

# Alcester Academy WEEKLY BULLETIN



1st July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those of you who attended our Celebration Evening last night in school. It was so lovely to return to this after a couple of years off due to Covid-19. We thoroughly enjoy sharing the successes of the students. This is richly deserved. Many congratulations to our award winners, and our performers too. Thank you to staff for supporting the rehearsals for this, and to all staff for attending on the night. Many of our newer staff, like you, had not had chance to be part of the evening before because of the Covid interruption. Miss Buckthorp and her team pull out all of the stops to make it a really lovely evening and I'm very grateful to everyone for this.

Congratulations to our School Captains, Luke and Maisie, Emily and Ted for compering last night's Celebration Evening. They did such a great job and all looked amazing.



Highlights of the evening included our year 7s telling us their potted history of our local community, the Mock Trial update, our dancers and singers and of course, our guitarists, who were fantastic.

We were delighted to recognise Mr Powell's service to the school, as he steps down in his role as Head of PE, in a very special award too. The students and staff honoured him with a standing ovation.

## Celebration Evening—July 2022





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## \*Celebration Evening—July 2022\*



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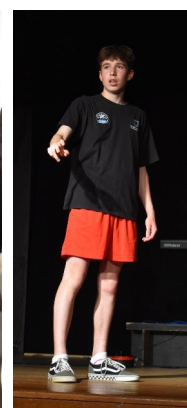




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Mr Moffatt visited us this week for his first day with us. Mr Moffatt will take up the post of Head of PE in September. Don't forget that Mr Powell is still here next year though but four days a week.

Many congratulations to Miss Bishop who got engaged last weekend. Such lovely news!

### Goodbye Miss Heitmuller

Today we say farewell to Miss Heitmuller as she leaves us to try and put her feet up before her new baby boy is born. I look forward to updating you all very soon. Gute! Alles Gute from all of us here Miss Heitmuller.

Miss Gruszczynska will join us on Monday to take Miss Heitmuller's classes until she returns next year. Many of the students have already met Miss Gruszczynska.

### Congratulations Miss Watson

Many congratulations to Miss Watson who has now qualified as a Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator at Worcester University. We are extremely proud! Miss Watson will be supporting Mrs Bush in some areas next year.

### Miss Elliott

Miss Elliott, head of maths returns to us after her maternity leave on Monday 11th July. We are looking forward to seeing her back. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Dyer for standing in an acting head of maths during the last academic year, and doing a terrific job for the students.

### Well done Shannon, 7RA

A huge well done to Shannon for winning first prize in the category *Best Short Film* in the Town Council's youth competition around *Clean Air*. We look forward to Cllr Kathryn Cargill coming in to school to present Shannon's prize very soon.



### Year 10 Reports

It was extremely uplifting to sign so many *Letters of Commendation* for our year 10 students after their last report this week.



Many congratulations to these students. We have enjoyed watching year 10s stepping up this week to become the senior students in school.

### West End Trip

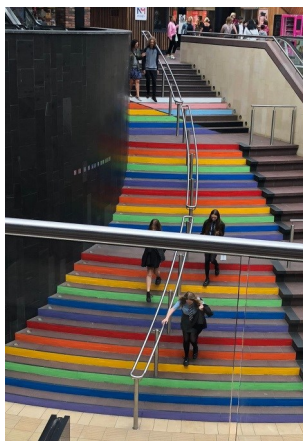
Thank you to the performing arts staff for the West End trip last weekend. This included a trip to see a performance of *& Juliet* and a Pineapple Dance Workshop. By chance it was *West End Live* weekend whilst the students were down in London so they got some extra experiences thrown in to make the weekend even more fabulous.





## Bristol Trip

Our year 9s had a busy Friday last week at their field study in Bristol. Despite the coach breaking down at one point, the students were a credit to the school and had a great day. There will be student reports in next week's bulletin.



## D of E

Well done to D of E Bronze and Silver students for expeditions last weekend. These continue tomorrow.



## Well done Esme

Several weeks ago I informed you about Esme in year 9 who decided to have a sponsored haircut for *Make a Wish*. Esme also decided to donate the haircut to a charity. Congratulations for raising £2,500 by doing this kind thing Esme. We are so proud of you.

## Social Media

Just a reminder that we deter parental groups being set up on Social Media. We do have a policy around this and ask that you raise any concerns directly with school if you have these.

## Bus Transport

Students should get buses at the Alcester Academy bus turning circle rather than walking down to St Benedict's to get on. Students should not be on St Benedict's property before or after school other than whilst sat on a bus waiting, thank you.

## Help for energy bills

Warwickshire County Council is once again supporting residents who need help to pay their energy bills.

The council's *Local Welfare Scheme* is offering a one-off payment to families and households finding it difficult to pay for fuel. This is the latest round of fuel support from the council following earlier promotions and over 30,000 vouchers have already been issued to people in need.

The support is being funded by the Department for Work and Pensions' Household Support Fund, which supplements ongoing emergency support from the Local Welfare Scheme for residents in financial crisis.

Families and households in Warwickshire can apply whether they use pre-payment meters, pay by direct debit or on receipt of an energy bill and applications for the payment, in the form of a voucher, must be made by 8 July 2022. Residents are invited to contact the Local Welfare Scheme team for a confidential discussion about their situation.

To apply please call 0800 408 1448 or 01926 359182 to speak to an advisor in confidence. More information about the Local Welfare Scheme is online at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme). For more information about financial support go to [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/facinghardship](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/facinghardship).

## Covid-19 Statistics

Again, we have seen another marginal upturn with students and staff cases this week. We send them our best wishes. Cases today are:

Year 7 — 1 case  
Year 8 — 1 case  
Year 9 — 5 cases  
Year 10 — 3 cases



We are looking forward to seeing New Parents next Tuesday evening and then year 6 students on Wednesday for the day! If you have any queries about transition, please contact our Transition/Year 7 Co-ordinator Miss Hammond, [cerihammond@alcesteracademy.org.uk](mailto:cerihammond@alcesteracademy.org.uk). I have asked our older students to respect those younger students visiting us next week.

On Thursday next week, we will be rehearsing our Lockdown Procedure in tutor time. I have addressed this in previous bulletins with you. Lockdown may be warranted for situations involving a stranger on site or a catastrophic local emergency. Students will be made aware of the precise instructions for this and guided through it by their tutor. Let's hope we never have to use it for real.

### Swimming Success

Congratulations to Courtney and Katy in year 7. On Saturday 25th June Courtney and Katy took part in the final of PGL swimming competition along with the rest of Evesham Swimming Club.

Both girls achieved personal best times in their swims, Katy even clocked a speeding ticket! It was a very exciting final, there was only one point separating the top two clubs. Evesham were the team that missed out on 1st place and achieved a very impressive 2nd place.

I am aware that other students might swim for this club or others. Please do get in touch to share any good news with us.



### End of term events:

New Parents' Evening – Tuesday 5th July at 6pm.

Year 6 Day – Wednesday 6th July.

Sports Day – Thursday 14th July.

Trips Day – Monday 18th July. All students left in school can be in non uniform.

Break up – Tuesday 20th July 3.25pm (note: no early finish) Non uniform, no charge.

Wishing you all a glorious weekend ahead. Thank you for your on-going support.

Best wishes

*Sarah Mellors*  
Headteacher

## TEXTACADEMY

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



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## Epraise—the past 7 days

### Top Students past 7 days:

1	Luke	10AN	36 points
2	Shannon	7RA	35 points
3	Maisie	10KA	32 points
4	Em	0KA	30 points
4	Ted	10AN	30 points
6	Harry	7TY	15 points
6	Tibault	7SI	15 points
8	Tom	7WI	14 points
8	Rosie	7SI	14 points
10	Thalia	10AN	13 points

### Top Staff past 7 days:

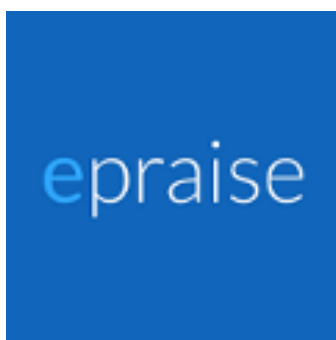
1	Mr Bastock	338 points
2	Miss Lewis	238 points
3	Mr Yarrington	178 points
4	Miss Burgess	150 points
5	Mrs Mellors	141 points
6	Mr Jones	129 points
7	Miss Cooper	125 points
8	Mr Anderson	94 points
9	Miss Home	84 points
10	Mr Martin	72 points

### Top Tutor Groups past 7 days:

1	10AN	167 points
2	7RA	151 points
3	7SI	150 points
4	7TY	141 points
5	7HT	127 points
6	7WI	111 points
7	10KA	110 points
8	8PK	108 points
9	10TN	106 points
10	8HL	90 points
11	8PW	84 points

### Top Subjects past 7 days:

1	Maths	457 points
2	Science	405 points
3	English	294 points
4	Art	172 points
5	IT	94 points
6	Geography	70 points
7	French	59 points
7	German	59 points
8	Performing Arts	56 points
9	Food Tech	34 points
10	Music	10 points





## 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.**

### School Attendance — up to 29.6.22

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Whole School
90.9%	92.4%	92.7%	90.4%	90.9%

### This week's top tutor groups

7SI, 8PW, 9YA & 10AN— *Well done! Mrs Hodges*





## Alcester Academy

'Pupils are proud to attend Alcester Academy.'

'Behaviour in school is exemplary, both in and out of lessons.'

'Staff have high expectations of all pupils and pupils are keen to meet these expectations.' *Ofsted 2022*

### Open Events 2022

The Staff and Governors of Alcester Academy warmly invite you to our:

**Open Evening including headteacher address**

**Thursday 22nd September—6.30pm to 8.30pm**

**Guided Open Mornings**

**Monday 19th September to Friday 23rd September—9.30am**

**Open Evening** Pre-bookable evening tour\* with a student guide. If you do not wish to have a tour, you are welcome to view the school at your leisure.

**Guided Open Mornings** Small group guided tours\* with a member of the leadership team.

**\*ALL GUIDED TOURS OF THE SCHOOL ARE PRE-BOOKABLE ONLY. To book a guided tour at either our open evening, or an open morning, call the main office on 01789 762285 in September, or alternatively email [admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk](mailto:admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk) anytime.**

Respectfully, we ask families to book just one tour at their convenience during this week.

Alcester Academy, Gerard Road, Alcester, B49 6QQ tel: 01789 762285 email: [admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk](mailto:admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk) website: [www.alcesteracademy.org.uk](http://www.alcesteracademy.org.uk)

## Vacancy—Attendance Officer



**Alcester  
Academy**

**Full Time Working Term Time (39 weeks including 5 Teacher Training days)**

**Salary Grade F - £20,043 to £22,129 (pro rata actual – £16,799 to £18,547).**

**Closing date Friday 8th July 2022 at 12 noon**

**Interviews w/c 11th July 2022**

**Starting September 2022**

*The Post—To provide a support which improves outcomes for families and young people by alleviating barriers to learning relating to attendance. To provide admin support for the Academy behaviour system. If you have any questions with regard to this vacancy or wish to visit the school, please contact: [admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk](mailto:admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk). We look forward to receiving your application.*

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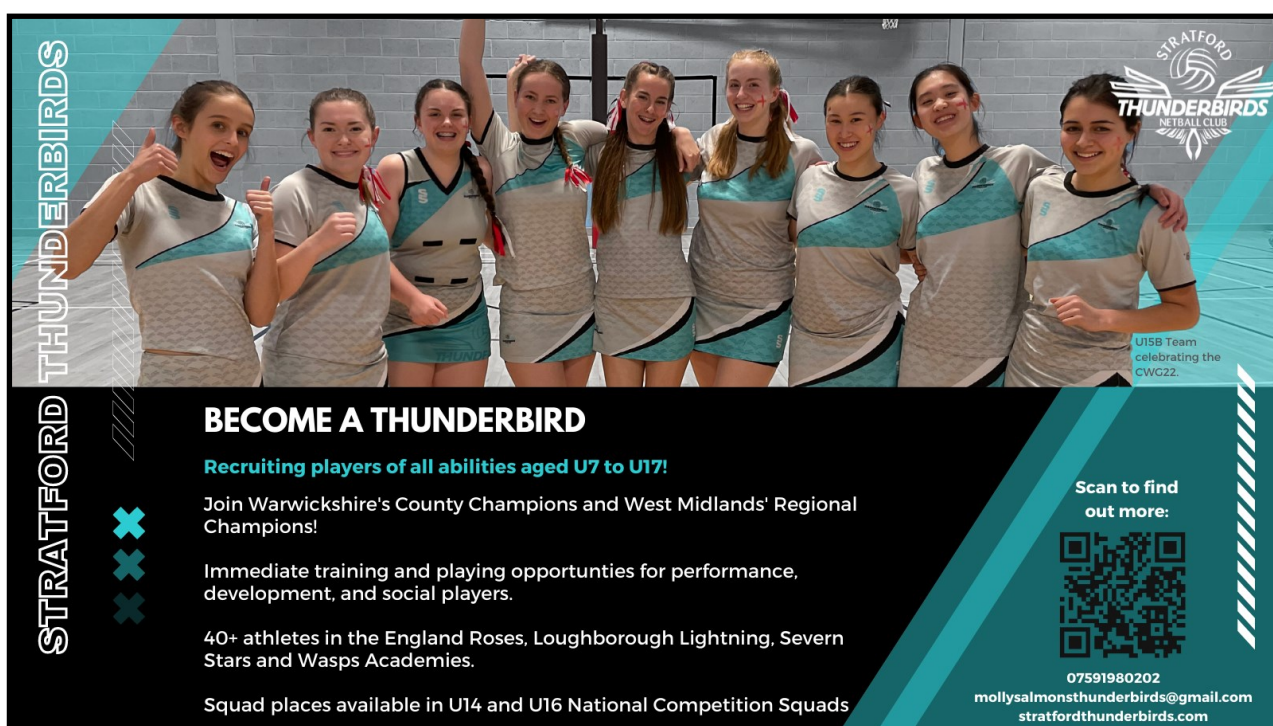
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UI5B Team celebrating the CWG22.



## Term Dates

### SUMMER TERM 2022

Summer Term ends Tuesday 19th July 2022 at 3.25pm

### AUTUMN TERM 2022

School closed

*Teacher training days* Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th September 2022

### Autumn Term begins

Years 7 and 11 only

Wednesday 7th September 2022

Years 8, 9 and 10 only

Thursday 8th September 2022

All students back

Friday 9th September 2022

Half term

Monday 24th October — Friday 28th October 2022

Back to school Monday

31st October 2022

Autumn Term ends

Friday 16th December 2022 at 12.40pm

## Exam, Reporting & Parents' Evening Timetable

### Year 11

GCSE Examinations — Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May — Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022

GCSE Contingency Day — Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022 — all students must be available

### Year 9

Data Report published to parents/carers — Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022

### Year 7

Full Report published to parents/carers — Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022

## Dates for your diary – next half term

Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	KS4 West End Trip
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Celebration Evening. Invited students.
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	New Parents' Evening at 6pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Induction Day
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day year 7-10
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Rewards Trips
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Finish for the summer holidays at 3.25pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	GCSE results in school from 8.30am. More detail to follow.

## SPORTS NEWS \* SPORTS NEWS \* SPORTS NEWS

### PE Practices/Fixtures: week beginning 4/7/22:

**Monday 4th July:**

Year 7/8 Cricket @ Studley (selection letters issued)

Year 7 & 8 Rounders

**Tuesday 5th July:**

Year 8 Archery (invitation letters issued)

**Wednesday 6th July:**

Year 7 & 8 Boys Rounders Tournament @ AGS (selection letters issued)

**Thursday 7th July:**

Athletics Club (Pre-Sports Day Practice)

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 School Comms.

### PRE-LOVED PE KIT

#### DONATE, RE-USE, GIVE BACK!

#### Help the school community and give back

Please donate your unwanted  
(no longer needed or using)  
PE kit, which would then be given  
back to students here.

We would particularly welcome  
skorts, leggings and socks.

Please give your donations to LSU  
or the PE department!

Thank you, *Mrs Powell*





# WARRIORS RUGBY CAMPS SUMMER HOLIDAYS

**SUMMER BOYS AND GIRLS CAMPS**  
GIRLS AND BOYS YEARS 2-6 & BOYS YEAR 7-10

EARLY BIRD PRICE UNTIL 1ST JULY 2022

DATE	VENUE	DURATION	TIMINGS	YEAR	EARLY BIRD	FULL PRICE
26 - 27 Jul	Alcester RFC	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	2-6 & 7-10	£65	£75
27 - 28 Jul	Bridgnorth RFC	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	2-6 & 7-10	£65	£75
2 - 3 Aug	Sixways Stadium	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	2-6 & 7-10	£65	£75
9 - 10 Aug	Ledbury RFC	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	2-6 & 7-10	£65	£75
15 - 19 Aug	Malvern Residential	5 Days	9:30am-3pm	5-10 Only	N/A	£390
23 - 24 Aug	Shropshire TBC	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	2-6 & 7-10	£65	£75

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# WARRIORS RUGBY CAMPS SUMMER HOLIDAYS

**SUMMER WARRIORS WOMEN CAMPS**  
GIRLS ONLY IN SCHOOL YEARS 7-13

EARLY BIRD PRICE UNTIL 1ST JULY 2022

DATE	VENUE	DURATION	TIMINGS	YEAR	EARLY BIRD	FULL PRICE
2 - 3 Aug	Sixways Stadium	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	7-13	£35	£45
9 - 10 Aug	Burton RFC	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	7-13	£35	£45
23 - 24 Aug	Shropshire TBC	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	7-13	£35	£45

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