

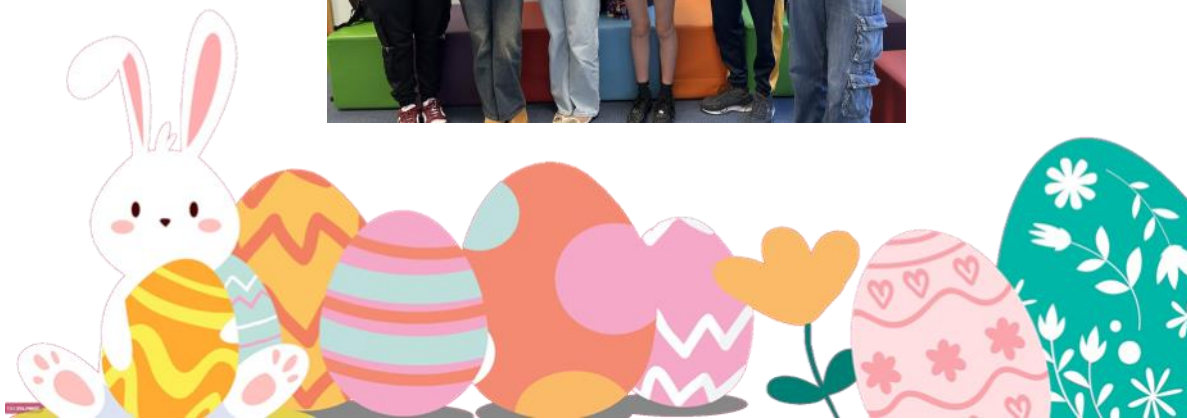
# Alcester Academy Weekly BULLETIN



*11<sup>th</sup> April 2025*

Good afternoon everyone,

I'm delighted to round off the term today with some wonderful photographs of our annual Alcester Academy Big Easter Egg Hunt. I'm not sure that any other secondary school holds anything like this but there were most certainly 650 potential eggs for our students to find tickets for today. This followed a lovely celebration assembly with the whole school involved.



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# EASTER

## Egg Hunt



This morning saw our annual Easter Egg Hunt take place, with over 650 Easter Eggs on offer! The students had to find a token and then go to the hall to claim their reward prize. It was a lovely way to end the term. *Miss Buckthorp*

## Thank you Friends of Alcester Academy

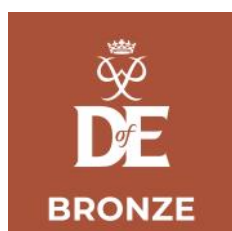
We held a fabulous evening at school last Friday where we enjoyed our last family bingo event of this academic year. There were many smiles and lots of laughter. It was great to see Mr Millen back to call the lucky numbers!

The event raised £1561.83. Wow! I appreciate everyone who supported by attending and a special thanks to our parent group for organising everything; Rachel, Clare, Maria, Paula, Charanjit and Elaine.



## Congratulations Year 10 DofE

What a beautiful weekend for our DofE students to have their first local stay over in Stratford last weekend! Thanks to Rezilient, Mrs Harrison and Miss Buckthorp



for accompanying the students. I was told that behaviour was superb and it was a joy to see some of the photos over their two days. Do see X for other photographs of the weekend.



## Important Notice For All Parents Alternative Timetable Year 11 Exams

From Tuesday 6th May, the school begins to operate an 'alternative timetable' that will last for the duration of the GCSE exam season. This timetable supports year 11 students each year to prepare for their exams in all subject areas. We do not allow exam study leave at Alcester Academy.

For new parents to the school, this means that subject teachers are redirected to prepare year 11s for exams directly prior to these taking place ie, the morning or afternoon before. As such, your child may well find a different teacher in front of their class. Specific work will be set in accordance with the necessary schemes of learning for your child. This system has operated extremely successfully for a number of years now. It means that all of our year 11 cohorts are well prepared and looked after before their exams. I thank the staff for this. It means that they not only have to prepare key revision materials, but also prepare appropriate work for the classes that they cannot teach. From Tuesday 6th May, 3:2 days therefore begin.

Well done to our year 11 MFL students who began their GCSE speaking exams this week.

David Hyner, motivational speaker, was in yesterday to give our 11s another boost before their

GCSEs start in full after Easter. It is always a delight to see David in school [Goal Setting Midlands—Smart Goals High Impact Inspiring Speaker](#)



### Road Safety

If your child cycles to school, I must insist that they wear a helmet. Last Friday after school, we had a very near miss with some very irresponsible cycling causing a young family to have to brake erratically in their car in order to miss an accident. The driver was most shaken up. I did receive ring door footage and have identified two student cyclists who can no longer ride to school on safeguarding grounds sadly.

Could I also ask parents to park respectfully at school evening events. I had communication this week from a neighbour after the Newquay meeting. Thank you.

### Year 9 Newquay Trip

The hall was absolutely packed on Wednesday for the information evening for this trip. It looks a fantastic experience. Thank you all for attending.

### Smart Phone Safety

Miss Buckthorp wrote to you on Wednesday, as the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) in one of our first letters trying to update you on the most recent interpretations of emojis that young people might use when speaking with each other over texts or social media, and any abbreviations or slang terms being used. I appreciate that this is an ever-changing landscape. I hope that you found it of use. We will attempt to keep on top of this and stay in positive communication with you all. Please begin a healthy dialogue at home about this topic if you feel the need to.

### Summer Uniform

Please can you be sure that students have unrolled skirts before sending them on their journey to school. Thanks. With ankle socks being worn in the warmer weather, several skirts are far too short. I'm certain that you'll agree. It does make for difficult, and unnecessary conversations with students.

Also, jumpers are being worn by many students whilst they carry their blazer. After Easter, there should not be a need for jumpers to be worn. If students wish to do this, they must also wear their blazers. Thank you.

### Year 8 Parents - Options Evening

Your options evening invitation has gone out this week. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 1st May 6pm live in the school hall.

### Training Day

There is a planned training day on Friday 2nd May. School is closed to all students. And then for May Day also on Monday 5th May.



## Thank You AGS

Thank you to the AGS staff for interviewing some of our year 11s on Wednesday for Post 16 places. We are always very grateful. I was very proud of all of the year 11s.



## Parent Survey

At the point of relaying the survey results to the Governing Body, there were 311 responses. I appreciate that this may increase as parents of year 8 students hear more about the KS4 option process soon. Please don't forget that if you have areas of school life that you would like to discuss further, do get in touch with the appropriate staff member.

- 87.9% of parents either strongly agree or agree with the school operating a 2 year KS3. 7.3% of parents neither agreed, or disagreed with 1.6% of parents strongly disagreeing
- 91% of parents either strongly agree, or agree that their child is happy at this school. 3.2% strongly disagree.
- 94.8% of parents either strongly agree, or agree that their child is safe at the school. 1.9% strongly disagree.
- 88.7% of parents either strongly agree, or agree that the school makes sure that pupils are well behaved. 2.9% strongly disagree.
- 29.3% of parents either strongly agree, or agree that bullying is dealt with effectively and swiftly. 60.5% answered 'don't know'. 3.5% of parents strongly disagreed.
- 86.5% of parents either strongly agree, or agree that the school makes them aware of what their child is learning. 2.3% strongly disagree.
- 74.3% of parents either strongly agree, or agree that when they have raised concerns, these have been dealt with properly. 14.1% said that they 'don't know'. 3.9% strongly disagree.
- 21% of parents who answered have children at the school identified with special educational needs. Of these, 56.2% of parents felt that their children were given the support needed to succeed. 15.6% strongly disagreed and 4.7% answered 'don't know'.
- 92.5% of parents who answered said that they strongly agree, or agree that the school had high expectations for their child. 1.6% strongly disagree.
- 92.2% of parents either strongly agree, or agree that their child does well at the school. 1.9% strongly disagree.
- 91.7% of parents strongly agree or agree that the school lets them know how well their child is doing. 2.3% strongly disagree.
- 93% of parents strongly agree, or agree that there is a good range of subjects for students to study at the school. 5.1% strongly disagree.
- 96.5% of parents strongly agree, or agree that their child can take part in clubs and activities at the school. 2.3% strongly disagree.
- 85.2% of parents strongly agree, or agree that the school supports their child's wider development. 4.2% strongly disagree.
- 92% of parents would recommend the school to another parent. 24 parents in total said that they would not (8%).

## Right To Choose?

Thank you to a parent recently for signposting me the NHS Service *Right To Choose* [Your choices in the NHS - NHS](#) where you can look at waiting times for assessment routes for autism and ADHD.

I know that we all continue to be so frustrated with how long children can wait for assessments and I hope that this tip might help some of you.

## Safeguarding concerns over Easter

If you have concerns that a child is suffering any form of abuse, neglect or cruelty contact the Warwickshire Children and Families Family Connect immediately by calling 01926 414144.

Lines are open Monday to Thursday 8.30am - 5.30pm, Friday 8.30am - 5.00pm.

If you need to get in touch out of usual office hours, please contact the Emergency Duty Team immediately by calling 01926 886922.

If you think that a child is at immediate risk, contact the Police immediately by calling 999.

We do always post these details on the home page of the website over a break.

[Safeguarding Children](#)



## Sports Awards Evening

Thank you to parents and students for attending last night's memorable evening, filled with so many sporting achievements. What a night! Mr Moffatt will write about this in full in the bulletin on 2nd May.



## Thank you Governors

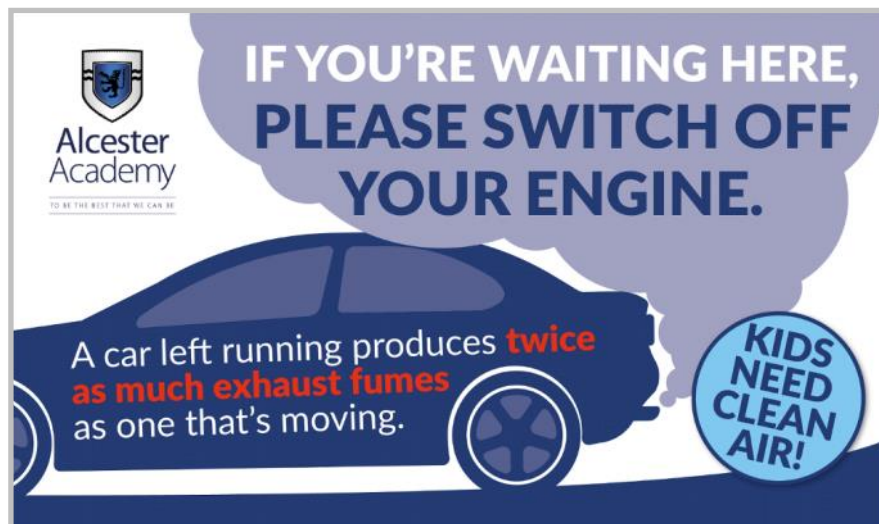
As always, I'd like to thank the Governing Body for their support of the school again this term. And so, that closes the Spring Term for 2025. I took great pride in leading a whole school assembly today showcasing the achievements of the students since January. There were pages and pages of inspiring photographs and lifetime memories. I'd like to thank the students for their hard work

and commitment over a very long term. Can I also extend this to you as parents and grandparents for your continued support. It means a great deal indeed.

I'm certain that you will join with me in wishing the staff team a well-deserved break now with their own families. Please can you respect this period now by not sending any emails to staff over the Easter period, thank you. The staff continue to go the extra mile for the students, and I value this a great deal.

Have a restful break ahead now, stay safe and we'll look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 28th April.

*Sarah Mellors Headteacher*



## Year 10 Bronze DofE Practice Expedition: Adventure, Navigation, and Sirloin Steak!

Last weekend we took 31 year 10 students on their Bronze practice expedition. On Saturday morning we met the Resilient team at the campsite at Stratford Racecourse and the students learnt how to pitch their tents

The group then set off for a supervised navigation walk in beautiful sunny conditions around the Stratford and Welford area. The students led the way navigating, using maps and compasses and practicing the skills they've learned on the training days in school. All groups walked 12-14km along a variety of routes ending up back at the campsite, where they unpacked their bags and began cooking their evening meals. We saw some impressive meals being cooked, and one group even cooked sirloin steak on the Trangia!



The evening was spent playing football and games and it was just delightful to see everyone getting on so well and enjoying the lovely evening, though it did get rather chilly overnight!

All groups had a successful practice expedition and should now be well prepared and looking forward to their assessed expedition in July.

*Miss Buckthorp*



### Dates for your diary after half term

Monday 28th April	Earth Day
Monday 28th April	Art exam starts for year 11s
Monday 28th April	MFL Speaking exams continue
Wednesday 30th April	Year 7 SLD Bully4U by Loudmouth
Thursday 1st May	Year 8 Options Evening. 6pm—7.30pm.
Friday 2nd May	Teacher Training Day. School closed.
Monday 5th May	May Day Bank Holiday. School closed.
Tuesday 6th May	Paris trip meeting. 5-6pm.
Monday 12th May	Year 9 Newquay trip until Friday 16th May.

## Congratulations to our Spring Term winners!

Nora	7LX	<b>Student of the Term</b>	Highest attainment in year group this term
Jack	8NA	<b>Student of the Term</b>	Highest attainment in year group this term
Freya	9GA	<b>Student of the Term</b>	Highest attainment in year group this term
Eshal	10MA	<b>Student of the Term</b>	Highest attainment in year group this term
Evie	11MR	<b>Student of the Term</b>	Highest attainment in year group this term

Oscar	7LX	<b>Progress</b>	Best progress across all subjects this term
Rose	7TN	<b>Progress</b>	Best progress across all subjects this term
Ranveer	8RO	<b>Progress</b>	Best progress across all subjects this term
Jada	8NA	<b>Progress</b>	Best progress across all subjects this term
Alex	9CR	<b>Progress</b>	Best progress across all subjects this term
Matilda	9YA	<b>Progress</b>	Best progress across all subjects this term
Adam	10PL	<b>Progress</b>	Best progress across all subjects this term
Molly	10BW	<b>Progress</b>	Best progress across all subjects this term
Cian	11MR	<b>Progress</b>	Best progress across all subjects this term
Charlotte	11GO	<b>Progress</b>	Best progress across all subjects this term

### Epraise Student Leaderboard—Spring Term 2025

<b>1st Place</b>	Ollie	8RO	Billesley	296 points
<b>2nd Place</b>	Faith	10PL	Oversley	228 points
<b>3rd Place</b>	Immy	10PL	Greville	226 points
<b>4th Place</b>	Ollie	10MO	Oversley	218 points
<b>4th Place</b>	Evie	11MR	Greville	218 points
<b>4th Place</b>	Leo	7LX	Ragley	218 points
<b>7th Place</b>	Xanthe	11MR	Billesley	213 points
<b>8th Place</b>	Georgia	10MO	Ragley	208 points
<b>9th Place</b>	Chloe	11MR	Billesley	207 points
<b>10th Place</b>	Arturo	10SA	Billesley	206 points



## Safeguarding over the Easter holidays



<https://www.safeguardingwarwickshire.co.uk/safeguarding-children>

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### 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](http://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/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/672222/Relationships_and_sex_education_(RSE)_and_health_education_-_GOV.UK)

If you would like to share any feedback, please contact us via email [admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk](mailto:admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk).

Thank you.

## Summer Term Extra-Curricular Clubs—Now Live!

We are excited to announce that our Summer Extra-Curricular Timetable is now available and will begin week commencing 28th April.

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](mailto: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*

FRIENDS OF ALCESTER ACADEMY

# Bottle Donations

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

*Wine*  
*Beer*  
*Spirits*  
*Pop*  
*Squash*

*Olive Oil*  
*Vinegar*  
*Sauces*  
*Shampoo*  
*Perfume*

Donations can be brought into the school office anytime.

# Extra Curricular Timetable

## Summer 2025



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### 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



## PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) EASTER HOLIDAYS 2025

[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)



### **BURGER KING**

From Monday 7th - Sunday 20th April 2025, Kids Eat Free with every adult meal, via the app.

### **BILLS**

Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays, from Monday 7th - Friday 25th April 2025.

### **FARMHOUSE INNS**

2 kids eat FREE with one paying adult, Monday 7th - Friday 25th of April. Sign Up Required

### **TGI FRIDAYS**

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

### **ZIZZI**

Sunday 6th - Sunday 27th April 2025 kids eat free with every adult main. (excludes Saturdays)

### **CAFE EIGHTY NINE @ THE RANGE**

Kids eat free Sat 5th April - Mon 21st April 2025

### **YO! SUSHI**

Kids eat free all day (monday - friday) during all school holidays, when dining with an adult

### **SIZZLING PUBS**

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids eat for £1.

### **ASDA**

Kids eat for £1 every, with no adult spend.

### **TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN**

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

### **GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS**

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day

### **WHITBREAD INNS**

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

### **BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE**

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

### **IKEA**

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

### **PREZZO**

Kids receive a free, 3 course kids meal, everyday at Prezzo between 31st March - 27th April 2025

### **COCONUT TREE**

One child (under 10) eats free every day, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April 2025

### **PIZZA HUT**

Kids eat free buffet from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April, until 3pm daily with a £10 spend

### **PRETO**

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

### **SAINSBURYS CAFES**

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

### **BELLA ITALIA**

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays

### **MORRISONS**

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

### **LAS IGUANAS**

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

### **TABLE TABLE**

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult!

### **PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM**

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

### **HUNGRY HORSE**

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

### **THE REAL GREEK**

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

### **SA BRAINS PUBS**

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

### **FUTURE INNS**

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

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## 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.



### Lions Young Leaders in Service Awards

In addition to their regular librarian duties, our Student Librarians have been diligently logging their volunteer hours as part of the Lions Young Leaders in Service Awards. Over a twelve-month period, students aim to complete 25 hours (Bronze), 50 hours (Silver), or 100 hours (Gold) of service—not only within school, but also through volunteering in the wider community, such as with Scouts, Brownies, or by helping elderly relatives or neighbours.

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome David Henderson from Alcester Lions, who presented Jess (Oversley), Hester (Greville), Amelia (Billesley), Jasmine (Ragley), and Tom (Ragley) with their well-earned certificates and badges.

*Mrs Hands LRC Manager*

### Social media accounts



The LRC has its own X account @AA\_LRC\_Library



and Instagram account: aa\_lrc, please follow us for all our latest news





for students there is the LRC Google Classroom – dt6iw3u

**The Library**

The library is the best place to be! There are many things to do in the Library, for example, reading, studying and doing homework.

Did you know? The more you read the more you know about the world around you. Reading can also help with your homework and exams coming up.

In the library, anyone is welcome to come in with their friends and do studying, homework or reading. The library is also there for you to find any book you would like to read or you have heard about, so go and find it.



## 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](mailto: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.*





### From Alcester to the Skies: Alumni Ollie Inspires Future Engineers

It was wonderful to welcome back alumni Ollie on Friday, to hold a Careers Zone drop-in for those students interested in aircraft engineering as a potential future career.

Ollie left Alcester Academy to complete his A Levels at Alcester Grammar School in 2021 and

has since gone on to secure an apprenticeship with Jet Maintenance International based at Oxford Airport.

Fingers crossed one of our year 11 students may be off to shadow Ollie for a day in the hanger soon! *Miss Bartlett—Careers Co-ordinator*



Message from Mrs Weatherley:

Please can I convey my thanks to all students who have sat their GCSE Modern Foreign Languages speaking exams this week. We have completed all of the German and Urdu speaking exams and the majority of the French exams.

All students were punctual and impeccably organised which made the process run smoothly and effectively. Students were confident, prepared and performed to the best of their ability.

I wish all the best to those students who will complete their exams the first week back after Easter.



## Epraise Leaderboard—for the past 7 days

### Top Students—past 7 days:

1	Finn	10BW	Billesley	22 points
2	Ollie	8RO	Billesley	21 points
3	Dylan	10MO	Ragley	19 points
3	Harriett	10MA	Oversley	19 points
3	Ollie	10MO	Oversley	19 points
3	Jess	7LX	Ragley	19 points
3	Lottie	10MA	Billesley	19 points
3	Clara	10BI	Billesley	19 points
9	Faith	10PL	Oversley	18 points
9	Molly	10BW	Ragley	18 points

### Top House—past 7 days:

1	Billesley	1308 points
2	Ragley	1299 points
3	Oversley	1296 points
4	Greville	1191 points

### Top Subjects—past 7 days:

1	English	820 points
2	Science	474 points
3	History	448 points
4	Maths	300 points
5	Art	233 points

### Top Staff—past 7 days:

1	Mr Rossiter	446 points
2	Mrs Hirji	411 points
3	Mrs Gorner	402 points
4	Miss Lewis	309 points
5	Mr Yarrington	233 points

### Top Tutors—past 7 days:

1	11MR	309 points
2	7LX	238 points
3	7RA	235 points
4	8NA	233 points
5	9GA	227 points



## Attendance News

### Spring Term 2025 Attendance

Year 7 with 97.2% attendance

Year 8 with 96.4% attendance

Year 9 with 96% attendance

Year 10 with 94.7% attendance

Year 11 with 96.6% 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](mailto:louisehatcher@alcesteracademy.org.uk).  
Thank you, *Mrs Hatcher*

### Congratulations everyone!



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!

### Parents' Evenings 2024-25

Thursday 1st May 2025

Year 8 Options Evening. Live in school

Thursday 12th June 2025

Year 7 Parents' Evening. SchoolCloud

### Alcester Academy Term Dates

#### SUMMER TERM 2025

Summer Term begins

Monday 28th April 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

## Year 11 Revision Timetables—Week A and Week B



WEEK A	Lunch 1.50-2.20	After school 3.30-4.15
<b>Monday</b>	Biology Clinic in S6 <i>Study space - PE1</i>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Media Studies Catch Up <i>Study space - English department rooms</i> History	English
<b>Wednesday</b>	Science - sets 3 and 4 <i>Science rooms</i>	French DT Computer Science
<b>Thursday</b>	ICT (iMedia) <i>Study space - English department</i> Religious Studies	Maths German (Higher)
<b>Friday</b>	Geography intervention <i>Study space - maths department (M3)</i>	Physics triple award sets 1 and 2

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

These timetables may be subject to change.

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

### Sports Awards Evening

Yesterday we celebrated a fantastic year of sport at Alcester Academy. Many congratulations to our 85 students that received awards throughout the evening. We are incredibly grateful and were truly inspired by our special guest on the evening – Jemima Yeats-Brown. I look forward to sharing with the Alcester Academy community our award winners and highlights in the school bulletin after the Easter break.



### This week's sport Year 8 Rugby v AGS

Our year 8 rugby team finished their school season with a spirited display against Alcester Grammar School on Monday. We started on the front foot and went ahead early in the match with a well work try. The match remained competitive throughout and our team put in a brilliant performance. Despite losing two players to injuries throughout the match, the team rallied together to complete the game. We wish Ollie and Noah all the best in recovering from injuries sustained. Well done to our year 8 team on the outstanding progress shown within rugby this year.



### Year 11 Rounders Tournament

Our year 11s played their last ever tournament for Alcester Academy. They finished in a very creditable second place overall behind Stratford Girls Grammar School. It is always a pleasure to take these girls to any fixtures and competitions. They always give 100% and it is always an enjoyable evening. Well done on a fabulous last performance!



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**Summer Term Sport—Week 1**

Day	Extra-Curricular Club & Staff	Location
Monday	No clubs - Staff meeting	N/A
Tuesday	Archery (Bowmen of Alcester) – Selected group All Years Tennis	Gym Courts
Wednesday	Year 9 and 10 Rounders	Field
Thursday	No clubs – Year 8 Options Evening	

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**GLoucester RUGBY**

**HARTPURY UNIVERSITY** **HARTPURY COLLEGE**

**OXEN**

**BIGDUG**

**BOOK NOW £25**

**RUGBY CAMPS**

AVAILABLE FROM AGES 6-16

14.04	BERRY HILL
15.04	EVEHAM
23.04	KINGS NORTON
24.04	CHELtenham TIGERS
25.04	OLD CENTRALIANS
25.04	ALCESTER

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**BARCLAYS**  
**BIG TENNIS WEEKEND** LTA

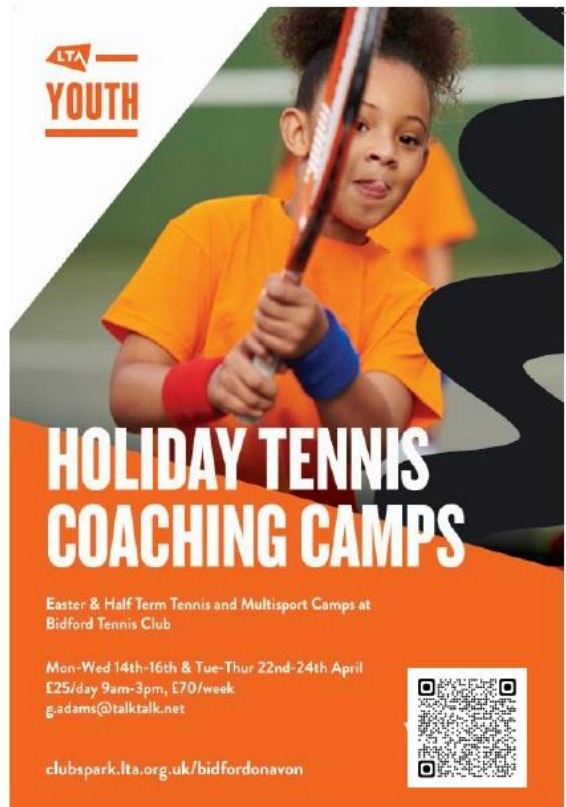
## GIVE TENNIS A GO

Join us for our Easter Open Day, Egg Hunt Quiz & Free Tennis Activities for the Whole Family at your Local Club

Saturday 12th April 2025  
9am to 1pm

Bidford Tennis Club  
Crawford Hall, Salford Road B50 4EZ

Book your free place  
<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BidfordOnAven>




LTA  
**YOUTH**

## HOLIDAY TENNIS COACHING CAMPS

Easter & Half Term Tennis and Multisport Camps at Bidford Tennis Club

Mon-Wed 14th-16th & Tue-Thur 22nd-24th April  
£25/day 9am-3pm, £70/week  
g.adams@talktalk.net



[clubspark.lta.org.uk/bidfordonavon](https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/bidfordonavon)



## Holiday Lunch Club

**FREE FOOD FOR KIDS!**

Wednesday 16th April & Wednesday 23rd April  
12:30pm - 1:30pm

FIRST COME FIRST SERVED!  
WHEN IT'S GONE, IT'S GONE!

at the Depot,  
Eric Payne Community Centre  
off St Faiths Road  
Alcester B49 6AG



 **Repair Café**  
Alcester Repair Cafe

GET YOUR BICYCLE FIXED AND SECURITY MARKED AT THE APRIL REPAIR CAFE

Thursday 24th April 2025



FIRST 15 REPAIRS RECEIVE A FREE GIFT



VISIT US AT  
THE ERIC PAYNE COMMUNITY CENTRE  
OFF ST FAITHS ROAD ALCESTER  
2:00PM TO 5:00PM

TEL: 01789 766084  
FOR MORE DETAILS

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20% OFF

WARWICK CASTLE

**EASTER**

5TH - 27TH APRIL



## 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




8:30AM  
VE Day proclamation by the Town Crier

6:30PM  
Church Bells ring out

9:00AM  
Flag raising on Church Green

**80**


**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



Do you want someone to meet friends and get involved in activities including a healthy hot dinner each week?

**The Depot Youth Club runs on Tuesdays**

6.00pm – 7.30pm Yr 6, 7 & 8  
 7.30pm – 9.00pm Yr 9, 10 & 11  
 Term Time only



Pool/Table Tennis/Play Station  
 Summer and Christmas Trips

**ERIC PAYNE COMMUNITY CENTRE, JUBILEE FIELDS**

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## Get involved in **WOMEN & GIRL'S CRICKET**

At Stratford upon Avon Cricket Club

We are looking to welcome both new and experienced players to join our competitive hard ball and development soft ball teams for juniors and seniors

- Weekly training with a qualified coach - Monday 6-7:30pm
- Fun soft ball sessions Fridays 6:30 - 7:30pm
- Matches, tournaments and festivals
- No experience or specialist equipment needed
- Social events
- Fun and friendly atmosphere

Join us for free trial session starting on  
Monday 28th April

Please contact [annetubb@stratfordsport.co.uk](mailto:annetubb@stratfordsport.co.uk)



TO BOOK OR FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[stratfordsportsclub.co.uk](http://stratfordsportsclub.co.uk) 01789 296629  
[dmin@stratfordsport.co.uk](mailto:dmin@stratfordsport.co.uk)  
[stratfordsport](https://www.facebook.com/stratfordsport)

# ALCESTER YOUTH CHOIR

is looking for enthusiastic 8-14 year olds who love to sing!

## THURSDAYS 6-7PM

at Our Lady & St. Joseph Catholic Church Hall, Priory Road, Alcester, B49 5DY  
**FREE** taster session on 8th May then £5 per week!  
Email [alcesteryouthchoir@gmail.com](mailto:alcesteryouthchoir@gmail.com) to sign up!

Interested in cricket please join us ...

## Juniors join us for our Fun Cricket Fridays as we "Get Set" for the new season!

U11s - U15s  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> April  
17:30 - 19:00  
Stratford Sports Club  
Swan's Nest Lane.

TO BOOK OR FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
[stratfordsportsclub.co.uk](http://stratfordsportsclub.co.uk) 01789 296629  
[stratfordsport](https://www.facebook.com/stratfordsport)

## TEXT ACADEMY

Alcester Academy

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

I'm being bullied - I don't know what to do -  
text your message to: 07563130478  
or  
email your message to:  
[textacademy@alcesteracademy.org.uk](mailto:textacademy@alcesteracademy.org.uk)  
**07563130478**