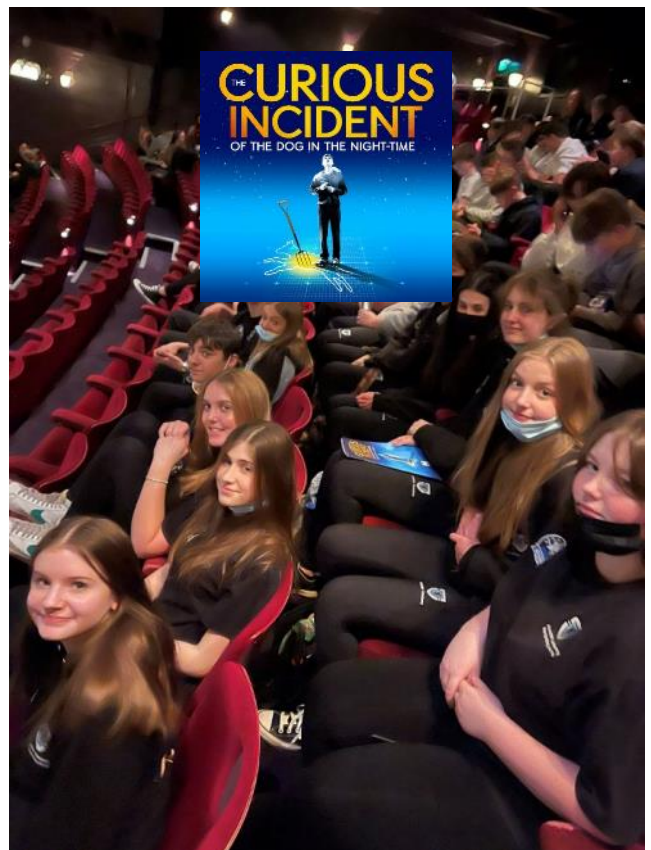
**Opportunity for all:
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The Green Paper for Special Educational Needs and Alternative Provision was then published on Tuesday outlining a 13 week consultation process for stakeholders. This includes you as parents and carers.



SEND Review:
Right support
Right place
Right time



[SEND Review - right support, right place, right time](#)

Reminders

Friday 8th April is a non-school uniform day in aid of *Young Minds* and our local churches. Please make school that items worn to school are appropriate. We do not allow cropped tops, strapless or spaghetti strapped tops. We finish school at 12.40pm on Friday and will briefly operate the one-way system on Gerard Road; in via Thockmorton Road and out via Captains Hill. This keeps everything running very smoothly on the day for the few moments needed. Thank you in advance of your support with this. We return to school after the Easter break on Monday 25th April 2022.



Year 11 Easter sessions

Monday 11th April: Geography (physical), online 10-11am

Monday 11th April: English, online 1-2pm

Tuesday 12th April: Maths, in school 10-12 noon

Tuesday 12th April: Physics, in school 12.30-1.30pm

Wednesday 13th April: Geography (human), online 10-12 noon

Thank you to staff for giving up their time over their holiday.

We were delighted to welcome the staff team from AGS to school on Tuesday for year 11 interviews. Thank you all so much. Our students were a credit to us and themselves.



Easter holiday activities

For details of Easter holiday activities for children, visit:

[South Warwickshire – Warwickshire County Council](#)

Covid-19

If you haven't seen the latest updates today regarding covid measures, you might find this link useful. [Government sets out next steps for living with COVID](#)

These are the headlines from the updated guidance:

- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or child-care when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days. There will no longer be a requirement to test negative on consecutive days before ending any period of isolation.

Year 7: 3 cases, year 8: 3 cases, year 9: 2 cases, year 10: 7 cases and year 11: 0 cases

Year 8s

We are looking forward to our Options Taster Week for year 8 in school next week. I hope that this generates some interesting discussions at home.

Apology

I apologise to The Smallpeice Trust for my spelling error in last week's bulletin.

I hope that you enjoyed the alternative feature this week. Thanks to Mr Powell for putting it together for our interest.

Wishing you a superb weekend ahead.

Best wishes
Sarah Mellors- Headteacher

Epraise—Results this week

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Top Scorers this week:

1	Austin	8SO	34 points
2	Maya	8SO	33 points
3	Zak	8SO	15 points
4	Isaac	10AN	12 points
4	Ashton	10AN	12 points
6	Finlay	8SO	11 points
7	Edward	10LE	10 points
7	Jack	8HL	10 points
7	Olivia	11BR	10 points
7	Tibault	7SI	10 points

Top Staff this week:

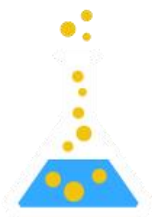
1	Mr Bastock	322 points
2	Mr Yarrington	309 points
3	Miss Heitmuller	211 points
4	Mr Bowater	197 points
5	Mr Martin	123 points
6	Miss Lewis	110 points
7	Miss Burgess	106 points
8	Mrs Weatherley	103 points
9	Miss Wincup	97 points
10	Miss Sacco	80 points
11	Miss Knowles	58 points

Top Tutor Groups this week:

1	8SO	163 points
2	11BR	126 points
3	10AN	106 points
4	7WI	99 points
5	7SI	94 points
6	11BA	92 points
6	9BW	92 points
8	7HT	90 points
9	7TY	88 points
10	7RA	86 points

Top Subjects:

1	Maths	377 points
2	Art	251 points
3	Geography	234 points
4	German	233 points
5	Science	229 points
6	English	189 points
7	French	103 points
8	History	71 points
9	Computing	56 points
10	Food Tech	43 points



School Attendance — up to 30.3.22

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Whole School
90.4%	91.8%	92.7%	90.1%	89.1%	90.9%

This week's top tutor groups

7WI, 8RO, 9YA, 10KA and 11HO

Well done! Mrs Hodges

Exam, Reporting & Parents' Evening Timetable

Year 11

Full Report published to parents/carers — Thursday 7th April 2022
 GCSE Examinations — Monday 16th May — Tuesday 28th June 2022
(these dates are provisional and will be confirmed by the awarding bodies imminently)
 GCSE Contingency Day — Wednesday 29th June 2022 — all students must be available

Year 10

Internal MFL Speaking Exams — week commencing Monday 20th June 2022
 Data Report published to parents/carers — Monday 20th June 2022

Year 9

Internal Exams — weeks commencing Monday 28th March & 4th April 2022
 Full Report published to parents/carers — Friday 20th May 2022
 Data Report published to parents/carers — Monday 18th July 2022

Year 8

Data Report published to parents/carers — Thursday 7th April 2022
 Options Evening — Wednesday 4th May 2022 — time tbc
 Data Report published to parents/carers — Monday 20th June 2022

Year 7

Data Report published to parents/carers — Thursday 7th April 2022
 In-class Exams — week commencing Monday 13th June 2022
 Full Report published to parents/carers — Tuesday 19th July 2022

Term Dates 2022

SPRING TERM 2022

Spring Term ends (Easter) Friday 8th April 2022 at 12.40pm

SUMMER TERM 2022

Summer Term begins Monday 25th April 2022

May Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May 2022

Half Term Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June 2022

Back to school Monday 6th June 2022


Summer Term ends Tuesday 19th July 2022 at 3.25pm

2021/2022 TERM DATES ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

Exploitation & Substance Misuse


Awareness for Parents - 2022

Believe in children



Barnardo's

SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT...



**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S
DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICE
WARWICKSHIRE**

Barnardos and Compass are running a series of virtual webinars for Parents to raise awareness of the many forms of exploitation including County Lines, online grooming and substance misuse.

Have you heard of CSE? Do you know about County Lines? Maybe you would like to know more about substances? How to spot the signs and where to get help?

Barnardos (Warwickshire Child Exploitation Team) and Compass are joining forces to bring you a 75 minute virtual guide to Child Exploitation and Substance Misuse. This is a perfect opportunity to increase your awareness, ask experienced professionals any burning questions and learn more about the support that is available in your area.

Exploitation/substance misuse Awareness for Parents via Zoom

Wednesday 19th January – 7pm – 8.15pm

Wednesday 16th February - 7pm – 8.15pm


Wednesday 30th March - 7pm – 8.15pm

Wednesday 27th April - 7pm – 8.15pm


Wednesday 25th May - 7pm – 8.15pm

Wednesday 29th June - 7pm – 8.15pm

To book your **free** place please email rebecca.weaver@barnardos.org.uk or abbie.sutton@compass-uk.org and we will complete your booking and send you a link.



For regular updates on our services and events please visit our Facebook



www.facebook.com/warwickshirece

www.facebook.com/CYPDAS

Exciting Parental Opportunity

We are seeking to recruit a new Governor with financial acumen for representation on our Finance and Audit Committee and Full Governing Body. Experience in accountancy would be useful.

For further details contact the Clerk to the Governors Emma Home at Alcester Academy or Chair of Governors Mike Dean mikedean@alcesteracademy.org.uk

Book Fair News

A huge thank you to everyone that was able to support the Scholastic Book Fair that was held in school last week. Over £300 worth of books were sold, which meant that we could choose 12 new books for our library!



Summer Extra Curricular Activities

This week students have listened to an assembly about what is on offer in the summer term.

If you child has not done so already please complete the following google form:


<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1GiV2QOmiR4l71vaL1NJ9UWqJydTU2ggQZfZAoS2QOXw/edit>

	Before School			Lunchtime			Afterschool		
	Activity	Teacher	Location	Activity	Teacher	Location	Activity	Teacher	Location
Monday	Marathon Kids	Mrs Hamilton	Field	Book Club, Acoustic (ukulele) Motorsport Journalism	Mrs Hands Mr Badham Mr Cooke	LRC Music hut E6	Ornithology	Mr Jones	o1
Tuesday	Reading club KS3	English Team	English rooms	Chess Club Orchestra Boys Reading Club	Chess Team Mr Badham Mr Bowater	M1 Music hut TBA	Musical Theatre choir Sport activity (please check noticeboard)	Miss Sacco	PA Block
Wednesday	Reading Club KS4	English Team	English rooms	Circuit Training year 10 band	Mr Rossiter Mr Badham	Gym Music hut	Rock Academy Spanish Club Sport activity (please check noticeboard)	Mr Badham Mrs Weatherley	Music Room
Thursday	Reading club KS3	English Team	English rooms	Music Tech club Pop Band Constructed Textiles	Mr Hall Mr Badham Mrs Megee	Music room Music hut T3			
Friday	Reading club KS4	English Team	English Room	Dance club Latin Club Hairdressing (summer 2/6th june/KS4) Guitar group ks4	Miss Lee Ms Hoskins Mrs Woodman _____ _____ Mr Badham	Drama Room English S1 Music Hut			

Year 11 Revision Timetables

WEEK A	Lunchtime	After school (3.30-4.30pm)
Monday	Maths (by invitation only)	
Tuesday	English (by invitation only)	Maths
Wednesday	DT	English
Thursday	Biology triple	Physics triple
Friday	Combined Science	Chemistry triple

WEEK B	Lunchtime	After school (3.30-4.30pm)
Monday	Art/Photography Maths (by invitation only)	
Tuesday	Art/Photography	PTE
Wednesday	German (MFL2) Performing Arts/Music	iMedia and Computer Science Performing Arts/Music
Thursday	French (MFL1)	Art/Photography Chemistry triple
Friday	Geography	




Sharing a moment with Rosa & Jane

Entrust Care Partnership are excited to offer you a unique opportunity to chat with, and ask questions of this mother and daughter duo

Rosa is a strong, independent young woman with entrepreneurial skills, she also is Autistic.

Jane is an actor, teacher, trainer and co-founder of Act for Autism, she is also Rosa's mother.


During this hour they will introduce the session by chatting with each other about the 'challenges and triumphs' and what has helped them most.

Thursday 14th April 2022
7pm - 8pm
Free Zoom Online Workshop

Please come and join them, on your own or with your son or daughter. This will be an open and honest discussion about how to connect well together. The session will be relaxed and informative and will be led by your questions and your need to be heard.

Join us with a cuppa for a real insight into what the lived experience is like for one family.

To register an interest, have a chat or for more information please contact:
Lynne Barton : lynnebarton@entrustcarepartnership.org.uk
Tel : 07712 326273

Web: entrustcarepartnership.org.uk
 Email: info@entrustcarepartnership.org.uk
 Tel: 01926 612748

ALCESTER ROCK ACADEMY

LIVE MUSIC PRESENTS LIVE MUSIC

Acoustic Night

The Alcester Inn

MON 4TH APRIL

7PM

All Proceeds Donated To Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal!

Tickets On Door!

Adults £5.00 / Concessions £3.00

(Alcester Inn - 2 St Faith's Rd, Alcester B49 6AQ)

Vacancy Lead Teacher of RE



Starting September 2022

MPS1 £25,714 to UPS3 £41,604

Closing Date: Friday 13th May 2022 at 12 noon

Interviews: Week commencing 16th May 2022

A vacancy has arisen to become the Lead Teacher of RE within a high performing and friendly school. Alcester Academy enjoys a strong reputation locally and nationally as a result of our caring ethos and excellent academic performance.

This is an exciting role for the right candidate and will require passion and energy for the subject. 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.

Students in Year 7 and 8 currently study Philosophy as part of the R.E curriculum and then spend Year 9 and 10 studying Theology. A small group of Year 11s currently choose to continue on to study a GCSE in RE with Christianity and Buddhism as the main religions.

We are looking for someone to: -

Strategically lead the curriculum development and teaching of GCSE Religious Education.

Further develop and coordinate the delivery of the RE curriculum at Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 (both as an option subject and as whole school RE) so that it is relevant, engaging and coherent.

To assess, track and monitor student progress and plan and enact intervention and support as needed and to be accountable for this. Keep up to date with national and local developments in religious education.

Applicants will be considered from all points of experience, including newly qualified teachers.

If you feel that Alcester Academy could be for you, please contact the Headteacher, for an informal discussion, or simply complete the application form.

The Application Process

Please complete an Alcester Academy application form. A written statement in support of your application will be accepted but we do not consider CVs. The application deadline is 12 noon on Friday 13th May with interviews taking place week commencing 16th May 2022. We reserve the right to follow up references provided in person. If you have any questions with regard to this vacancy or wish to visit the school, please contact admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk. We look forward to receiving your application

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of *Platt v Isle of Wight Council* which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority

Warwickshire School pupils recorded 31,196 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Autumn term 2019.



Sign up to Warwickshire's Youth Conference 2022 at www.childfriendlywarwickshire/youthconference

THURSDAY 21 APRIL 2022

11am – 4pm (lunch provided)

Woodland Grange, Old Milverton Ln, Leamington Spa, CV32 6RN

Future Ready: Warwickshire's Youth Conference will offer a friendly and empowering environment where young people and local organisations will come together to amplify the voices of tomorrow to help shape the county.



Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 5 April 2022 at 7pm

Alcester War Memorial Town Hall



The Annual Parish Meeting is a meeting for all the local government electors of the Parish.

It is not a meeting of the Town Council.

Anyone may attend and registered electors of the Parish may speak and vote during the meeting.

The Town Council has invited all local voluntary trusts and organisations to attend and to report on their activities during the past year and on their future plans.

Please contact Alcester Town Council for more information on: 01789 766084 or email administration@alcester-tc.gov.uk

Kathryn Cargill
Cllr Kathryn Cargill
Mayor of Alcester
March 2022



SPORTS NEWS * SPORTS NEWS * SPORTS NEWS

Practices and Fixtures — Week beginning 4th April 2022

We have several fixtures coming up, so it is important that students attend in order to be considered for teams.

Monday 4th April:

Year 9 & 10 Football @ AGS (selection letters issued)

Wednesday 6th April:

Year 9/10 Netball

Thursday 7th April:

Year 7 Basketball @ St.Egwins (selection letters issued)

At the end of the school day come down to the gym and get changed as soon as possible. Normal school PE kit is required.

All practices will run until 4.30pm and are open to everyone in the specified year groups. For Fixtures a separate team sheet including all the necessary details will be sent out via parentmail.



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Report incidents of bullying, theft,
cyber issues, crime or anti-social behaviour



*textacademy to
07563130478
with your
message and
one of the team
will be
in touch*

I'm being bullied - I don't know what to do -
*textacademy to 07563130478
with your message
or
email your message to:
textacademy@alcesteracademy.org.uk*

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