Alcester Academy WEEKLY BULLETIN

11th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Good afternoon.

It was lovely to have the year 8s back in school this week after their fabulous Skern Lodge trip. Thanks especially to the staff team who went away with the children and to Mrs Savery for the admin behind it all. Miss Buckthorp has added a short report later on with events from the week. Several of the staff were then in school on Saturday for our Charlie rehearsals. This shows true commitment. Thanks to you all; staff, students and parents for this weekend commitment. It is appreciated. Miss Sacco is looking for show sponsors, if you are interested, there is a flyer later on with details on it.

Assemblies

Mr Cooke led an assembly with year 11s on Monday where we launched the Saturday School dates for the first mock series, and discussed the support in place for such an important year ahead. He will write to year 11 parents separately about this.

Miss McKenzie then took assemblies with year 7-11 on Mental Health Day and gave some terrific advice. The students' entrance was accompanied by Miss McKenzie on the piano and our School Captain, Darcie singing.

What an absolute treat for us all! This is the first time we've used the baby grand donated kindly by Stratford Girls' Grammar School. You can see and hear footage on X, @AlcesterAcademy.

Thanks to Dr Griffiths from SGGS for speaking with the year 11s about Post-16 opportunities last week.

School Captains

Thanks to the School Captains for meeting with me on Monday. This was our first meeting of the year and I was blown away by some of their ideas. Watch this space when they take over the Bulletin before half term!

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Attendance

Thank you all for such a great amount of support regarding school attendance. Our overall percentage this week is 94.5%.

Where can I find my child's work?

You may find this link to where your child keeps work useful.

https://www.alcesteracademy.org.uk/quality-of-education/teaching--learning---assessment/where-can-i-find-my-child-s-work-

Equally, the subject long term curriculum plans can all be found on the school website for all year groups. https://www.alcesteracademy.org.uk/quality-of-education/subjects

Parent View

www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/

Please be sure to start adding your comments to Parent View. We are not expecting Ofsted this academic year, but I am never complacent! There is also a new Ofsted framework out that you have probably heard about on the news. I will update regarding this in due course.

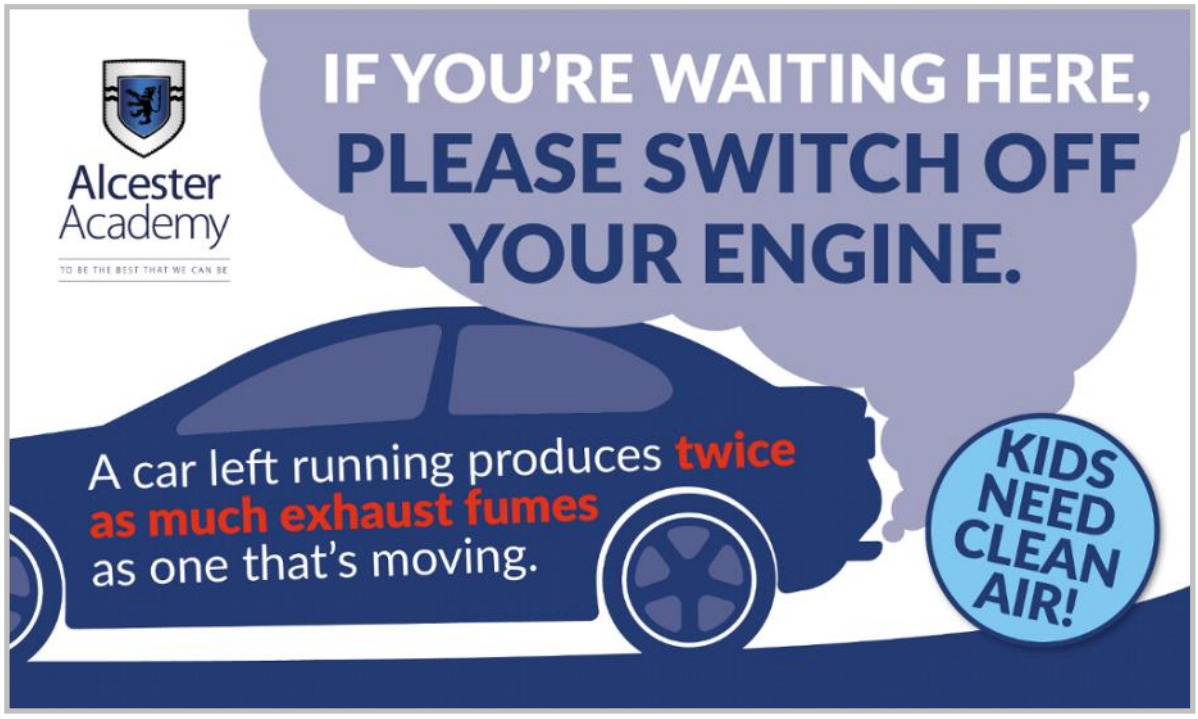
As a reminder, if you have areas of concern regarding school life, please be sure to reach out to us.

Looking ahead to next week

Our year 8s continue with their sustainability work and we welcome Geologise Theatre into school for the day. And we look forward to seeing year 7 parents for *Meet The Tutor,* on Thursday evening, live in school.

And to conclude, I thank you for your continued support and wish you all a very relaxing weekend.

Kind regards
Sarah Mellors—Headteacher



World Mental Health Day 2024

Alcester Academy was absolutely glowing with yellow yesterday as we supported the charity Young Minds with raising awareness and vital funds for mental health.

Staff and pupils all showed their support by wearing a splash of yellow and spreading an important message that 'it's ok not to be ok.'

Thank you to Darcie, our School Captain in year 11, for singing beautifully to the whole school in assemblies this week.

All pupils were given information about *The 5 Ways to Wellbeing* and where to find help and support if needed.

We are so lucky to have the most amazing pastoral team here at Alcester Academy and our door is always open.

Miss McKenzie

Récompense du fabuleux petit-déjeuner français

On Wednesday 9th October, 23 students enjoyed a French breakfast as a reward for entering our European Day of Languages Bake-Off competition.

Students were offered croissants, pains au chocolat, pancakes and drinks. I think they enjoyed themselves!

Mrs Weatherley

The Tes SEND Show 2024

We value our staff very highly at Alcester Academy, especially their professional development. The SEND team are off on an exciting adventure to the Tes SEND Show 2024 in London today.

They will have the opportunity to listen to expert speakers, and attend workshops led by professionals across all areas of SEND. We cannot wait to hear all about it and for the team to share their experience and knowledge with us.

Miss McKenzie

Attendance Updates

Whole School Attendance this week is 94.5%

Top tutors this week:

7KO with 99.6% attendance
8DA with 99.6% attendance
9GA with 99.6% attendance
10BW with 93.9% attendance
11MR with 95.7% attendance

Top House this week:

Oversley House

If your child is absent from school, please inform the Attendance Officer, Mrs Louise Hatcher, of the reason before 9.30am each day.

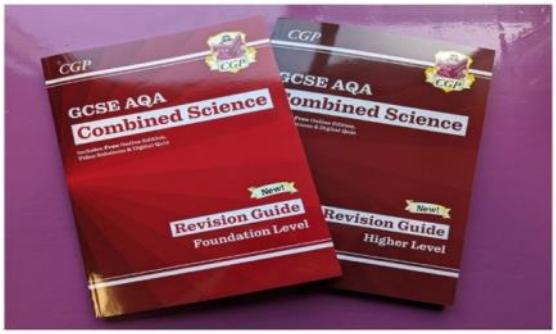
This can be done through SchoolComms, by calling 01789 762285, or by emailing louisehatcher@alcesteracademy.org.uk. Thank you, Mrs Hatcher

SCIENCE REVISION GUIDES

Calling all students: science revision guides are now in stock!
Available from the science department, get yours today to help revise for your upcoming exams.

Prices:

Triple award: £10 (3 books)
Combined: £6.50 (1 book)
Please speak to a member of the department to get yours.



Skern Lodge 2024

Last week 77 year 8 students along with Miss Buckthorp, Mr Hall, Mr Badham, Mr Palmieri, Mrs Evason and Miss Pass all set off to North Devon for a week of activities based around the beach, river, rocks and the beautiful North Devon countryside. Despite torrential rain as we set off, we did have some great sunny weather whilst we were there.

As soon as we arrived, we were out on activities. 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. The high ropes and assault course are always a favourite 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!

Over the next few days, we found ourselves learning to surf and catching waves on the beach, with some standing up and looking like pros in the surf at Westward Ho! We cycled along the Tarka trail, and the coastal traversing took us back to the beach. As we enjoyed climbing and traversing the rocks, and searching the rock pools, finding crabs and other seaside creatures.

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 and finished off with an ice cream or hot chocolate on the quayside. Especially exciting as everyone actually got to drive the rib boat. We went rafting down the Torridge Estuary in Bideford where there was great teamwork shown, as well

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

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 who really enjoyed working with them, and loved their spirit, 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 2025 in the next few weeks to current year 7 students—more details to follow!

Miss Buckthorp

Epraise Leaderboard—past 7 days

Top Students—past 7 days:

1	Min-Seo	9GA	Oversley	31 points
2	Daisy	7KO	Oversley	29 points
2	Immy	10PL	Greville	29 points
4	Poppy	7KO	Oversley	28 points
4	Ella	10MO	Greville	28 points
6	Ollie	10MO	Oversley	27 points
6	Sophia	7KO	Oversley	27 points
6	Elijah	7LX	Ragley	27 points
6	Georgia	10MO	Ragley	27 points
6	Lottie	10MA	Billesley	27 points

Top House—past 7 days:

1	Oversley	2126 points
2	Ragley	2013 points
3	Greville	1924 points
4	Billesley	1918 points

Top Subjects—past 7 days:

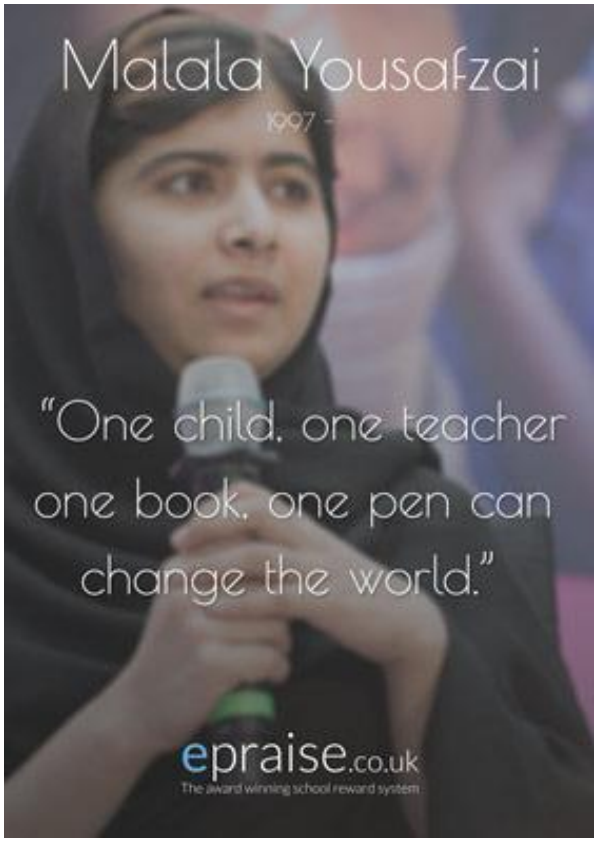
1	English	1301 points
2	Maths	808 points
3	Science	608 points
4	Art	589 points
5	History	442 points

Top Staff—past 7 days:

1	Miss Lewis	552 points
2	Mr Yarrington	483 points
3	Mrs Gorner	472 points
4	Mr Martin	449 points
5	Miss Home	437 points

Top Tutors—past 7 days:

1	7KO	500 points
2	7LX	444 points
3	7TN	424 points
4	7RA	390 points
5	9GA	376 points



Tickets Going Live!

We are delighted to announce that tickets for our upcoming school production of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* will go live on Monday 14th October!

Tickets are priced at £10 per person and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. To secure your tickets, please make your purchase through the School Gateway. Once the purchase is complete, your child will receive a physical ticket in tutor time, which will be sent home.

With over 100 students involved, it promises to be a truly spectacular event, so don't miss your chance to support our talented cast and crew!

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to welcoming you to the show.

Would You Like to Sponsor our School Show?

We're excited to announce that sponsorship opportunities are now available for our upcoming school show, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. With over 100 students involved, we're looking for support from our community to help make this production truly spectacular!

We have a variety of sponsorship packages available. If you or your business are interested in supporting our show, please get in touch for more details; sabrinasacco @alcesteracademny.org.uk.

Miss Sacco

Key dates for your diary

Thursday 17th October 2024—Year 7 Meet the Tutor. In school 4-7pm

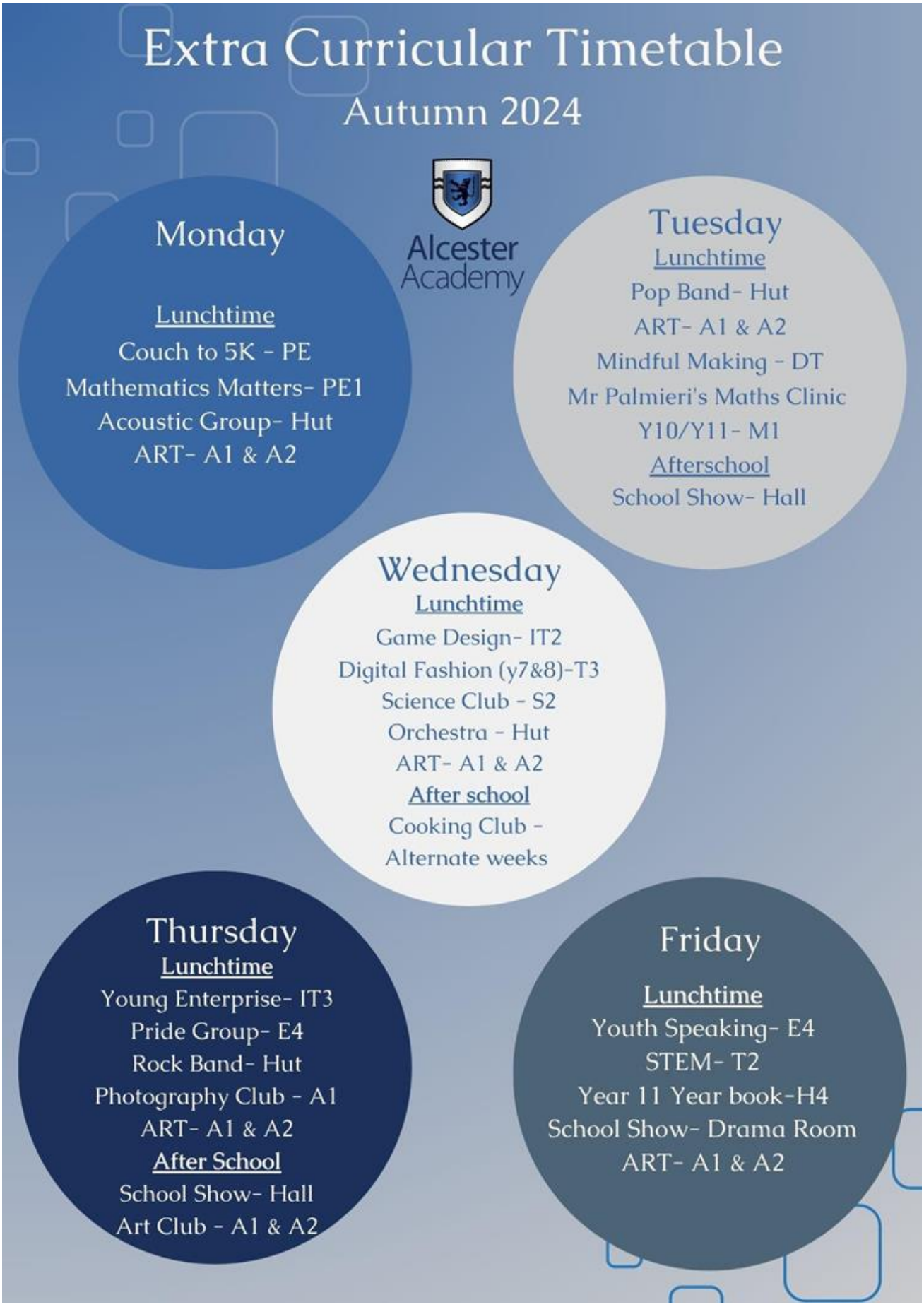
Thursday 24th October 2024—Year 11 Parents' Evening online 4-7pm

Thursday 7th November 2024—Year 11 Parent Forum online (revision theme) 5.30-7pm
This will be recorded and a link sent to year 11 parents.

Parents' Evenings

Thursday 5th December 2024	Year 10 Parents' Evening SchoolCloud
Thursday 9th January 2025	Year 11 second Parents' Evening. Live in school.
Thursday 6th February 2025	Year 8 Parents' Evening SchoolCloud
Thursday 3rd April 2025	Year 9 Parents' Evening SchoolCloud
Thursday 1st May 2025	Year 8 Options Evening. Live in school
Thursday 12th June 2025	Year 7 Parents' Evening SchoolCloud

SchoolCloud is an online video service


Extra Curricular Timetable
Autumn 2024
Alcester Academy
Monday
Lunchtime
Couch to 5K - PE
Mathematics Matters- PE1
Acoustic Group- Hut
ART- A1 & A2
Tuesday
Lunchtime
Pop Band- Hut
ART- A1 & A2
Mindful Making - DT
Mr Palmieri's Maths Clinic
Y10/Y11- M1
Afterschool
School Show- Hall
Wednesday
Lunchtime
Game Design- IT2
Digital Fashion (y7&8)-T3
Science Club - S2
Orchestra - Hut
ART- A1 & A2
After school
Cooking Club -
Alternate weeks
Thursday
Lunchtime
Young Enterprise- IT3
Pride Group- E4
Rock Band- Hut
Photography Club - A1
ART- A1 & A2
After School
School Show- Hall
Art Club - A1 & A2
Friday
Lunchtime
Youth Speaking- E4
STEM- T2
Year 11 Year book-H4
School Show- Drama Room
ART- A1 & A2

ALCESTER ACADEMY PRESENTS
Family BINGO Night
Friday 8th November
Doors Open 6.30pm — Eyes down 7.00pm
1 Book (6 Games) - £2
6 Books (6 Games) - £10
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Student Spotlight
Alice (Greville, year 10)

Many congratulations to Alice in year 10 who continues to experience brilliant success within Rugby Union. On the 8th September, Alice went for an assessment day for under 16s at North Mids (Worcestershire County). This involved passing drills with reaction times and decision making activities. The group of trialists were split into four teams and played two games. Alice played the position hooker which is her main position played for her team.

Following this first trial Alice was selected to attend a second round of assessments. At this assessment, the focus was mostly on handling drills and game play Alice started as hooker and then moved to prop. On the following Tuesday Alice received communication that she had been selected to play in the 2024/25 season at North Mids! Well done on your brilliant achievement Alice.

Marijke and Will (Oversley, year 10)
Alcester 10K success

Many congratulations to Marijke and Will in year 10, who put in exceptional performances in the Alcester 10K last weekend. Both students finished in incredible positions for their age groups and also overall within all competitors!

Marijke finished as the 3rd placed female runner and Will finished as the 1st U18 competitor within race entries.
A brilliant achievement from both students whom we are very proud of!

Dex (Greville) and Tom (Billesley) year 9— Warwickshire U14 County Football

Congratulations to Dex and Tom in year 9 who were selected for their first county football match of the season. The fixture was played against West Midlands at Sandwell Academy. The match was a closely fought contest between the two counties, with the final score finishing 4-3 to West Midlands. Both Academy students started the match for Warwickshire, which is a fantastic achievement. Our students played brilliantly, with very high standards of football. The lads are looking forward to their next county match in two weeks time against Staffordshire. Well done to both.

Inter-Area Cross Country— Saturday 12th October

Good luck to all Alcester Academy cross country runners representing South Warwickshire tomorrow at Stratford Upon Avon School.

Minor Boys:
Dexter
Keegan
Noah
Hugh

Minor Girls:
Poppy
Sienna

Junior Girls:
Bella

Junior Boys:
Toby
Will

Inter Girls:
Marijke

Inter Boys:
Will

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Fixture Round Up

U13 South Warwickshire Boys Rugby Festival

A first outing of the year for our U13 rugby players who participated in the SW festival held at AGS this week. Some brilliant individual and team performances saw the lads come away with 2 wins, 2 draws and 1 loss. Well done to all players selected to represent the Academy in this fixture.

Girls South Warwickshire Rugby Festival

Unfortunately this event was cancelled due to the weather. We will be report if the event is rearranged for a later date.

U13 Girls v Kenilworth (Cup)

This week our U13 girls took on Kenilworth in R2 of the district cup. It was a thrilling game and despite losing 4-3, the girls put in a brilliant performance and were unlucky in not coming away with victory after a number of excellent saves from the Kenilworth goalkeeper. Well done to Elsie (2) and Hollie for scoring and to all of the team for an outstanding effort in this match.

U16 Netball— South Warwickshire Tournament

Good luck to our year 11 Netball team who will compete in their final South Warwickshire tournament this week. I look forward to reporting on their performances in next week's Bulletin.

Mr Moffatt—Lead PE & Sport

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Next Week's After School Clubs

****THIS WEEKS SPORT**: W/B 14/10/24**

Day	Extra-Curricular Club & Staff	Location
Monday	SW Boys indoor rowing competition (Selection only) – MO	Gym
	All Years Girls Football – NA	Top Field
Tuesday	SW Girls indoor rowing competition (Selection only) - MO	Gym
	Year 11 Football v Studley - NA	Top Field
Wednesday	Year 9 Netball tournament – PE	Kineton
	Year 9 + 10 Football – MO	Top Field
	Year 7 and 8 Netball - MR	Courts
Thursday	Year 10 and 11 Boys Rugby – Gloucester Rugby Coach	Field
	U14 Girls Football v Kenilworth – NA	Top Field
	U16 Girls Football v AGS – MO	AGS
	Year 9, 10 + 11 Netball - PE	Courts

Next Week's Lunchtime Clubs

AUTUMN 1 LUNCHTIME SPORT

- Lunchtime sports clubs to start w/b Monday 16th September on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
- Lunchtime sport will follow a set timetable each half-term and run from 1.45-2.15pm (4:1)
- PE kit is not required to participate but you must have suitable footwear to be allowed into the gym

w/b	MON- NA	WED - PE	THURS - MO
16/9	BOYS BASKETBALL (KS4)	GIRLS BASKETBALL (KS4)	Y11 INDOOR FOOTBALL
23/9	BOYS BASKETBALL (KS3)	GIRLS BASKETBALL (KS3)	Y11 INDOOR FOOTBALL
30/9	INDOOR ROWING TRIAL	INDOOR ROWING TRIAL	INDOOR ROWING (TRIAL)
7/10	INDOOR ROWING (TEAM)	INDOOR ROWING (TEAM)	INDOOR ROWING (TEAM)
14/10	BOYS BASKETBALL (KS4)	GIRLS BASKETBALL (KS4)	Y11 INDOOR FOOTBALL

Teaching Assistant Level 3

Full Time 1:1
Working term time only (39 weeks including 5 Teacher Training days)
Scale H range 17-22 FTE £28,770 starting salary
(Actual pro rata £24,746)
Immediate Start
Closing date: Friday 18th October 2024 at 12 noon
Interviews: TBC
This job may close early for the right candidate

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Learning Support at Alcester Academy

Working under the supervision of the responsible teacher, assist and support teaching and learning, working with individuals or groups, and assist in providing general care, safety and welfare for pupils.

The Post

This is a full time, term time only post working 39 weeks per year (incl. 5 teacher training days) as a 1:1 Teaching Assistant. We are particularly interested in hearing from applicants with experience of working with children with communication and interaction needs, including autism, though this is not essential.

This is a temporary post for 12 months in the first instance with a view to becoming permanent after this period.

The Application Process

Please complete an Alcester Academy application form. A written statement in support of your application will be accepted but we do not consider CVs. Please send your completed application to admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk. **Alcester Academy reserve the right to appoint before the deadline for a suitable candidate.**

The application deadline is 12 noon on Friday 18th October 2024. If you have any questions with regard to this vacancy or wish to visit the school, please contact: admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk.

We reserve the right to follow up references provided in person.
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.

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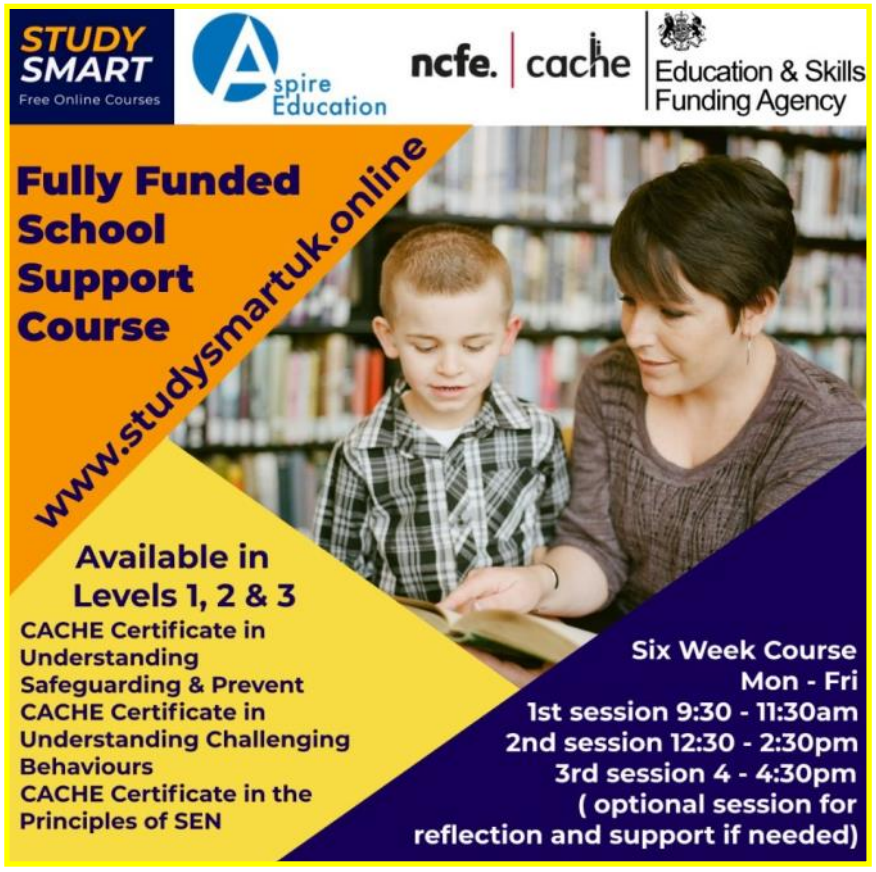

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