

Alcester Academy Weekly BULLETIN



10th October 2025

Good afternoon everyone,

This week has certainly flown by. It was good to have the year 8s safely back from their trip in Devon, and full of lovely stories about their week.



I hope that you found the parent videos for child phone safety useful from last week's bulletin edition. If you missed these, please take a look. The links can be found securely on MCAS for you. I highly recommend these.

Congratulations to our huge cast for the forthcoming production of Grease. The students all came into school last Saturday for rehearsals. This happens again tomorrow. The students all enjoyed performing on the new staging provided by the Friends of Alcester Academy. We can't wait to show you this on performance nights in November! Please book tickets as early as you can for Grease and the imminent Rock Academy concert in order to avoid disappointment. Thank you to staff for giving up their Saturdays for the students.

In general school assemblies this week, Mrs McCracken spoke about World Mental Health Day with the students. Of course, we consider this important theme throughout the

academic year but today is the recognised date for this. We provide pastoral support to students on a regular basis and also work with some tremendous professionals in school in order to try and help the students. There was certainly a lot to reflect upon this week at school for the students. I have added some self-help suggestions around mental health for teenagers later on in this edition.



Mrs Weatherley's students enjoyed a delicious French breakfast this week as a reward for their wonderful cake making recently. This looked like great fun!



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Save the Date

Don't forget that we are hosting a Coffee Morning on Wednesday 22 October 9.30-10.30am in the school hall in order to raise funds for the Dementia Café in Alcester. We are proud that is one of the Mayor's 100 Coffee Mornings. Cake donations from parents would be especially lovely to receive. Please drop these into reception in the run up to the event. And, we'd love to see you if you can pop by for a coffee and a catch up that morning.



Our school leaders have researched and selected the House charities for this academic year as follows. This is a new feature for 2025-26 and each school leader will develop their whole school campaigns for each of these great causes throughout the school year.

Alcester Academy House Charities

Written by Natasha, Eshal & Arturo

This year, as student leaders, we have proudly chosen a charity for each house, each reflecting the values and spirit of our school, as well as causes that make a real difference both locally and globally. From protecting wildlife and promoting equality to supporting our own school community and young people battling cancer, every donation helps create meaningful change. Together, we can turn generosity into action and show that when Alcester Academy comes together, we have the power to change lives.

Greville: World Wildlife Fund



The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) is one of the world's leading conservation organisations dedicated to protecting endangered species, preserving natural habitats, and addressing climate change.

Their work goes beyond saving animals; it's about sustaining the delicate balance of our planet for future generations. WWF has already helped protect over 100 million hectares of forest and countless species from extinction, proving that real change is possible. By supporting WWF, we're investing in a more sustainable world where people and wildlife can thrive together. Every donation helps protect forests, oceans, and species on the brink of extinction, a small act that creates a lasting global impact.

Oversley: The Race Equality Foundation



The Race Equality Foundation works to challenge racism and promote equality, diversity, and inclusion values that are more vital now than ever. In a world where discrimination and inequality still shape too many lives, their mission is to break those barriers and create lasting change. They focus on improving health, housing, and education for minority communities, ensuring everyone is treated with fairness and dignity. Having already supported over 10,000 families and professionals through its initiatives, the Foundation proves that progress is pos-

sible when we act together. By donating, we're helping to build a society where every person, regardless of their race or background, is valued, heard, and allowed to thrive.

Ragley: Alcester Academy PTA

The Friends of Alcester Academy (PTA) play a vital role in enriching our school community, providing the extras that make students' everyday life richer and more inspiring. From funding refurbished picnic benches, basketball equipment, and the Learning Resource Centre, to supporting the Duke of Edinburgh scheme and a refurbished Music Hut (the Rock Academy), they've already raised £5,000 toward a £15,000 goal for the new studio.

By donating, you're investing directly in our students' wellbeing, creativity, and opportunity: every pound helps give them tools, space, and experiences that boost morale, engagement, and achievement. Support FOAA because together we build a school better than just "good enough."

Billesley: Teenage Cancer Trust UK

Teenage cancer trust is the only UK charity that specialises in caring for young people ages 13-24 diagnosed with cancer. They fund 28 specially designed hospital units across the country, staffed by expert nurses, youth support coordinators and multidisciplinary teams who understand the particular needs of teams who understand the particular needs of teens and young adults. Besides this, they offer outreach support helping those living far from specialist units get access to care closer to home, and making sure treatment includes emotional, social and practical help too. The charity also produces accessible information, runs events so young people can meet others in similar situations, and works to influence policy so that young people with cancer are always treated as young people first.



"FRIENDS"
OF
ALCESTER ACADEMY



Year 9—Enrichment Passport

Miss Sacco spoke to our year 9s this week about their new *Enrichment Passport*. This is a new and exciting initiative celebrating all of the additional opportunities that our new 9s take part in across the school, and in their own time. Parents have received a separate communication about this.

Year 9 Options

We are coming to a close with the period of time where students might request subject changes. After half term, there comes a time when there is too much work to catch up on for students switching. We will only ever trigger changes with parental permission and strong reasons. This year, we do feel like a number of requests have come in regarding friendship groups as motivation.

Year 7 Super Learning Day

On Wednesday, we held an introductory session for all year 7 to STEM careers led by Everfi.

[Social impact through education • EVERFI Everfi the UK's leading insight, communications and marketing agency specialising in education.](#)

'Endeavour provides interactive content to allow students to practise and develop core STEM skills, while exploring real-world careers. Children who are exposed to science resources and careers from an early age build vital science capital that encourages them to pursue the subject in further education and employment.'

Miss Bartlett has written with more detail later on regarding this. The facilitator of these sessions spoke extremely highly of the school during his visit.

The next year 7 Super Learning Day is from Loudmouth called *Bully4U* on Tuesday 14th October.

Stratford Girls' Grammar School

Thank you to Dr Griffiths for speaking to our year 11s about the post 16 opportunities available at SGGS today as part of assembly.



STRATFORD GIRLS'
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

SIXTH FORM

Safeguarding at Alcester Academy

As a reminder, Miss Buckthorp is our Designated Safeguarding lead. Her team then consists of the Deputy Lead, Mrs Bennett, with Mrs Austin, Mrs Hatcher and Mrs Bove is about to complete her training.



Miss K Buckthorp
Designated Safeguarding
Lead (DSL)



Mrs J Bennett
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs J Austin
Member of the
Safeguarding Team



Mrs L Hatcher
Member of the
Safeguarding Team



Mrs S Bove
Future Member

Our regular IT safety bulletins are archived for you on the school website: [Safeguarding | Online Safety](#)

Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's Spy Books

Children's publisher Puffin has issued an alert about books by Andy Cope including those in the Spy Dogs, Spy Cats, and Spy Pups series.

The books include a link to additional content, but the link is no longer owned by Mr Cope. The new owner publishes pornographic content. This means that children visiting the link are seeing highly inappropriate webpages.

As a result, libraries, bookshops, retailers and schools have removed the books from their shelves until such time as there is a resolution. Please follow [link \[theguardian.com\]](https://www.theguardian.com) for the story as it appears in *The Guardian*.

Year 11 Saturday Schools

Mr Cooke will write to parents separately about these provisional dates. These are scheduled for:

15th November	History 9-10.30am Geography 10.45-12.15pm
22nd November	Maths 9-10.30am English 10.45-12.15pm
29th November	Science 9-10.30am French 10.45-12.15pm

Students should wear sensible, warm clothes when attending on a Saturday morning and they can bring in snacks and appropriate drinks as needed. We ask that students are on time for sessions as there are limited staff around the reception area of school once the school is locked and secure and sessions are underway. There is an SLT presence in school for each Saturday.

Save the Date— Year 11 Parents Evening

The first year 11 parents' evening will be live in school on Thursday 23rd October from 4-7pm. A communication will shortly be sent out to parents.

Congratulations to our New High Bailiff, Alcester Court Leet

We are delighted to congratulate Sharon Constable as she takes on this important role in Alcester. Thank you to Tracy Parkes for her year of service to the town.



Uniform

There is currently a lot of lost property in the entrance area to LSU if your child has misplaced anything.

New for Summer!

The Governors ratified a change to the summer uniform policy at this week's meeting. Following the heat and high temperatures of summer 2025, you'll recall that most students chose to wear PE kit in order to stay as cool as possible. This ended up being for several weeks. We have decided to allow students to wear a sky blue polo top during the summer term of 2026 with their school skirt, trousers or tailored shorts. These polos should be absolutely plain with no branding of any description on them and can be purchased from any outlet to suit. They are intended for much warmer days and should not be worn with a blazer or school jumper. We will alter the uniform policy to reflect this very soon.



Friends Of Alcester Academy Meeting

Thank you to parents who attended the preparation meeting before our family bingo event held last night online.

Save the date: Friday 14th November.
Eyes down 6.30pm for a 7pm start.



KS3 Parent Forum

Mr Cooke and Miss McKenzie led an inspirational forum last night around KS3. This included critical information on Google Classroom, HW, Assessment and our new year 7 Knowledge Goals. A recording can be found on the website.

<https://www.alcesteracademy.org.uk/academy-information/parent-forum>

If you missed it last night, it is well worth catching up on. Mrs Sandells and Mrs Gorner also contributed to the session with some useful curriculum insights. We all appreciated these very much indeed.

The week ahead

We are looking forward to our year 10 employability workshop next Wednesday led by Professor Jo Andrews.

And, we will see our new year 7 parents at the *Meet The Tutor* evening on Thursday, for an early catch up on how secondary school life is going for the new cohort of students. This will coincide with a parental transition survey that we will issue next week. We are always grateful for your feedback.



If you didn't get chance last week, please try and complete the Parent View, Ofsted short survey:

[Welcome to Ofsted Parent View | Ofsted Parent View](#)

There are currently not enough parent responses to be considered significant enough to display any results.

Good luck!

Good luck to our athletes competing this weekend at Cross Country!

Wishing you all a super weekend ahead.

Sarah Mellors—Headteacher

Skern Lodge 2025



Last week 100 year 8 students, Miss Buckthorp, Mr Hall, Mr Badham, Mrs Evason and Mrs Bennett all set off to North Devon for a week of activities based around the beach, river, rocks and the beautiful North Devon countryside.

As soon as we arrived, we were out on activities and off to the beach at Westward Ho! for an afternoon climbing and traversing the rocks, and searching rock pools to find crabs and other sea-side creatures. Other groups took on the challenge of the high ropes and assault course as students trapezed and balanced high up in the air, while showing great support and encouragement to each other. Particularly when they have the challenge to get the whole team over a 4m wall!





The Skern tunnels challenged most, but were great fun as students set about mapping out the underground tunnels and finding lots of items, such as half a canoe, as they made their way through.



great teamwork shown, as well as lots of jumping off and battles against the different boats, which was just great fun.

Over the next few days, we found ourselves learning to surf, body-board and catching waves on the beach, with some standing up and looking like pros in the surf at Westward Ho! We went rafting down the Torridge Estuary in Bideford where there was

One of the favourite activities of the week was the high-speed rib ride. Totally exhilarating...if not a bit scary, as we bumped over the waves in the estuary of Appledore Quay. The students even got to steer the boat which was just brilliant and finished off with an ice cream the quayside.



Our evenings were spent swimming in the outdoor pool, scavenger hunts, a night walk, and making campfires and of course the now famous room tidying competition, where there were always lots of sweets to be won.

It was an amazing week made possible by the fantastic group of young people that we took. They were the most brilliant ambassadors for the school. They were





complimented by the Skern Lodge staff and our 15 instructors, who really enjoyed working with them, and loved their spirit and enthusiasm, this made us very proud!

It was a real pleasure to see how the students all got on, supported each other, grew in confidence and learnt how to live alongside each other.

Thanks to all the students, staff and parents who supported the trip.

We look forward to launching Skern Lodge 2026 later this term to current year 7 students—more details to follow!

Miss Buckthorp





GCSE Students Explore Birmingham City Centre

On Tuesday, the art department took 65 GCSE photography and art students to Birmingham city centre to experience a day in *The City* as part of their GCSE coursework. Students were given the opportunity to extend their knowledge of the city, its architecture and other elements which link to their chosen portfolio pathways and meet assessment objectives.

We started our day in Victoria Square, where students photographed some of the classical architecture relevant to their projects. We then headed to Centenary Square and its iconic Birmingham Library where we visited an exhibition celebrating the public service of black Royal Air Force (RAF) veterans from the West

Midlands since the Second World War. The exhibition shared the personal stories of seven African and Caribbean men and women who served in the RAF—a fascinating exhibition heavily linked to the students' year 9 *Conflict* project. Some students braved the Secret Garden Terrace on the 7th floor and were treated to a panoramic view of the city. We rounded up our day in Digbeth, captivated by the hyper realistic street art and graffiti sprayed onto the side of buildings and bridges.

The students were an absolute delight to take and I would like to extend my thanks to the staff and parents who supported Tuesday's visit.

Miss Nemeshanyi



Year 7 STEM Careers Fair Inspiring Future Innovators



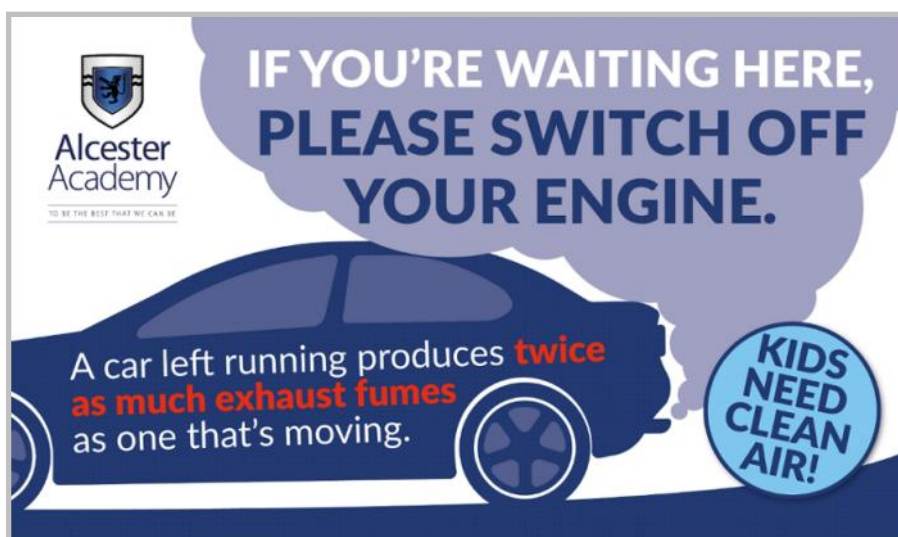
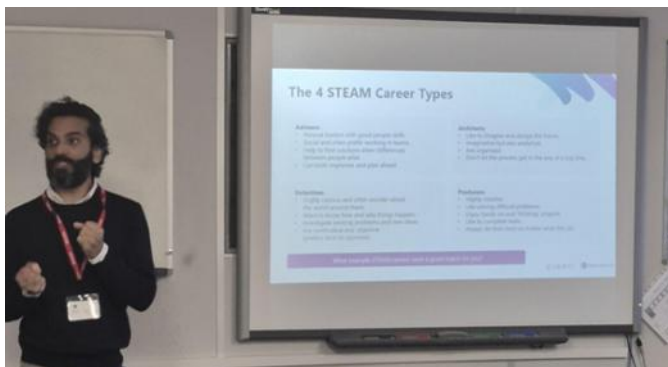
On Wednesday, our year 7 students took part in an exciting introduction to the Alcester Academy Careers Programme through the *Endeavour* course, provided by Everfi. This initiative is designed to inspire the next generation of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) leaders by helping students explore a wide range of future career opportunities.

The *Endeavour* programme offers engaging, interactive content that allows pupils to practise and develop essential STEM skills while discovering how these skills are applied in real-world professions. By introducing science-based learning and career pathways early, we aim to build our students' "science capital" — the knowledge, confidence, and curiosity that encourage continued study and potential careers in STEM fields.

Students can continue their journey by accessing their *Endeavour* accounts using the link provided below. Upon completing 50% of the course, they will receive an official certificate from Everfi, a valuable addition to their personal CVs and an excellent first step in recording their career achievements.

We are proud of our year 7 students for their enthusiasm and curiosity during the event, and we look forward to seeing how their interests in STEM continue to grow.

https://platform.everfi.net/new_registration?role=student

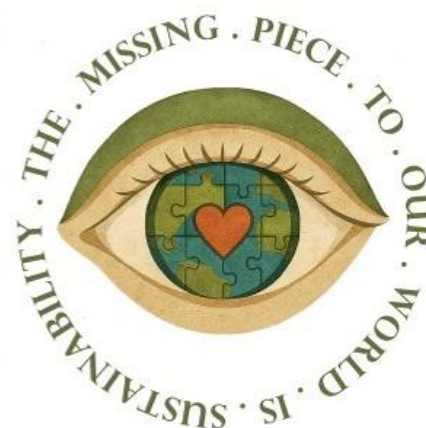


Year 11 Students Unveil Winning Three Rivers Alliance Sustainability Logo

Following a lot of hard work, I would like to present the Three Rivers Alliance Sustainability Logo.

The design was created by two of our talented year 11 students Carlee and Mia! The girls combined their winning designs from the sustainability conference that took place last year, where students from all five schools in the Alliance took part in the competition. Carlee and Mia did extremely well to create a design that showed off their artist talent alongside their passion for making our planet a greener place to live. I would like to give a special thanks to Liz Lake for all of the hard work she has put into digitalising the design.

Miss Nemeshanyi—Sustainability Lead



Alcester Rock Academy News: Studio Construction & Ozzy Tribute!

Get ready to rock, Alcester Academy! We've got two huge pieces of news from the Alcester Rock Academy.

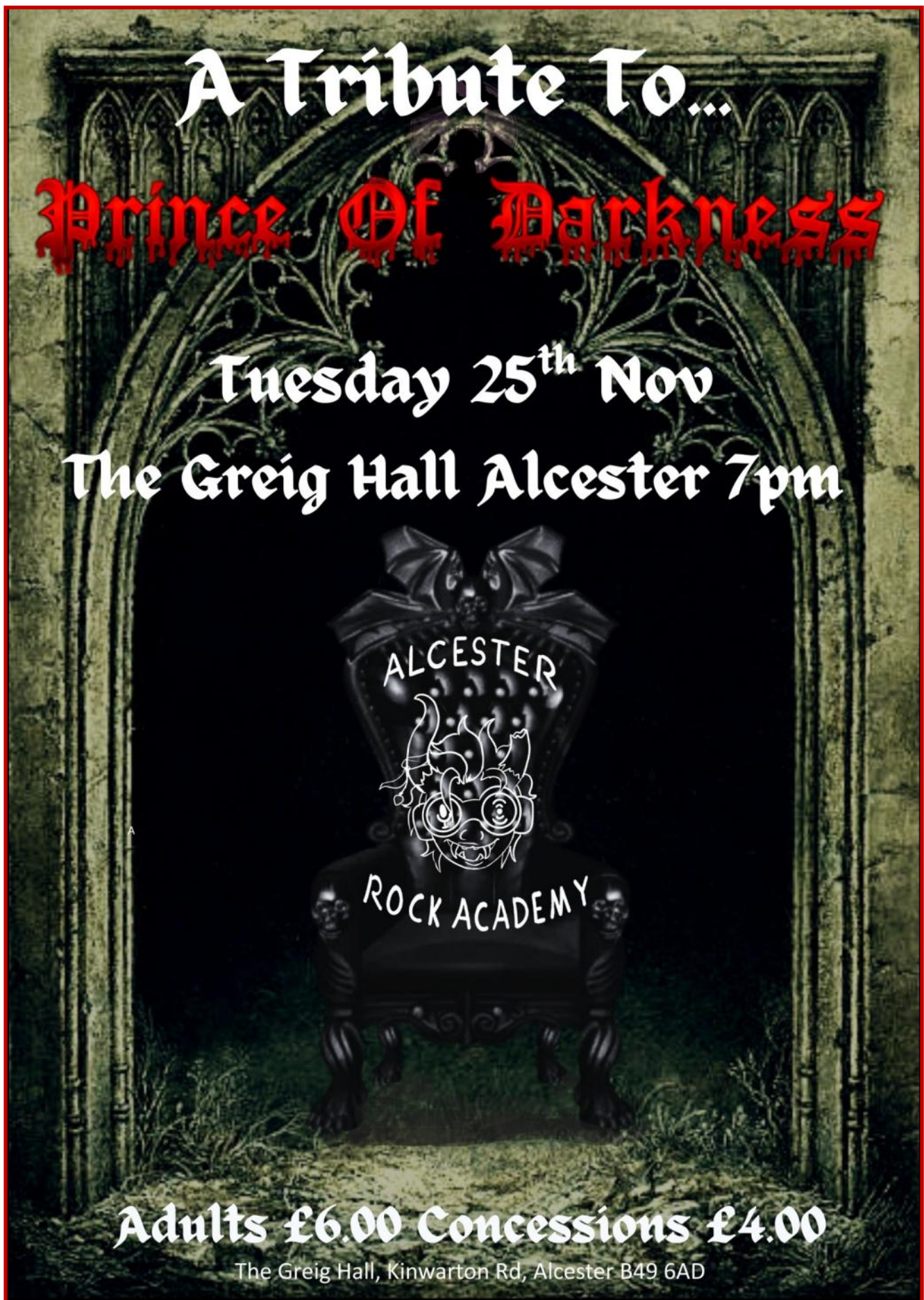
First, we are thrilled to announce that construction has officially begun on our brand new, state-of-the-art Rock Academy Studio! This is a massive step forward and we can't wait to start making some serious noise in our new space.

Speaking of serious noise, mark your calendars for our next epic concert: *A Tribute to the Prince of Darkness!* All our incredible Rock Academy bands will be taking to the stage to perform a blistering set of music from Ozzy Osbourne and Black Sabbath.

When: Tuesday, November 25th at 7pm
Where: The Greig Hall, Alcester

Don't miss out on what is sure to be an amazing night of classic heavy rock! Tickets are now on sale and available to purchase through the Alcester Academy School Gateway. Get yours before they sell out!





A Tribute To...

Prince Of Darkness

Tuesday 25th Nov

The Greig Hall Alcester 7pm

Adults £6.00 Concessions £4.00

The Greig Hall, Kinwarton Rd, Alcester B49 6AD

Alcester Academy Raises Over £200 at Macmillan Bake Sale

On Friday 26th September, Alcester Academy held a Macmillan Bake sale. Many students and teachers had brought in cakes and biscuits, they had made or bought, to sell at the bake sale. Some Student Librarians also helped with selling the cakes at break and lunch in the LRC. During the Bake sale, we raised over £200 for Macmillan Cancer support.

Macmillan supports people and families who have been affected by cancer. They use fundraising events and donations to help pay for practical support, information and emotional support. During this day, many other local fundraising events happened to support this cause. Cancer affects 1 in 2 people in their lifetime, that is why this is such an important charity to donate to. Thank you Alcester Academy staff, parents and students for contributing to the bake sale and donation to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Lydia, year 9 (Billesley)
Student Librarian



Bon Appétit! Celebrating Our Languages Winners

On Wednesday this week, our European Day of Languages winners enjoyed a French-themed breakfast during tutor time. Thanks again to all students for their entries.

Mrs Weatherley



Key Dates This Term

Tuesday 14th October—Year 7 Super Learning Day by Loudmouth, called *Bully4U*

Wednesday 15th October—Year 10 Employability workshop

Thursday 16th October—Year 7 *Meet The Tutor* evening. Live in school 4-7pm.

Wednesday 22nd October—Community Coffee Morning, in school 9.30-10.30am

Wednesday 22nd October—Year 8 trip to *Matilda*

Wednesday 22nd October—Year 11 Employability workshop

Thursday 23rd October—Year 11 Parents' Evening. Live in hall. 4-7pm.

Friday 24th October—Student flu vaccination

Friday 24th October—Non-uniform day

HALF TERM—27th-31st October 2025

Wednesday 5th November—Year 11 Parent Forum on Revision. Online 5.30-7pm (provisional)

Wednesday 5th November—RAF day for year 10 in school (provisional)

Tuesday 11th November—Armistice Day

Tuesday 11th November—Year 9 Super Learning Day from Loudmouth called *Working for Marcus*

Thursday 13th and Friday 14th November—year 10 and 11 mock interviews

Friday 14th November—Friends PTA Family Bingo Event. Evening.

Monday 17th November—Year 11 MFL speaking mocks start

Monday 17th November—National Odd Socks Day

Wednesday 19th—Friday 21st November—GREASE ...is the word! School Show dates!

Monday 24th November—Year 11 mocks begin

Tuesday 25th November—Rock Academy Concert at the Greig Hall. Evening event 7pm.

Wednesday 3rd December—Friends PTA meeting online 7.30pm

Thursday 4th December—Year 10 Parents' Evening. Online 4-7pm.

Thursday 11th, and Friday 12th December—Christmas rewards trips

Tuesday 16th December—Christmas Concert, at school, from 6.30pm

Wednesday 17th December—Year 9 Enrichment Super Learning Day

Thursday 18th December—Year 9 annual panto for year 7s

Friday 19th December—Break up at 12.40pm

This list is not exhaustive.



Useful resources to support positive mental health



Bromcom Positive Points Leaderboard



Top Positive Point Students—this week:

1	Anabelle	7WI	Ragley	13 points
2	Caitlin	8RW	Oversley	12 points
2	Livi	10HR	Greville	12 points
2	Grace	10HR	Billesley	12 points
5	Leela	7WI	Billesley	10 points
5	William	7WI	Billesley	10 points
5	Morgan	7RA	Oversley	10 points
5	Charlotte	7WI	Oversley	10 points
5	Leo	8MO	Ragley	10 points

Top Positive Point House—this week:

1	Billesley	603 points
2	Oversley	596 points
3	Ragley	565 points
4	Greville	548 points

Top Positive Point Tutor Group—this week:

1	7WI	158 points—a 10 point lead!
2	10HR	148 points
3	7RA	134 points
4	7LX	125 points
5	9SO	104points

Top Positive Point Subjects—this week:

1	English	428 points—leading by 4 points!
2	Maths	424 points
3	Science	303 points

Top Positive Point Staff—this week:

1	Mrs Hirji	389 points
2	Mrs Gorner	325 points
3	Mr Yarrington	272 points
4	Miss Gruszczynska	262 points
5	Mrs Sandells	177 points



Autumn Term Extra-Curricular Clubs

Extra Curricular Timetable
Autumn 2025

Alcester Academy

Monday
Lunchtime
Pride Group- E4
Acoustic Group- Music Hut
GCSE Maths Clinic - S5
Scrabble Club- E6
ART- A1 & A2

Tuesday
Lunchtime
Young Enterprise -H4
Youth Speaks - E4
Pop Band- Music hut
ART- A1 & A2
Afterschool
School Show- Hall
Dungeons and Dragons-R1

Wednesday
Lunchtime
Board Games- LRC
Orchestra - MU 1
ART- A1 & A2
After School
Cookery Club - Food Room

Thursday
Lunchtime
Year 8 Book Club- LRC
Rock Band - Music Hut
Photography - A1
ART- A1 & A2
After School
School Show - Hall
GCSE Art and Photography
- A2

Friday
Lunchtime
Mr Palmieri's Maths Clinic- M1
ART- A1 & A2
Principal school show rehearsal
- Drama Room

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 Wright 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.

Attendance News

Whole School Attendance this week is 94.1%

Top tutors this week:

7PA with 98.8% attendance

8RW with 100% attendance

9AN with 99.6% attendance

10GA with 94.7% attendance

11GO with 98.6% attendance

If your child will be absent from school, please notify our Attendance Officer, Ms Louise Hatcher, with the reason before 8:30am each day. You can do this via:

SchoolComms

Phone: 01789 762285

Email: louisehatcher@alcesteracademy.org.uk

Medical appointments and other absences can also be reported through the MCAS app.

We kindly ask parents and carers to remind students who are leaving for appointments during the school day to come to the office a few minutes early so they can sign out promptly.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Ms Louise Hatcher—Attendance Officer

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.



If a pupil is ten minutes late to school or lessons each day, they will miss seven days of learning over a year.



DfE data shows that pupils with more than 95% attendance achieve better GCSE results!

Alcester Academy Term Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2025

Half term Monday 27th – Friday 31st October 2025

Back to school Monday 3rd November 2025

Autumn Term ends Friday 19th December at 12.40pm

SPRING TERM 2026

School closed Monday 5th January 2026
Teacher training day

Spring Term begins Tuesday 6th January 2026

Half Term Monday 16th – Friday 20th February 2026

Back to school Monday 23rd February 2026

Spring Term ends (Easter) Friday 27th March at 12.40pm

SUMMER TERM 2026

Summer Term begins Monday 13th April 2026

School closed Friday 1st May 2026
Teacher training day

May Bank Holiday Monday 4th May 2026

Half Term Monday 25th – Friday 29th May 2026

Back to school Monday 1st June 2026

Summer Term ends Friday 17th July 2026 at 12.40pm

School closed Monday 20th July 2026
Teacher training day

MFL Culture
Competition

Mauerkunst: the art of the Berlin Wall

To celebrate the Day of German Unity (Tag der deutschen Einheit) on the 3rd of October, I would like to invite all students of Alcester Academy to take part in our Mauerkunst competition.

Mauerkunst means “wall art” and is synonymous with the Berlin wall. The wall, and its art, is a cultural phenomenon and is the home of some of the most iconic cultural / political artwork of the 20th century.

Your task:

1. Research the art of the Berlin wall.
2. Create your own piece of art inspired by it: digital or handmade.
3. Submit your art to Mrs Laventine-Lee in L2 (paper copies).

Deadline: Wednesday 22nd October

Prizes: Winners and runners-up will be announced on Friday 24th Oct.



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COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER FROM
9.30-10.30AM
IN THE SCHOOL HALL

All proceeds will be donated to the
Mayor's Charity—Alcester Day Care



ALL CAKE DONATIONS WILL
BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.

**No
nuts
please!**



Thank you for helping
us keep students with
allergies safe.



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Yearly

PLANNER

2025-2026

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<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #c00000; color: white; padding: 5px;">SEPTEMBER</p> <p>200 Club Registration Opens - 22.09.2025</p> <p>Friends Meeting - 10.09.2025</p> <p>200 Club Draw - 29.09.2025</p>	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #c00000; color: white; padding: 5px;">OCTOBER</p> <p>Friends Meeting - 08.10.2025</p> <p>Coffee Morning -22.10.2025 at 9.30am</p> <p>Non Uniform - 24.10.2025</p> <p>200 Club Draw - 20.10.2025</p>	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #c00000; color: white; padding: 5px;">NOVEMBER</p> <p>Friends Meeting - No meeting</p> <p>Bingo 1 - 14.11.2025</p> <p>Show nights - 19.11.2025 - 21.11.2025</p> <p>200 Club Draw - 24.11.2025</p>
<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #c00000; color: white; padding: 5px;">DECEMBER</p> <p>Friends Meeting - 03.12.2025</p> <p>Santa Route - TBC</p> <p>200 Club Draw - 15.12.2025</p>	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #c00000; color: white; padding: 5px;">JANUARY</p> <p>Friends Meeting - 14.01.2026</p> <p>Bingo 2- 30.01.2026</p> <p>200 Club Draw - 26.01.2026</p>	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #c00000; color: white; padding: 5px;">FEBRUARY</p> <p>Friends Meeting - 25.02.2026</p> <p>200 Club Draw - 23.02.2026</p>
<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #c00000; color: white; padding: 5px;">MARCH</p> <p>Friends Meeting - 25.03.2026</p> <p>Non Uniform - 13.03.2026 TBC</p> <p>Bingo 3 - 20.03.2026</p> <p>200 Club Draw - 23.03.2026</p>	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #c00000; color: white; padding: 5px;">APRIL</p> <p>Friends Meeting - No meeting</p> <p>200 Club Draw - 27.04.2026</p>	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #c00000; color: white; padding: 5px;">MAY</p> <p>Friends Meeting - 13.05.2026</p> <p>200 Club Draw - 18.05.2026</p>
<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #c00000; color: white; padding: 5px;">JUNE</p> <p>Friends Meeting - 10.06.2026</p> <p>Alcester Street Market Tombola - 07.06.2026</p> <p>200 Club Draw - 29.06.2026</p>	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #c00000; color: white; padding: 5px;">JULY</p> <p>Friends Meeting - 30.06.2026 / 01.07.2026 TBC - End of year meal</p> <p>200 Club Draw - 13.07.2026</p>	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #c00000; color: white; padding: 5px;">AUGUST</p> <p>Friends Meeting - No meeting - Summer Holiday</p> <p>200 Club Draw - 02.09.2026</p>



ALCESTER ACADEMY PRESENTS



Family **BINGO** Night

Friday 14th November

Doors Open 6.30pm — Eyes down 7.00pm

1 Book (6 Games) - £2

6 Books (6 Games) - £10



Bar
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& Snacks
available

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school office.



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Sport RoundUp

Year 7 Football v Trinity (Cup)



Well done to all students who represented us in the year 7 fixture versus Trinity School from Leamington. Some Outstanding attacking play saw us come away with 8 goals scored in a extremely impressive result for Alcester Academy. We wish year 7 the best of luck in the next round of the District cup.

SW Year 10 Netball Tournament

Our year 10 girls showed some fantastic team-work and effort through their performances at the South Warwickshire netball tournament. Well done to all selected to represent the year group.



U13 Rugby Tournament

Our U13 team competed at the South Warwickshire rugby festival this week and put in some impressive performances. The team won 2, lost 2 and drew 1 match in some fiercely competitive small-sided games. I look forward to welcoming coaches from Gloucester Rugby next half term who will be running an after school Rugby Club for 1 hour each Wednesday.



Alcester 10K

Congratulations to all Alcester Academy students who took part in the Alcester 10K last weekend. Will, Dylan, and Marijke from year 11 delivered exceptional performances in the race.



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Inter-Area Cross Country

Good luck to all students representing South Warwickshire at the Inter Area Cross Country event at Stratford School this weekend. I look forward to sharing results of this event in next week's school bulletin!

Minor Boys

Alfred
Roman

Minor Girls

Poppy
Abi
Molly
Efa
Harper
Evie
Lucy

Junior Boys

Keegan
Dexter
Junior
Isabella

Inter Boys

Will
Dan
Harry
Dylan

Inter Girls

Marijke

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <h2 style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S SPORT</h2>  </div> <h3 style="text-align: center;">W/B 13/10/25</h3>		
Day	Extra-Curricular Club & Staff	Location
Monday	U13 and U15 Girls SW rowing competition - PE	Gym
	U13 Girls Football v Myton- MO	Myton
	U16 Girls Football v Stratford- NA	Top field
Tuesday	U13 and U15 Boys SW rowing competition- MO	Gym
Wednesday	U14 SW Girls Netball tournament - PE	Stratford
	Year 7 Football – NA	Field
	Year 10 + 11 Football- MO	Top Field
Thursday	Year 8 and 9 Football v AGS- MO/NA	AGS
	Year 7 and 8 Netball practice – PE	

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AUTUMN 1 LUNCHTIME SPORT



- Starting **w/b Monday 15th September** on a Monday and Tuesday.
- Follows the set timetable each half-term from **1.45-2.15pm (4:1) in the Gym**
- PE kit is **not required** to participate but you must have **suitable footwear**

w/b	MON - MO	TUES - NA
15/9	Year 11 Indoor Football	KS3 Basketball
22/9	Year 11 Indoor Football	KS4 Basketball
6/10	Year 11 Indoor Football	KS3 Basketball
13/10	Year 11 Indoor Football	KS4 Basketball

Opportunities:



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U12-U18 YRS

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GIRLS BASKETBALL



📍 Arrow Vale Sports Centre
🕒 Tuesdays, 6-8pm
👥 School Years 5-11 | £5 per session
📅 Starting 16th September | First session FREE
✉ redditchbasketballclub@gmail.com for info
👉 COME DOWN - ALL ABILITIES WELCOME


#REDDITCHBASKETBALL

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AUTUMN TERM VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS & PROGRAMMES

Workshop/ Programme	Date and Time	Venue
Sleep and Routines	10th October 09:30 – 11:30	Virtual
Boundaries and Rules	15th October 10:00 – 12:00	Virtual
Routines	16th October 12:45-14:45	Virtual
Keeping your child in mind	16th October 17:30 – 19: 30	virtual
Understanding Children's Behaviour	23rd October 12:45 – 14:45	virtual
Parenting Together	28th October 10:00- 12:00	virtual
Sleep and Routines	6th November 09:30 – 11:30	virtual
Boundaries and Rules	6th November 12:30 -14:30	virtual
Routines	12th November 12:30 – 14:30	virtual
Understanding your teenager	14th November 09:30 – 11:30	Virtual



**Book your
free place**

For Warwickshire
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For further information about this
programme please email
ehparenttrainers@warwickshire.gov.uk





ILEAP INTO A DRAMA ADVENTURE


JOIN ILEAP DRAMA COACH ELLEN FOR A FUN-FILLED DRAMA WORKSHOP INSPIRED BY THE BELOVED BOOKS OF JULIA DONALDSON. FEATURING DRAGONS, KNIGHTS, PRINCESSES, AND WITCHES, IT'S A NOT-TOO-SPOOKY HALLOWEEN ADVENTURE

ENJOY LOTS OF DRAMA BASED, NON COMPETITIVE GAMES, ROLE-PLAY AND STORY TELLING.

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN NUT FREE PACKED LUNCH TO ENJOY DURING LUNCH BREAK.

£2.50 PER CHILD

28TH OCTOBER 2025 9AM – 2PM
8 – 12 YEARS (SEN)
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ALCESTER, B49 6AG
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Sixth Form Open Evening

THURSDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2025
5:00-8:00PM

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energy saving hacks to reduce
your utility bills

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the art of shopping for less

Cheap Eats, Big Flavour

tips for cooking on a budget

Upcoming Workshops:

Mondays:

6 October 25- 11:30am-12:30pm

13 October 25- 11:30am-12:30pm

20 October 25- 11:30am-12:30pm

Venue:

Eric Payne Community Centre,
Jubilee Fields,
St Faiths Road, Alcester,
B49 6AG

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Saturday 4 October 2025

// 10am – 2pm

Saturday 29 November 2025

// 10am – 2pm

Saturday 24 January 2026

// 10am – 2pm

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