

Alcester Academy WEEKLY BULLETIN



1st May 2025

SPORTS AWARDS EVENING 2025

Alcester Academy Sports Awards Evening

On Thursday 10th April we celebrated a fantastic year of Alcester Academy school sport. In this week's school bulletin, I am delighted to share with you the achievements of our award winners, who have all shown outstanding levels of dedication and commitment to Alcester Academy across a wide range of sports.

It was an honour and a pleasure to have GB Judoka and Paris Olympian Jemima Yeats-Brown join us for the evening. Jemima shared with us her journey, from her very first Sports Day and the 'Egg and Spoon' race, to achieving her goal of representing our country at the Olympic Games.



It was fascinating to hear the about the setbacks she has overcome and what it really takes to become a full-time professional athlete.

I am incredibly proud of our fantastic Sports Leaders who composed and read aloud reviews of each sport on the evening. I hope that you enjoy reading their reviews and join us in congratulating all of our award nominees and winners.

Mr Moffatt—Lead PE & Sports



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Athletics— review from Darcie and Tom

We had another superb season of athletics with some incredible individual performances which we will hear about later. As a school we performed amazingly well in the South Warwickshire Schools Championships, finishing third overall behind the combined schools of KES and Stratford Girls Grammar in second place and Alcester Grammar in first position. A special mention to our current year 10s, both girls and boys finished second in their competitions.

We also competed in the annual Super Six competitions, always a great evening of athletics. Our standout performance was the year 9 (current year 10) boys who finished in third place. The athletics season finished with our school sports day, which saw Oversley house victorious on this occasion.

In January this year our 7s and 8s took part in the annual South Warwickshire Indoor Athletics events. There were some outstanding individual performances, and amazingly all four teams finished 4th in their respective competitions!

Award Winners

Year 8 Girls and Boys

Grace, Hollie, Sophie
Ethan, Noah, Dan

Year 9 Girls and Boys

Georgia, Lily, Daisy
Dexter, Tom, Joe

Year 10 Girls and Boys

Amelia, Scarlett, Marijke, Morgan
Jake, Will, Arthur

Year 11 Girls and Boys

Darcie, Emmy-Lou, Summer
Kobe, Finlay, Tom

YEAR 9 ATHLETICS



GEORGIA



LILY
BOYS



DAISY



DEXTER



TOM



JOE

YEAR 10 ATHLETICS



AMELIA



SCARLETT



MARIJKE



MORGAN



JAKE



WILL



ARTHUR

YEAR 11 ATHLETICS



DARCIE



EMMY-LOU
BOYS



SUMMER



KOBE



FINLAY



TOM

YEAR 8 ATHLETICS



GRACE



HOLLIE
BOYS



SOPHIE



ETHAN



NOAH



DAN

Rounders— review from Jess and Sophie

We had an outstanding rounders season last summer, which saw some competitive friendly matches and some amazing performances in the South Warwickshire Tournaments. Our current year 8s finished third overall in their first tournament and they certainly have the potential to improve this year. Our current year 9s also finished third overall and showed a huge improvement in both batting and fielding.

Both our current year 10s and 11s finished as runners up in fantastic finals. The current year 10s had a real nailbiter losing by only half a rounder!

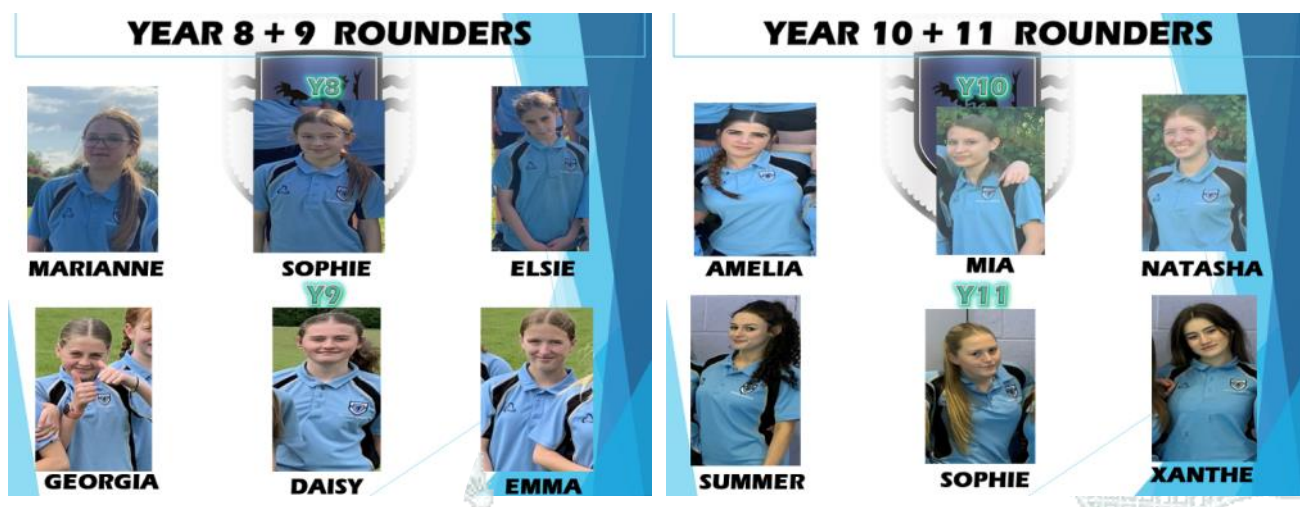
Award Winners

Year 8 + 9

Marianne, Sophie, Elsie
Georgia, Daisy, Emma

Year 10 + 11

Amelia, Mia, Natasha
Summer, Sophie, Xanthe



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Tennis— review from Charlie and Daragh

The consistent practice sessions were a key part of our development on the court last summer. We put in a lot of time on court, which definitely helped improve our individual skills and overall team performance as many of us continued to play together from the previous summer.

A highlight for us all was definitely the LTA Tennis League fixtures where we had the

opportunity to challenge ourselves against higher standards of opposition. Playing against other schools was a real test and a great way to experience competitive matches.

Within league matches we were pushed to think strategically and adapt our game, which was really beneficial. It also became more about the team and utilizing our strengths, rather than focusing solely on individual performances. While the results varied, the experience itself was invaluable for us all moving forward.

U13 + U15 GIRLS TENNIS



EMMA



HESTER
U15



AMELIA



SOPHIE



DARCIE



GRACE



CHLOE

Overall, it was a season where we focused on consistent training and got some really good match experience. It's definitely helped us all develop as players, and I think the team as a whole has come on a lot. We hope that our younger team mates can continue to build on this during this coming summer and continue to cement tennis as a main summer sport of Alcester Academy.

Award Winners

KS3 + KS4 Girls

Emma, Hester, Amelia
Sophie, Darcie, Grace, Chloe

U13 + U15 BOYS TENNIS



HERBIE



DAN
U15



FREDDIE



TOM



ARCHIE



DARAGH



CHARLIE

KS3 + 4 Boys

Herbie, Dan, Freddie
Tom, Archie, Daragh, Charlie

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Cross Country— review from Marijke and Will

The cross-country season started as usual, with the South Warwickshire trials, held at Alcester Grammar School in September. We were fortunate enough to have 12 students gaining selection for the inter area competition held in Stratford in October. These included seven athletes in the minor age group, three juniors and two intermediates. Three athletes qualified for the Warwickshire schools race at Himley Hall in Dudley, Will and Marijke in the Inter age group and Keegan in the minor boys – a fabulous achievement.

The final schools cross-country meeting was the Warwickshire Schools Championships at Prince-thorpe College in January. On an extremely cold day, we had seven runners who braved the conditions and there were some excellent performances all round.

One last shout out to Will and Marijke who recently represented Warwickshire in the English Schools Cross Country Championships a truly outstanding achievement especially as they are competing against runners in the year above as well as their own year group.

Award Winners

Minor Boys

Dexter, Keegan

Minor Girls

Poppy, Sienna

Junior Boys

Toby, Will

Junior Girls

Isabella

Inter Boys

Will

Inter Girls

Marijke

MINOR + JUNIOR + INTER X-COUNTRY

MINOR BOYS



DEXTER KEEGAN

MINOR GIRLS



POPPY

SIENNA

JUNIOR GIRLS



ISABELLA

JUNIOR BOYS



TOBY

WILL

INTER BOYS



WILL

INTER GIRLS



MARIJKE

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Indoor Rowing— review from Arturo and Sam

As a school we were proud to host the South Warwickshire indoor rowing competition in the Autumn term. This competition provides an opportunity for our strongest rowers to compete against our South Warwickshire District schools, in a team event format. Following some training both at PE and lunchtimes, we went into the competition feeling confident of upholding the strong performances we have traditionally held in this competition in previous years.

Our boys teams were up first and with a tough field containing KES and AGS, we knew it was going to take an outstanding team performance to come away with a chance of victory. Our U13 team battled to finish as runners up overall which was a brilliant performance and showing of both fitness and determination. For our U15 boys it was a chance to finally compete as the older participants in the age group, and the team put in a real showcase of their technique and strategy to come away as District champions.

Our girls teams were next to compete and were determined to make a statement following the 4th and 5th place finishes last academic year. The contest was incredibly close amongst the girls teams taking part. The hard work put into practise ahead of the event had paid off, with both the U13 and U15 girls teams finishing as runners up in their competitions. Our U15 girls put in an incredible effort with 4 year 9 students making up the U15 team, giving them great experience to return and go one better in next years competition.

Award Winners

KS3

Michalina, Ben

KS4

Georgia, Arturo

KS3 + KS4 INDOOR ROWING



GEORGIA



BEN



ARTURO

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Football— review from Cian and Callum

After a long summer break, we couldn't wait for the school football season to start and returning to the School's District League and Cup competitions for 2024-2025.

Each year group were keen to build upon their successes from last year and take to the football pitch again in training and competitive fixtures.

The progress made by all teams this academic year has been pleasing to see. A clear identity focused around the values of teamwork, dedication and sportsmanship has been present in all our of all of our Alcester Academy football teams, regardless of the outcome at the final whistle.

As our school's most popular sport, we have a staggering 34 students taking awards for football this evening. This highlights the real commitment shown from Alcester Academy to the sport of football and the ongoing development being made in competition year upon year.

We will now share a brief highlight from each of our competitive teams over the past year.

Year 7

The year 7 team faced a challenging start to the season, with a tough opening match against Champion School in the District Cup in early October. Despite the loss, the team showed resilience and determination, which became more evident as the season progressed.

As they gained more experience, the team's confidence grew and the highlight of the season came during a hard-fought (2-2) draw against St. Benedict's, where the team displayed strong teamwork, and signs of progression. This performance showcased the team's potential for the future.

In addition to their league matches, the team also participated in the South Warwickshire 7-a-side Tournament, where they put in encouraging displays.

Overall, the year 7 team's season was marked by improved performance that they can build upon for the challenges ahead in year 8.

Year 8

The year 8 team has had a promising season, with a notable performance against Studley, winning an exciting and entertaining game (5-4). They also secured a (2-0) victory against St Benedict's and earned a hard-fought (2-2) draw against AGS. These results showcase the team's resilience and ability to perform, highlighting their promising potential for next season.

Year 9

Year 9s football team has shown tremendous improvement throughout the season, particularly in their tactical development. Despite some narrow losses to some of the strongest schools in the County, which included North Leamington (3-2) and AGS (2-1), the team showed their strength with a convincing (5-0) victory against St Benedict's.

The season's highlight came in the South Warwickshire District Schools' 7-a-side Tournament, where they triumphed with a dramatic last-gasp winner, securing a well-deserved (1-0) victory.

Year 10

The year 10 team demonstrated remarkable development this year. A significant highlight was their first ever cup victory, winning (7-0) against Arnold Lodge. Further testament to their improvement was the (1-1) draw against a strong Studley team, a stark contrast to last year's heavy defeat.

Year 11

Our year 11 team were determined to make the most of their final year of representing Alcester Academy on the football pitch. With the Coventry Telegraph Cup in play, the team aimed to create lasting memories on the pitch. A memorable cup run started with an incredible (1-0) win against Stoke Park, before facing Sydney Stringer in a tense match where they emerged victorious, winning (8-7) on penalties, showcasing an outstanding team performance with all the team celebrating like they had won the cup.

Girls Football

This year, each year group has had its own team, leading to a significant increase in participation but also performance. The commitment and effort from all players have been reflected in their performances in the South Warwickshire Tournament, with the year 10 team winning and the other year

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groups (8, 9, 11) finishing runners-up. Each team has continued to show progression in the 11-a-side matches which they have played during the cup competitions this year. The girls have consistently improved showcasing skill, teamwork, and resilience. Their continued growth and dedication are truly commendable, and we look forward to even greater achievements in the future.

Award Winners

Year 7 Boys

Keegan, Barney, Josh

Year 8 Boys and Girls

Jude, Noah, Ben

Sophie, Elsie, Olivia

Year 9 Boys and Girls

Toby, Charlie, Dexter

Georgia, Daisy, Maeve

Year 10 Boys and Girls

Dan, Dylan, Will

Rosie, Harriett, Savanna

Year 11 Boys and Girls

Callum, Mitchell, Cian, Max

Grace, Darcie, Sophie

YEAR 9 FOOTBALL



GEORGIA



DAISY



MAEVE



TOBY



DAN



DEXTER

YEAR 7 FOOTBALL



KEEGAN



BARNEY



JOSH

YEAR 10 FOOTBALL



ROSIE



HARRIETT



SAVANNA



CHARLIE



DYLAN



WILL

YEAR 8 FOOTBALL



SOPHIE



ELSIE



OLIVIA



JUDE



NOAH



BEN

YEAR 11 FOOTBALL



GRACE



DARCIE



SOPHIE



CALLUM



MITCHELL



CIAN



MAX

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Netball— review from Emmy-Lou and Xanthe

The netball season got underway early this year with the U16 South Warwickshire Tournament. This initially had to be rearranged due to poor weather, which unfortunately became a pattern for the season! The U14 and U13 tournaments went ahead with out a hitch. We had mixed results this year, but all teams have made progress and showed great commitment and teamwork. Our year 9 team made it through to the Plate final against Kineton. It was a closely contested final but Kineton pulled away in the third quarter to secure the win. A great achievement to finish runners-up in this competition. We also enjoyed our usual friendly indoor matches against Alcester Grammar either side of Christmas for all year groups.

A highlight this year has been purchasing a set of netball dresses. Our year 11 girls assisted with designing these and our year 10s had the honour of wearing them first, in competition against Alcester Grammar where they played with grit and determination and achieved a great result.

Award Winners

Year 7 + 8

Anisha, Martha
Hollie, Sophie, Grace

Year 9 + 10

Lily, Hester, Emma
Amelia, Lottie, Scarlett

Year 11

Xanthe, Summer, Emmy-Lou

YEAR 7 + 8 NETBALL



ANISHA



MARTHA



HOLLIE



SOPHIE



GRACE

YEAR 9 + 10 NETBALL



LILY



HESTER



EMMA



AMELIA



LOTTIE



SCARLETT

YEAR 11 NETBALL



XANTHE



SUMMER



EMMY-LOU

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Basketball— review from Kobe and Finlay

This school year has seen the return to action of our basketball teams in local competition. Basketball continues to be a passion for a large number of students at Alcester Academy, and we have seen great improvements both individually and collectively in practise and competitive matches. It has also been pleasing to see girls basketball continue to grow at the Academy with some excellent results in South Warwickshire district competitions.

We will now give a brief summary of the basketball season at Alcester Academy.

Year 7

Our year 7 team, formed at the start of the year, showcased outstanding teamwork on the court, and our newest cohort enjoyed the opportunity to practice their skills and develop tactically as a team. Due to the excellent commitment from our year 7 students this year, we were able to field two teams at the South Warwickshire District Tournament, with one of the teams finishing undefeated.

Year 8

Our year 8 team enjoyed the experience of competing at the South Warwickshire District Tournament held at AGS this year. A real highlight for the team was finishing in an admirable second place, despite facing some real tough competition. Our year 8s have been excellent role models on the training court as well this year, combining with the year 7 team during practise to help their younger peers develop both technically and tactically on court.

KS4 Summary

Our KS4 teams also took to the court and participated in South Warwickshire cup competitions this season.

Our year 9 basketball team has shown significant progress in their on-court performance this season. A highlight was their commendable third-place finish in the South Warwickshire District Tournament, particularly impressive given that many players had limited prior competitive experience. The team looks forward to continuing their progress and representing the year 10 team next season.

YEAR 7 + 8 BASKETBALL



ALFIE



BARNEY



HOLLIE



SOPHIE



NOAH



HENRY

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The U16s team faced a challenging cup draw away against AGS. Despite not advancing, they delivered a highly competitive match. After a slow start, the team demonstrated remarkable resilience, and some excellent basketball was on show, particularly in the second and third quarters. With only one player having competitive experience outside of school, we were extremely proud of their collective effort in representing Alcester Academy.

The South Warwickshire Girls Basketball Tournaments were a great success this year. Both our year 11s and year 8s finished 4th overall with some excellent play. Our year 8s have excellent potential for next year, unfortunately they got off to a slow start in the first game. The year 11 team have finished higher in previous years but our shooting let us down this year. It was still an enjoyable tournament and as always they showed great teamwork. Our year 9s won three out of their 4 games and finished in second place overall. Our standout performers were the year 10s who won all of their games convincingly, scoring 44 points and only conceding 12, to finish in first place overall.

Award Winners

Year 7 Boys

Barney, Alfie

Year 8 Boys and Girls

Noah, Henry
Hollie, Sophie

Year 9 Boys and Girls

Harry, Dan
Daisy, Lily

Year 10 Boys and Girls

Sam, Dylan
Amelia, Harriett

Year 11 Boys and Girls

Kobe, Jonas
Sophie, Darcie

YEAR 9 BASKETBALL



DAISY



LILY



HARRY

BOYS



DAN

YEAR 10 BASKETBALL



AMELIA



HARRIETT

BOYS



SAM



DYLAN

YEAR 11 BASKETBALL



SOPHIE



DARCIE

BOYS



KOBE



JONAS

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Rugby— review from Finlay and Tom

This year we have continued to develop the sport of rugby at Alcester Academy.

From only having one competitive team last year, a highlight has definitely been the formation of our new U13 team. Our U13s began the year with a positive first outing at the District Small Sided Tournament, coming away only losing 1 of 5 matches. This showed great potential within our new team, made up of many students who do not play the sport outside of school. Dedication and commitment to training followed and this was rewarded with two brilliant performances in a double header versus Shipston school with our U13s winning both fixtures, the second by a comfortable margin, really highlighting the progress that the team have made.

It has also been great for our U16 players from Alcester Rugby Club to get more opportunities to play together and represent the Academy badge out on the rugby field. Due to a lack of opposition amongst our South Warwickshire schools, we

have had to challenge ourselves against a higher standard of opposition from further afield. This challenge has been welcomed by the whole squad and combined with some injuries within the squad, has been a good challenge and test of character.

Our rugby teams are also grateful for experiencing the coaching sessions delivered by coaches from Gloucester Rugby. Accompanying this, a standout moment for all rugby players was our trip to Gloucester Rugby Club earlier this year. The opportunity to receive pre-match coaching, proudly carry the Gloucester flag onto the pitch, and then watch the match was an experience we all thoroughly enjoyed and will remember for a long time. Well done to all that have been a part of rugby at Alcester Academy this year and congratulations to all who have taken awards this evening.

Award Winners

U13 + U15

Oli, Ethan, Ollie
Finlay, Zak, Kobe

U13 + U16 RUGBY



OLI



ETHAN



OLI



FINLAY



ZAK



KOBE

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Department Awards

The department awards are incredibly special and really highlight those students that have not only achieved in specific competitive sports but go above and beyond both inside and out of the classroom.

As a PE department we will say a fond farewell to our year 11 students this summer and it is no surprise that they have dominated our department awards for 2025.

PE Leadership Awards

Charlie, Ed, Emmy-Lou

Year 11 Girls Sports Star

Darcie, Summer, Sophie, Xanthe

PE Commitment Awards

Jess, Poppy, Olivia

Year 11 Boys Sports Star

Kobe, Tom, Finlay

LEADERSHIP + COMMITMENT



CHARLIE



ED



EMMY-LOU



JESS



POPPY



OLIVIA

YEAR 11 GIRLS SPORTS STAR



SOPHIE



DARCIE



SUMMER



XANTHE

YEAR 11 BOYS SPORTS STAR



KOBE



TOM



FINLAY

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The PE department would like to wish many congratulations to all students that have contributed to Alcester Academy school sport during the 2024-2025 academic year.

It was an incredibly tough decision to select this years group of students receiving awards from such a talented pool of athletes within the school.

We now look ahead to the 2025-2026 year of sport and kicking off summer term with a return to our summer sports both within PE curriculum and extra-school activities.

Remember that sports clubs are advertised each Friday in the school bulletin and notice board in PE for the week ahead. Any students selected to represent the school in sporting fixtures will receive a team sheet indicating of selection and fixture details.

Please see below for after school sports clubs for next week:

Mr Moffatt—Lead PE & Sports



****THIS WEEKS SPORT**:** **W/B 5/5/25**



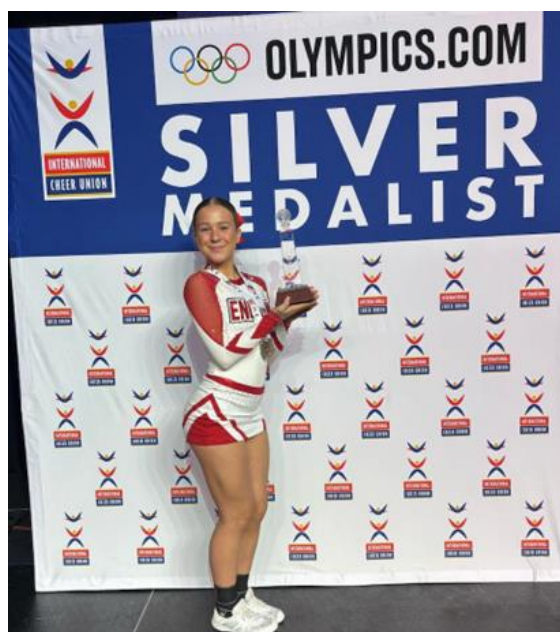
<i>Day</i>	<i>Extra-Curricular Club & Staff</i>	<i>Location</i>
<i>Monday</i>		
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Archery (Bowmen of Alcester) – Selected group</i> <i>All Years Tennis</i> <i>Boys U15 Tennis v St. Thomas Moore</i> <i>Year 7 and Year 8 Rounders</i>	<i>Gym</i> <i>Courts</i> <i>Courts</i> <i>Field</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>All Years Athletics</i>	<i>Field</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>U13 and U15 Boys tennis v Henley tbc</i> <i>Year 9 and 10 Rounders</i>	<i>Courts</i> <i>Field</i>

Student Spotlight: Lottie-Dot (year 9, Ragley) Cheerleading

We are beyond proud to share the achievement of Lottie-Dot in year 9 who recently returned from the United States of America as a Silver medallist in the Cheerleading World Championships.

Following a prolonged period of trials, training and preparation ahead of the event, Lottie-Dot and her team mates represented Team England who impressively reached the final of the World Championships, held in Florida. The team did exceptionally well to reach the final and were so unfortunate to have a stunt fall which ended up costing them the Gold medal.

This is a truly phenomenal accomplishment for an Alcester Academy student and we are so proud of Lottie-Dot and her Team England team mates.



Dylan (year 10, Oversley) Football

Congratulations to Dylan in year 10 who represented Warwickshire this week in their final match of the season v Staffordshire. Dylan put in a brilliant performance and got an assist for one of the goals. Despite the 3-2 loss, it was a positive performance against a much larger Staffordshire County.

Many congratulations to Dylan on a brilliant season of County Football representation for Warwickshire U15s.



Endangerlings Triumph at Warwickshire & Coventry YE Finals



Finally, after many years of near misses, our Young Enterprise team *Endangerlings* were crowned winners of the Warwickshire and Coventry County Finals held at Bablake School in Coventry last night.

It was a fabulous, nail-biting day as finalists from eight schools across the region, battled against each other for the winner's trophy and a place through to the regional finals at the University of Warwick on 15th May. Team members were subjected to an interview with a panel of judges from across the country. Following this, they were then asked to present their Young Enterprise journey to all participants and parents. Not an easy task when you've never done public speaking before!



Competition was at an all-time high with many teams showcasing phenomenal businesses. Apart from Alcester Academy, these students were all sixth form business and economics students, just for an added bit of pressure. *Endangerlings* excelled in their 'performances' and it very quickly became apparent that they were certainly in the running for an award. We would never have foreseen coming away with three awards including, best brand award, best sales and marketing award, plus overall winners.

Parent power was an added bonus of the evening with no other school having anywhere near the support that we did, and it made all the difference. We're very grateful to everyone who attended for being there and we were delighted to share our success with you in person.



Fingers crossed for May!
Miss Bartlett and Mr Martin



Unifrog Profiles Kickstart Year 8 Careers Exploration

This week, year 8 students have created personal profiles with Unifrog.

Unifrog is an online platform primarily used by UK secondary schools and colleges to help students explore post-school options, including universities, further education, apprenticeships, and work experience. It supports students in making informed decisions, building applications, and connecting with opportunities.

Unifrog also provides tools for teachers to manage careers guidance and track student progress. These accounts are accessible from home so that parents may engage and support their children further.



Miss Bartlett

Could You Be Our Next School Governor?

Alcester Academy is seeking committed individuals to join our Governing Body

Our Governors come from a wide range of backgrounds and share a common goal: to ensure every student at Alcester Academy receives the highest quality education and support. Working closely with the Headteacher, Senior Leadership Team, and staff, Governors provide strong strategic direction and help shape the school's future.

We are proud of our welcoming, inclusive, and positive school ethos, and we believe that a strong Governing Body plays a vital role in sustaining this environment.

You don't need experience in education—just a willingness to contribute, learn, and make a difference. While the time commitment is flexible, we ask Governors to attend at least four meetings per term.

If you're interested in finding out more, please contact Mike Dean, Chair of Governors, at mikedean@alcesteracademy.org.uk, or get in touch with the Academy office admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk.

Mike Dean—Chair of Governors

Summer Term Extra-Curricular Clubs—Now Live!

We are excited to announce that our Summer Extra-Curricular Timetable has begun.

For the first time, students are able to sign up to clubs using the student Bromcom portal. This new system will make registration easier for both students and staff. All students have been shown how to do this during tutor time.

If you or your child need any help accessing the portal or signing up, please don't hesitate to contact Mr Hall at liamhall@alcesteracademy.org.uk.

We encourage all students to take part in at least one extra-curricular activity throughout the school year. If your child has not yet signed up to a club, the summer term is a perfect time to get involved.

Taking part in extra-curricular activities can have a hugely positive impact. They help students:

- Develop confidence, communication and teamwork skills
- Build friendships outside their usual classes
- Explore new interests and talents
- Boost physical and mental wellbeing
- Strengthen their school community experience

With a wide range of clubs on offer—from sport to STEM, music to drama—there's something for everyone. We can't wait to see our students make the most of what's on offer this term.

Miss Sacco

Help Shape the Future of Reading at Alcester Academy

Reading continues to remain a prominent focus at Alcester Academy. A communication has been sent with a survey in which we are requesting your feedback on reading at Alcester Academy.

This will help us to further inform our whole school reading strategies moving forward. Please complete this survey by Monday 12th May. We value your feedback on how we can further

support our students with their reading. If there are any direct questions or concerns regarding reading or literacy, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Miss Lewis

Whole School Literacy Lead



THE
FUTURE OF
READING

Extra Curricular Timetable

Summer 2025



Alcester
Academy

Monday

Lunchtime

Pride Group- E4
Acoustic Group- Hut
ART- A1 & A2

Tuesday

Lunchtime

Pop Band- Hut
ART- A1 & A2
Mr Palmieri's Maths Clinic
ALL YEARS- M1
Board Games - H3
After School
European languages club -L2

Wednesday

Lunchtime

Orchestra - Hut
ART- A1 & A2
Chess club- M3
Introduction to Media-E5
Public Speaking - H2
After school
Cooking Club -
Alternate weeks
Introduction to Spanish - L1
(Summer 2)

Thursday

Lunchtime

Young Enterprise- IT3
Rock Band- Hut
Photography Club - A1
Lego club - S4
Warhammer club Y8- H5
ART- A1 & A2

After School

Art Club (GCSE only)- A1 & A2
Musical Theatre Club - Drama
History Film club -H1

Friday

Lunchtime


STEM/Science- T2
Year 11 Year book-H4
ART- A1 & A2

"FRIENDS"
OF
ALCESTER ACADEMY



Bottle Donations

Can you spare any bottles for our bottle tombola
at the Street Market on Sunday 8th June?

	Wine	Olive Oil
	Beer	Vinegar
	Spirits	Sauces
	Pop	Shampoo
	Squash	Perfume



Donations can be brought into the school office anytime.



Epraise Leaderboard—past 7 days

Top Students—this week:

1	Jess	9YA	Ragley	12 points
1	Bob	9GA	Ragley	12 points
1	Daniel	9GA	Oversley	12 points
1	Eva	9PA	Ragley	12 points
1	Min-Seo	9GA	Oversley	12 points
1	Olivia	9GA	Billesley	12 points
1	Betsy	9CR	Oversley	12 points
8	Alizee	9YA	Greville	11 points
8	Aaron	9PA	Greville	11 points
8	Jack	9YA	Oversley	11 points



Top Tutor—past 7 days:

1	9GA	104 points
2	8AN	103 points
3	7KO	101 points
4	9YA	100 points
5	9PA	90 points

Top Staff—past 7 days:

1	Miss Lewis	261 points
2	Mrs Gorner	254 points
3	Mrs Hirji	237 points
4	Mr Rossiter	217 points
5	Miss Home	147 points

Top Subjects—past 7 days:

1	English	574 points
2	Maths	467 points
3	History	217 points
4	Science	192 points
5	French	120 points

Top House—this week;

1	Oversley	524 points
2	Ragley	508 points
3	Billesley	481 points
4	Greville	476 points



Dates for your diary:

Thursday 1st May	Year 8 Options Evening. 6pm—7.30pm. TONIGHT.
Tuesday 6th May	Paris trip meeting. 5-6pm.
Monday 12th May	Year 9 Newquay trip until Friday 16th May.

Parents' Evenings 2024-25

Thursday 1st May 2025	Year 8 Options Evening. In school. TONIGHT
Thursday 12th June 2025	Year 7 Parents' Evening. SchoolCloud

Alcester Academy Term Dates

SUMMER TERM 2025

School closed	Friday 2nd May 2025—Teacher training day
School closed	Monday 5th May 2025—May Bank Holiday
Half Term	Monday 26th – Friday 30th May 2025
Back to school	Monday 2nd June 2025
School closed	Friday 27th June 2025—Teacher training day
Summer Term ends	Friday 18th July 2025 at 12.40pm

Smartphone Free Childhood

We still have spaces available at next Wednesday's parent information evening, 6pm LIVE in the hall if you wish to attend.

To book a place, please use this QR code:

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>



Parents from another session this week feedback as follows:

"That was such an informative and well presented evening. Wow! I learnt a huge amount and it will definitely help me keep my girls safe in the future."

"Thank you so much for tonight—it was so powerful—thought provoking, terrifying and hopeful all at the same time. Smartphone Free Childhood is doing something truly amazing."

"The meeting was great last night. I nearly broke last week. My child is the only one in his year 6 class without a phone and I was really feeling the pressure. But last night made me realise that I'm definitely doing the right thing."

RSE Consultation 2025

Please review our consultation on the Relationships & Sex Education (RSE) Policy. This is an opportunity for you to share your views on this aspect of our curriculum.

To participate, please visit our website:
www.alcesteracademy.org.uk.

You can also find the Department for Education's statutory guidance on RSE here:
[Relationships and sex education \(RSE\) and health education - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education)

If you would like to share any feedback, please contact us via email
admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk.
Thank you.

Year 11 Revision Timetables—Week A and Week B

WEEK A	Lunch 1.50-2.20	After school 3.30-4.15
Monday	Biology Clinic in S6	
Tuesday	Media Studies Catch Up <i>Study space - English department rooms</i>	English
Wednesday	Science - sets 3 and 4 <i>Science rooms</i>	French DT
Thursday	ICT (iMedia) <i>Study space - English department</i> Religious Studies	Maths German (Higher)
Friday	Geography intervention	Physics triple award sets 1 and 2

WEEK B	Lunch 1.50-2.20	After school 3.30-4.15
Monday	<i>Study space - PE1</i>	
Tuesday	Media Studies Catch Up Chemistry clinic in S1 <i>Study space - English department rooms</i> History	Art/photography for exam prep
Wednesday	Science - sets 1 and 2	French DT Computer Science
Thursday	ICT (iMedia) <i>Study space - English department</i> Religious Studies	German (Foundation) Art/photography for exam prep
Friday	Geography intervention <i>Study space - maths department (M3)</i>	Physics triple award sets 1 and 2

These timetables may be subject to change.

Attendance Updates

**Whole School Attendance
this week is 94.5%**

Top Tutors attendance this week:

7LX with 98% attendance
8DA with 94.8% attendance
9GA with 98.7% attendance
10PL with 96% attendance
11MR with 99.4% attendance

If your child is absent from school, please inform the Attendance Officer, Mrs Louise Hatcher, of the reason before 8.30am each day.

This can be done through SchoolComms, by calling 01789 762285, or by emailing louisehatcher@alcesteracademy.org.uk.

Thank you, Mrs Hatcher



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Notice for Parents

To comply with the School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024 and Data Protection expectations, it is vitally important that Alcester Academy keeps accurate and up to date information relating to every pupil on roll.

The information we are required to record includes:

- Pupil's full legal name (and if appropriate, their preferred name).
- The name, address and contact details of every person known to the school/academy who is a parent* to the pupil with whom the pupil normally resides (this is the address that has been used to register with their GP).
- The name, address and contact details of any additional parent*.
- Any other emergency contact details.

In order to gather this information, every year we send out data collection forms. Parents are asked to complete the form with as much information as possible and then return to the school, signed and dated. We would ask that even where there are no amendments to the data collection sheet, parents return the form, signed and dated.

Alcester Academy requests that if you change your contact number, move home or there are any other circumstances which may impact your child, the school is notified as a priority.

N.B. *The Education Act 1996 defines a 'parent' as a). any natural parent, whether married or not, b). any parent who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility as defined in the Children Act (1989) for a child or young person c). any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person.



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LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wight 2017). 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.

The law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request.

A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school.

When making an application for Leave of Absence parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate.

It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is the parents' responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent ie the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child is expected 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. Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'.

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings.

Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2024-25

The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.

- 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 – 4 in total).
 - First Leave of Absence offence: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.
 - Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount.
- Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28 day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.
- Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): A penalty notices will not be issued, and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.

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

Calling All Aspiring Bakers!

Get ready to unleash your creativity in our exciting baking competition, themed 'Marvellous Creations', inspired by the magical world of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*!

How to participate

Design your traybake masterpiece

- Draw up a design idea and describe your marvellous creation.
- Submit your entry to Mr Tuckey

The winning designs will be selected to bake their creations on Friday, 16th May at school.

Showcase your talent

Present your baked masterpieces at the Alcester Food Festival on Saturday, 17th May.

You will be competing against other schools in the local area such as AGS and St Benedict's.

Prizes

The winners will be awarded a luxury food hamper!

Don't miss this chance to showcase your baking skills and creativity. Get your ideas to Mr Tuckey!

Good luck, and happy baking!



MARVELLOUS CREATIONS TRAYBAKE COMPETITION

 **SAT 17th May, 2025**
11:30am

Venue: Alcester Town Hall

Alcester Food Festival Award

Alcester Food Festival invite students to make a traybake for this year's bake off competition.

The challenge is to make the most marvellous creation using only £5 worth of ingredients.

Win a luxury hamper, plus £150 worth of baking equipment for your school food department.

Part Time Teacher of IT/Computer Science

MPS/UPS + TLR Subject to experience

Closing date 12 noon on Friday 9th May 2025

Interview date to be set

Starting Date—September 1st 2025

[ADVERT ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE](#)

This is an exciting opportunity for a committed teacher of ICT/Computer Science. In year 7 pupils learn how to use ICT for presentation, research, modelling, multimedia and coding activities. This is achieved through one formal lessons each week. The knowledge, skills and understanding that pupils gain is also applied to other areas of the curriculum where ICT is used extensively. In year 8 pupils continue to develop their creative and problem solving skills and gain relevant experience to help prepare for their option choices. This is achieved through two lessons of ICT each week during year 8. Throughout year 7 and 8 pupils complete a range of interactive homework tasks each week independently using Google Classroom, and other online creative problem-solving activities.

During our three-year KS4 structure at Alcester Academy, two optional pathways are available in ICT and Computer Science; OCR Cambridge National in Creative iMedia (Levels 1&2), and OCR GCSE Computer Science. Pupils are encouraged to choose the pathway most appropriate to their ability and interests. Google Classroom is used extensively for both option choices, to deliver lesson and homework content

The ICT and Computer Science department at Alcester Academy is proud of the progress pupils make. Courses delivered in recent years have been extremely successful. During 2024 pupils achieved: • iMedia P+ = 88% D/D* = 50% • Computer Science 4+ = 89% 7+ = 44% The successful applicant will be an outstanding classroom practitioner. We are particularly interested in candidates who revel in promoting a real interest in ICT and Computer Science.

The deadline for applications is Friday 9th May 2025 at 12 noon
Interviews TBC Starting: 1st September 2025

Alcester Academy reserve the right to appoint before the deadline for a suitable candidate. We reserve the right to follow up references provided in person. We do encourage interested candidates to come and visit the school before making an application.

If you have any questions with regard to this vacancy, please contact Sarah Mellors, head@alcesteracademy.org.uk. We look forward to receiving your application.

Alcester Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Enhanced DBS disclosure is required for appointment to this post.

For shortlisted candidates, please be aware that online searches may be done as part of due diligence check.



Casual Driver

Casual Driver Required Hourly Rate £13.74

Closing date: Friday 30th May at 12 noon

Starting: As soon as possible

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The Post

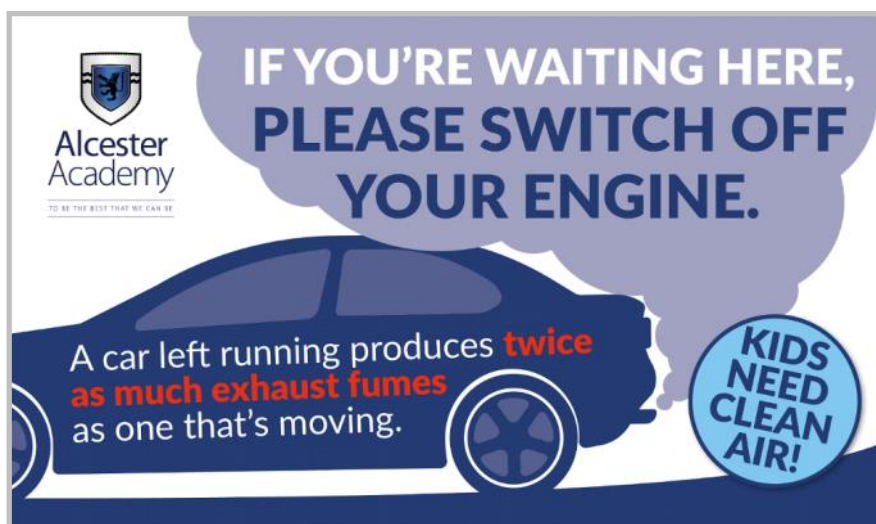
Driver required to transport students in years 7-11 from addresses in Alcester and Bidford to Alternative Education Providers in Warwickshire. Morning and afternoon collections required. Timetable of requirements will vary.

Relevant driving skills and valid licence allowing the post holder to drive a "D1" size vehicle is essential. The successful candidate will need to be prepared to complete a minibus driving test organised by the Academy.

Application Process

Interested applicants should hold a clean driving licence and be subject to a full DBS check. Could suit retired person. Please email the school if you are interested, with a full CV admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk.

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CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY



8:30AM
VE Day proclamation by the Town Crier

6:30PM
Church Bells ring out

9:00AM
Flag raising on Church Green

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VE DAY
80TH ANNIVERSARY
A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION
8 MAY 2025

MEET AT 7:00PM
Service starts 7:30pm

Centenary Field
8:00PM
Lighting of the Beacon

Refreshments available after Beacon lighting

R&L



NEW referral route for our children and young people's social groups

Groups are safe spaces for 7-18 year olds to connect with others, talk about different topics, and take part in activities without the need to mask.



Scan the QR for more details and to refer.

(024) 7601 2333
casspartnership.org.uk
navigation@casspartnership.org.uk



TEXTACADEMY

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



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

07563130478



Young Minds Matter—Mentor Job Advert

Are you committed to improving the mental health and well-being of young people in Warwickshire and Coventry? YMM is looking for Mentors paid and voluntary, who have a genuine connection with young people and a strong desire to create positive change. As a Mentor, you'll play a crucial role in supporting and guiding young people towards improved mental health and overall well-being. Join our team and help us cultivate a nurturing community focused on support and personal growth for young individuals.

What do our Mentors do ?

Mentors at YMM engage in weekly 1:1 sessions with young individuals who require support, providing them with a compassionate ear, empathetic listening, and encouragement to navigate challenges by developing effective coping strategies. Serving as positive role models, Mentors empower young people to build resilience and thrive, creating a safe and nurturing environment where young people can explore their strengths, overcome obstacles, and realise their full potential.

Could you be a YMM Mentor? If you live in the West Midlands, want to help young people and are:

- Self-aware
- An excellent listener
- Non judgemental
- Ideally over 25 years old
- Reliable
- Able to use standard office software and have access to a computer
- Able to commit up to 6 hours a day during term time (in one day or possibly split over two days) in a local school

..then you have the ability to become an excellent mentor.

What we provide and what you gain:

- A bespoke induction training programme which will give you the knowledge and practical skills you need to work safely with students
- Ongoing skills development through work shadowing and online courses
- Peer support from our cohort of more experienced mentors
- Opportunities to get involved in other YMM initiatives
- Skills development with ongoing training that can boost your career
- Monthly 1:1 supervision sessions with a fully qualified British Association for Counselling & Psychotherapy (BACP) accredited counsellor, to help you develop your skills and address any emerging needs of the young people you support.
- Reimbursement for travel expenses
- The opportunity to work in a rewarding role

If you're interested or want to find out more, visit our website at ymm.org.uk or get in touch with Claire at info@ymm.org.uk.

To apply, download the application form from ymm.org.uk and send it, along with a short covering letter, to info@ymm.org.uk.