

Alcester Academy WEEKLY BULLETIN



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SPORTS AWARDS EVENING 2024

Alcester Academy Sports Awards Evening 2024

On Wednesday 20th March we were joined by GB sprinter and bobsledder Joel Fearon for a fantastic Sports Awards evening. It was an absolute honour for us to welcome Joel Fearon to Alcester Academy and he gave a brilliant insight into his late journey into professional sport, with some fantastic takeaways for our students and aspiring sporting stars. Joel was certainly a hit with our students on the evening and I look forward to seeing our first Alcester Academy bobsledder in the future!

As a school and PE department we are continually challenging students to immerse themselves in as many different sports and experiences as possible and Joel's story brilliantly underpinned this ethos and



act as an inspiration for our students to participate in and immerse themselves in multiple sporting experiences.

During the evening we celebrated the success of our 8 competitive sports teams across 130+ nominations and nearly 50 individual award winners. As students, parents and the wider Alcester Academy community, I hope that

you can read on with immense pride in this edition of the school bulletin.

Mr P Moffatt—Head of PE



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Football

Review of the Season by Henry and Noah, year 11.

After a long summer break, we couldn't wait for the school football season to start and return to the School's District League and Cup competitions for 2023-2024. Each year group were keen to build upon their successes from last year and take to the football pitch again in training and competitive fixtures. The progress made by all teams this academic year has been pleasing to see. A clear identity focused around the values of teamwork, dedication and sportsmanship has been present in all our Alcester Academy football teams, regardless of the outcome at the final whistle.

As our school's most popular sport we have a staggering 21 students nominated for football awards this evening, with 7 different individual award winners. This highlights the real commitment shown from Alcester Academy to the sport of football and the ongoing development being made in competition year upon year. We would like to thank Mr Moffatt, Mr Powell and Mr Adams from Wolfpack Coaching for providing opportunities for us all within football over the past year.

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

Year 7

Our year 7 team showed an outstandingly resilient performance against Aylesford School in the District Cup competition back in October. Despite awful playing conditions brought about by storm Babette, the team gave everything in such a closely fought competitive match. Despite losing 2-1, the lads came away with so many positives and showed incredible determination throughout the match, returning to school proud of the football they had played.

Year 8

A highlight performance for year 8 came in their 8-0 victory over Champion School earlier in the season. With 4 different goal scorers, alongside a stand in goalkeeper and some late minute replacements, our U13s put in an incredible performance in this match and recorded high scoring wins across all teams during this school year.

Year 9

Year 9 have continued to make great improvements over the season and really develop tactically on the pitch. Despite some illness in the squad the team accompanied by Toby and Harry from year 8, travelled over to Kineton earlier in the season for a District League match versus Kineton School with a bare 11 players for the match. Despite being up against it, the team put in a brilliant performance during the match and showed great desire to take the lead early on, with a first ever goal in competitive football for Will. Unfortunately, the team were reduced to 10 men midway through the first half and showed incredible determination to battle for the rest of the game with 10 men.

Year 10

The year 10 team have shown excellent development in adapting to U15 football this year. The District Cup draw put us up against Stratford Upon Avon School for the second year. Following last year's heavy defeat, the year 10s knew it would be a tough match but were determined to put in a better performance this time around. After dominating for such long periods of the match, Stratford heartbreakingly scored a late equaliser, taking the match to penalties. Despite losing the penalty shootout this match stands out as a real highlight for year 10 and a classic cup tie which will be remembered. The year 10s are still practising their penalties at the end of every training session!!

Year 11

Our year 11 team were determined to make the most of their final year of representing Alcester Academy on the football pitch. With both the District Cup and Coventry Telegraph Cup to play for the lads have been determined to finish their study at the school by creating some memories together on the football pitch. A standout highlight of the year 11 team was the District Cup semi-final match versus Southam College, who they had lost to previously, 5-0 in year 10. The team put in an incredible performance during the match, giving absolutely everything. With a well taken goal from Luca mid-way through the first half, the team defended well collectively in a fantastic team performance to secure their place in the final later this summer. The lads have had the opportunity to play indoor football at lunchtimes this year and the opportunity to work on their fitness!

Girls KS3

Our KS3 girls team were drawn against Sibford School in the first round of the National Cup. With our girls form just this year and with so many year 7 students playing for the U13 age group, a lot of work has been put in on the training pitch under the guidance of Mr Adams from Wolfpack Coaching. The girls put in a very impressive performance in the National Cup coming away with a 6-0 victory and x2 goals for Georgie, x2 for Daisy and 1 each for Rose and Farrah – an outstanding team performance in this fixture and a fantastic achievement for our U13 girls team.

Girls KS4

Our U15 girls put in a brilliant performance in their National Cup fixture against Kingstone School. With the squad being short of several key players due to injury and illness, it was fantastic to see so many KS4 girls representing the school for the first time. From start to finish the girls demonstrated excellent teamwork and encouraged each other throughout the match. They were delighted to return home with a brilliant experience gained and an Alcester Academy goal scored by Emmy.

Football—Award Winners

Year 7 nominees: Jude, Ben and Ethan

Year 7 player of the year: Jude

Year 8 nominees: Johnny, Tom and Harry

Year 8 player of the year: Tom



Year 9 nominees: Will, Aidan and Dylan

Year 9 player of the year: Will

Year 10 nominees: Max, Cian and Jack

Year 10 player of the year: Cian



Year 11 nominees: Luca, Henry and Josh

Year 11 player of the year: Henry



KS3 Girls nominees: Daisy, Maeve and Georgia

KS3 Girls player of the year: Georgia

KS4 Girls nominees: Sophie, Rosie and Harriet

KS4 Girls player of the year: Sophie



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Netball Review of the Season by Martha and Abi, year 11.

As one of our main winter curriculum sports, our netballers were excited to get the season underway and to get back to participating and competing against our local South Warwickshire schools this year. We have had good attendance at practises across the years with so many students demonstrating their commitment and desire to improve their skillset in netball. All five year groups have competed in the South Warwickshire Tournaments with varying degrees of success.

It has been great to see some of our older students contribute to coaching our KS3 netballers and supporting their development on the court. Sports Leaders have given up their own time to support at practises and help at matches, this has provided fantastic role models for younger players. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Marshall for giving up her time to help coach the year 7 and 8 teams this year and supporting with the running of the South Warwickshire U13 tournament.

Netball—Award Winners

Year 7 nominees: Hollie, Grace and Grace
Year 7 player of the year: Grace

Year 8 nominees: Emma , Maeve and Emma
Year 8 player of the year: Emma



Year 9 nominees: Georgina, Amelia and Sophia
Year 9 player of the year: Sophia

Year 10 nominees: Summer, Olivia and Xanthe
Year 10 player of the year: Xanthe



Year 11 nominees: Kyra, Martha and Zoe
Year 11 player of the year: Martha



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Basketball

Review of the Season by Arturo, Dylan and Will, year 9.

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

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

Year 7

Our year 7 team, formed at the start of the year and began training ahead of their participation in the Junior NBA league as the Detroit Pistons. Some outstanding displays of teamwork throughout the season have been shown on court and our newest cohort have enjoyed the opportunity to practise their skills and develop tactically as a team. Due to outstanding commitment from our year 7 boys to attend practise, this year we were able to field x2 teams at the SW District Tournament with some encouraging performances from both teams.

Our year 7 Jr NBA team enjoyed the experience of playing their league matches in a new format this year with all schools attending a 1-day tournament held in Stourport.

Year 8

Our year 8 team enjoyed the experience of competing at the SW tournament held at AGS this year. Looking to build upon their near miss in qualification from the Jr NBA group in year 7, the team really grew into the competition and came away with a creditable 4th place, amongst some tough competition. Our year 8s have been excellent role models on the training court as well this year combining with the year 7 team during practise to help their younger peers develop both technically and tactically on court, passing on their Jr NBA experience from last year.

KS4 Summary

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

Our year 9s, fresh out of 2 years of Junior NBA participation, were handed a tough draw in the cup facing local rivals AGS, the winners of the year 8 tournament from last year. Despite not progressing, some excellent individual performances were shown within the year 9 team who performed outstandingly as the match went on in the 3rd and 4th quarter after a slow start.

Year 10, our finalists from last year, were drawn against Stratford School in the cup and played out an extremely close contest against two talented sides. In a closely competitive cup match versus Stratford we were proud for a squad of 10 players to represent Alcester Academy in a brilliant team effort.

KS3 and KS4 Girls Basketball

Both of our KS3 and KS4 girls teams have made great strides in their performances on the court this season and girls basketball has continued to grow in popularity for our girls. A highlight for our KS3 girls was the SW Basketball Tournament where we entered 2 teams to participate from KS3 – both with year 7 and year 8 competing as individual year groups. Through excellent teamwork and desire our girls played some fantastic basketball and reached promising finishing positions despite many of the girls never having played competitive basketball before.

The KS4 girls basketball team re-formed following their introduction to basketball last year and managed some truly outstanding results at the District Tournament. The girls really enjoyed their participation at the KS4 south Warwickshire Tournament and managed a fantastic second place finish for year 10 and year 11 and a 1st place finish for year 9.

We are very proud to have fielded x3 KS4 girls basketball teams in District competition this year, well done to all who have represented.

We look forward to our girls increasing their experience within basketball next season.

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Basketball—Award Winners

Year 7 nominees: Noah, Henry and Noah

Year 7 player of the year: Noah

Year 8 nominees: Herbie, Harry and Dex

Year 8 player of the year: Harry



Year 8 Girls nominees: Daisy, Georgia and Lily

Year 8 player of the year: Lily



Year 9 nominees: Dylan, Arturo and Sam

Year 9 player of the year: Sam

Year 10 nominees: Kobe, Zak and Finlay

Year 10 player of the year: Zak



Year 9 Girls nominees: Lottie, Sophia and Amelia

Year 9 player of the year: Amelia

Year 10 Girls nominees: Chloe, Sophie and Darcie

Year 10 player of the year: Sophie



Year 7 Girls nominees: Sophie, Rose and Evie

Year 7 player of the year: Sophie

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Rugby

Review of the Season by Finlay and Tom, year 10.

Rugby continues to develop as an emerging sport at Alcester Academy and we hope that the commitment and dedication we have shown this year will help to inspire other students to take to the field next academic year. With so many of us playing club rugby together for Alcester Rugby Club it has been a great opportunity for us to develop our skills in training and come together wearing the badge of Alcester Academy on the field. We have really enjoyed the opportunities we have had this year and cannot wait for next season already!

Our first highlight of the year was an epic encounter with local rival AGS. In our first school match for a couple of years there was genuine excitement ahead of this fixture to take on the traditionally strong Alcester Grammar School. The match was an incredibly close contest throughout. The rain really fell as the match went on making for difficult playing conditions for both sides. Despite a strong start and then AGS rallying back, we never gave up and the match was sealed with a last-minute penalty kick slotted to win the match.

A second highlight of the season was the opportunity to travel to the home of Rugby Union to take on Lawrence Sheriff School. Excitement grew from the team as we passed the Six Nations flags and iconic Rugby School in the bus on the way to the school. Despite a slow start from the team, we started playing the Alcester rugby we knew we were capable of in the second half to keep the match competitive. The match was a great experience to test ourselves against strong opposition.

Rugby—Award Winners

Year 10 nominees: Ed, Zak and Finlay

Year 10 player of the year: Finlay



Cross-Country

Review of the Season by Harry and Toby, year 8.

Minor Boys nominees: Ethan and Noah

Minor Boys athlete of the year: Ethan

Minor Girls athlete of the year: Isabella

Junior Boys nominees: Will, Harry and Toby

Junior Boys athlete of the year: Will

Junior Girls athlete of the year: Marijke

Inter Boys nominees: Billy and Ed

Inter Boys athlete of the year: Ed



Our cross-country runners have had some outstanding successes over the course of the cross-country season. Not only have our students had to compete in such a physically demanding sport, but they have all shown such an outstanding commitment to do so within their own time. Events have often taken place at the weekend and at differing locations around the country including, Stratford, Princethorpe College and beyond.

We welcomed 3 new year 7 runners who managed to qualify for stage two of the schools competition this year—Bella, Ethan and Noah who all in doing so reached the District standard for cross-country in their first year at Alcester Academy.

Success has also resumed in older years despite a number of our junior and inter runners having to compete with older school age groups. All have excelled and put in outstanding performances and shown great teamwork and togetherness to support each other despite the individual nature of cross-country.

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We would like to give special praise and congratulations to Marijke in year 9 and Will in year 9 who both qualified to represent the County in National Competition this season and for who we wish the best of luck in the English School's competition.

This is an absolutely outstanding achievement, and they will have the opportunity to run compete against the best runners from across the country. It is also the first time Alcester Academy have ever reached two 1st place finishes in the County event, well done to Will and Marijke for making Alcester Academy history.

Athletics

Review of the Season by Emmy-Lou and Darcie, year 10

We had a wonderful summer of athletics last year with some incredible individual performances. Seven students reached district level or above which is a truly remarkable achievement. Tom and Ed - district level, Will, Scarlett, Arthur and Marijke and Darcie – county level. We wish them all luck in their endeavours this season.

We competed in the annual Super Six team events at Stratford these are South Warwickshire Schools competitions. Our results were outstanding – third place in the year 9 girls event, second place in the year 8 girls and the year 9 boys events and then first place for our year 8 boys team.

Last summer saw the return of the South Warwickshire Schools Championships after a three-year break largely due to COVID. It was great to see all the schools back together again and the competition was fabulous. We finished in third place overall with year 8 boys finishing second by 3 points, and year 8 and 9 girls finishing third in their respective events. Will managed to break two championship records in the 800m with a time of 2 minutes 15.5 seconds, and the 1500m with a time of 4 minutes 45.4 seconds.

We finished the season with our annual Sports Day which as always produced some great competitive performances as students did their very best for their houses. Some of our nominees tonight are due to performances on Sports Day.



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Athletics—Award Winners

Year 8 Girls nominees: Maeve, Lily and Daisy

Year 8 athlete of the year: Daisy

Year 8 nominees: Joe, Anthony and Harry

Year 8 athlete of the year: Anthony



Year 10 Girls nominees: Darcie, Summer and Xanthe

Year 10 athlete of the year: Darcie

Year 10 nominees: Finlay, Aaron and Tom

Year 10 athlete of the year: Tom



Year 11 nominees: Jess, Zoe and Holly

Year 11 athlete of the year: Holly

Year 9 Girls nominees: Marijke, Scarlett and Morgan

Year 9 athlete of the year: Scarlett

Year 9 nominees: Will, Jake and Arthur

Year 9 athlete of the year: Will



Year 11 nominees: Oli, Lucas and Tom

Year 11 athlete of the year: Lucas



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Rounders

Review of the Season by Holly and Zoe, year 11.

Our rounders season last year was a very short one, but we did manage three outstanding achievements in the U13, U14 and U16 South Warwickshire Tournaments despite this. Our U13 team finished second overall being beaten narrowly in a fabulous final. They will be out for revenge this year having finished second in year 7 as well. Their teamwork and the spirit in which they played their games was amazing.

Our U14s came third narrowly losing in the semi-final, but they played magnificently in all their games. They are a cohesive team and every member contributed equally throughout. Our U16 team also came third overall and Emmy and Sophie deserve a special mention for helping them out when they were still in year 9.

Rounders—Award Winners

Year 8 nominees: Georgia, Emma and Lily

Year 8 player of the year: Lily

Year 9 nominees: Amelia, Natasha and Daisy

Year 9 player of the year: Amelia



Year 10 nominees: Darcie, Summer and Xanthe

Year 10 player of the year: Summer

Year 11 nominees: Zoe, Martha and Adalena

Year 11 player of the year: Zoe



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Tennis

Review of the Season by Gianluca and Noah, year 11.

Last summer we were excited to have the opportunity to compete in our first LTA Tennis League which is a set competition run by the Lawn Tennis Association for schools across the country. It was a great opportunity for us to attend weekly practise at the school and test ourselves in fixtures against opponents locally and further afield. We were able to put out teams in this competition for both the U13 and U15 age groups as well as in both the boys and girls leagues.

We are proud to be a part of the sport and of tennis making it to Alcester Academy's Sports Award Evening this year and look forward to continuing the progress that we have made in the summer term.

Some of our highlights from the tennis season include:

- ◇ Our KS3 and KS4 girls teams travelling to Kings High in Warwick. Despite such tough competition, our girls really enjoyed the experience and showed great resilience to keep the matches competitive.
- ◇ Our KS3 boys team claiming the narrowest of victories against North Leamington School in a play off match after reaching a draw in overall scores.
- ◇ Our KS4 boys captain Gianluca claiming victories against Warwick School's No. 1 seed.
- ◇ Our KS4 boys team battling to a hard fought draw against AGS in the local derby!

Tennis—Award Winners

KS3 Girls nominees: Harriet, Emma and Natasha

KS3 Girls player of the year: Natasha

KS4 Girls nominees: Chloe, Sophie and Grace

KS4 Girls player of the year: Grace



KS3 nominees: Daniel, Dylan and Arturo

KS3 player of the year: Dylan

KS4 nominees: Gianluca, Noah and Tom

KS4 player of the year: Gianluca



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Department Awards—Award Winners

KS3 outstanding leadership nominees:
Harry, Georgia and Toby

KS3 outstanding leadership award: Toby

KS4 outstanding leadership nominees:
Emmy-Lou, Aaron and Abi

KS4 outstanding leadership award: Abi



KS3 outstanding commitment nominees:
Elliot, Daniel and Lily

KS3 outstanding commitment award: Lily

KS4 outstanding commitment nominees:
Daragh, Emmy-Lou and Chloe

KS4 outstanding commitment award: Emmy-Lou



Year 11 Sports Star—Award Winners

Year 11 Girls nominees: Martha, Zoe and Holly

Year 11 sports star: Martha



Year 11 Boys nominees: Josh, Lucas and Noah

Year 11 sports star: Noah



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Huge congratulations go out to all students who have been a part of Alcester Academy sport throughout 2023-2024. It was an unbelievably tough decision to nominate just 3 students per award from such a wide and talented field. We look forward to resuming summer sport this term and starting the 2024-2025 sporting year off. Many thanks to Joel Fearon for joining us for a fantastic evening of celebration.

Mr Moffatt



Summer Term Sport Information



SUMMER TERM SPORT



- Sports Clubs will continue to be advertised on a weekly basis in Summer Term
- Clubs to start next week w/b Monday 15th April and will run from 3.25-4.30pm after school

Where can I find out about sports clubs?

- School bulletin each Friday for the week ahead
 - Daily notices from tutors
- Whiteboard outside PE changing rooms
- All information regarding competitive fixtures will be emailed home at the earliest opportunity and team sheets for selection displayed on the PE notice board

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Extra-curricular Sport—W/B 15/4/24

**THIS WEEK'S SPORT**:
W/B 15/4/24

Day	Extra-Curricular Club & Staff	Location
Monday		
Tuesday	Archery (Selected) – PW / Bowmen of Alcester	Gym
Wednesday	All Years Tennis - MO Year 9, 10 and 11 Girls Rounders PE	Courts Field/Gym
Thursday	Year 9 Parents Evening Year 7 and 8 Girls Rounders PE	Field/Gym

Lunchtime Sport—W/B 15/4/24

**SUMMER 1 LUNCHTIME
SPORT**

- Lunchtime sports clubs to start w/b Monday 15TH April on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
- 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	MONDAY – MO	TUESDAY - MO	WEDNESDAY – PW/PE	THURSDAY - MO
15/4	<u>Y11 Revision – PE1</u>	Year 11 Indoor Football	Y11 Sport Studies Assessment- Table Tennis	Year 11 Indoor Football
22/4	<u>Y11 Revision – PE1</u>	Year 11 Indoor Football	Y11 Sport Studies Assessment- Table Tennis	Year 11 Indoor Football
29/4	<u>Y11 Revision – PE1</u>	Year 11 Indoor Football	Y11 Sport Studies Assessment- Table Tennis	Year 11 Indoor Football
6/5	<u>Y11 Revision – PE1</u>	Year 11 Indoor Football	Y11 Sport Studies Assessment- Table Tennis	Year 11 Indoor Football
13/5	<u>Y11 Revision – PE1</u>	Year 11 Indoor Football	Y11 Sport Studies Assessment- Table Tennis	Year 11 Indoor Football

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Headlines by Mrs Mellors

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the Easter break. I do hope that you managed to get some good quality family time. It's a long summer term ahead that has started really well. Thank you for your close attention to uniform standards. I am always very grateful to you all for this. There are very few students wearing shorts just yet, but the weather was dreadful at the start of the week and so this is understandable. Our year 11 leavers hoodies have arrived which is a sure sign that GCSE season is very close! Thanks to Mr Moffatt for providing some more detail about the Sports Awards evening that happened before Easter. We had such an amazing evening, and I am extremely proud of all of the students nominated.

Our year 10s had a terrific trip to Berlin as we broke up for Easter. Thank you to staff for giving up part of their holiday time for this. There is a report later on for your interest on this amazing experience.

Here is a round up of this week at school for your interest.

Welcome Ms Hirji

We are delighted to welcome Ms Hirji to the team as new second i/c maths and currently Acting Head of Maths. We do hope that the students will make her feel very welcome.



Easter updates

The site team have worked hard over Easter to install some new LED lighting around school. I cannot begin to tell you what a difference this has made to the corridors and LRC in particular. We have also installed additional CCTV cameras around the school. Thanks to Mr Hook, Mrs Haynes and Mr Hall for their work towards these projects for us all.



Rotary Young Chef Competition

Congratulations to Caja in year 10 for her success in the Rotary Cluster Finals at Loughborough University last weekend. Caja's work is proving to go from strength to strength and I'll update you as she heads into the national finals to be held soon at St Benedict's High School.



Good luck year 7s

Good luck to year 7s for their exam week in class starting on Monday.

Year 8 news

Year 8s had their first assembly on Wednesday regarding Options.

**SAVE THE DATE—Thursday 2nd May.
Options Evening for year 8 parents starting at 6pm.**

Year 9 Super Learning Day



Year 9s were part of a work shop yesterday delivered by Loudmouth called *Trust Me*. This explored a very serious topic with the students.

Supporting young people to have safe, happy and healthy relationships. This lively drama and discussion workshop helps young people understand how to make safe and healthy choices in their sexual relationships. The programme follows a young couple navigating their new relationship – will they know how to communicate well with each other, do they understand consent, what do they know about contraception and STIs and the importance of testing and accessing sexual health services.

[RSHE Workshop: Sexual Health, Consent, Pregnancy, Pornography \(loudmouth.co.uk\)](http://www.loudmouth.co.uk)

Thank you St Benedict's

For interviewing our year 11 students this week at the Academy.

Thank you Friends of Alcester Academy PTA

It was good to see committee members online last night. Our next event is Alcester Street Market on Sunday 9th June.

Bottles Wanted

Can you spare any bottles
for our Tombola at the
Street market?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soft Drinks • Bubble Bath 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wine • Beer • Olive Oil • Vinegar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sauce • Perfume • Shampoo • Squash
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All donations to be brought to the school office
by Wednesday 5th June!!

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ALCESTER FOOD FESTIVAL

SCHOOL BAKE OFF COMPETITION



WORLD BREAD THEME

SATURDAY 18TH MAY 2024

10.30AM ARRIVAL FOR JUDGING

11AM—1PM VIEWING TIME FOR COMPETITORS AND ONE GUEST

1PM SHORTLISTING, JUDGING AND FINAL DECISION

AT ALCESTER TOWN HALL, ALCESTER

**THE WORLD BREAD ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED
ON THEIR ORIGINALITY, APPEARANCE, FLAVOUR AND CONSISTENCY!**

KS3 entry for years 7 and 8, and KS4 entry for years 9 and 10, from each school.
Prizes will be available for each key stage and school, with an overall best in show!
Sign up by Friday 10th May 2024. Judges decision is final.

<https://www.alcesterfoodfestival.org.uk/>

Alcester Food Festival— Saturday 18th May

I'm thrilled to be taking part in the Alcester secondary *School Bake Off* for the Food Festival this year. Mr Tuckey and Miss Wincup are currently recruiting KS3 and KS4 entrants for a *World Bread Theme*. Students should see either member of staff if they are interested. St Benedict's are joining us for the competition this year along with AGS.

Good news stories

Well done to Kora in year 11 who recently took part in the WIDA Irish dancing World Championships in Liege Belgium from the 3rd to the 7th of April.

Kora and her McCarthy Felton School of Irish dance figure team members have once again



come home with their title of World Champions after coming first for the second year in a row. What a fantastic accomplishment. Congratulations Kora!

And finally

We were extremely sad to hear about the unexpected death of Venture Scout Commissioner Gareth Onens this week. Gareth was a well-loved member of the community to many different groups of young people. We send our sincere wishes to Gareth's family at this extremely difficult time.

I wish you a relaxing weekend ahead.

Best wishes,

Sarah Mellors
Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 18th April	Year 9 Parents' Evening online via SchoolCloud.
Wednesday 24th April	Year 10 Young Enterprise competition. 7pm.
Thursday 24th April	KS3 Parent Forum on reading. 6pm online.
Friday 25th April	Netball trip
Saturday 27th April	Bronze D of E Expedition
Saturday 27th April	Mass in Blue event at Worcester Cathedral
Monday 29th April	Year 11 GCSE MFL Speaking exams start
Thursday 2nd May	Year 8 Options Evening live in the hall at 6pm
Monday 6th May	May Day bank holiday. School closed.
Tuesday 7th May	Year 11 Alternative timetable begins
Tuesday 7th May	Year 8 Music SLD
Wednesday 8th May	Paris trip parent meeting. 6pm meeting in the hall.
Thursday 9th May	Year 7 Harry Potter trip
Thursday 9th May	Friends PTA meeting 7pm online.
Saturday 18th May	Alcester Food Festival. Year 7-10 competition for the <i>School Bake Off</i>
Thursday 23rd May	Year 7 Parents' Evening online via SchoolCloud
Friday 24th May	Paris trip leaves

This is not a definitive list.

Historical visit to Berlin and Krakow

A group of GCSE historians recently made a five-day visit to Berlin and Krakow, taking in the many historical and cultural sites. Touching down in Berlin, we wasted no time delving into the rich tapestry of the city's past with a guided *Third Reich* walking tour, offering unique insights into pivotal moments of history. Over the following days, we immersed ourselves in Berlin's iconic landmarks, from the solemn Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe to the majestic Reichstag Dome, and the always impressive Brandenburg Gate. That evening, students took in the views of Berlin again but this time at the top of the TV Tower, with awe-inspiring views of the city.

The following morning, students immersed themselves in the thought-provoking East Side Gallery, where they encountered diverse perspectives on the Berlin Wall and the division between East and West. Each mural told a story, offering a glimpse into the varied experiences of those affected by this historic divide. Afterwards, we enjoyed some leisure time exploring the sprawling Mall of Berlin before indulging in a traditional German meal of bratwurst.

That evening, the journey continued as we travelled to Poland. The next day began with a solemn visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau, a site that left a profound impact on the students as they grappled with the enormity of the atrocities committed there. The scale and desolation of the site served as a stark reminder of the inhumanity that occurred during World War II. It was encouraging to hear students reflect on their own lives and how fortunate many of them felt. To hear them consider how this could happen and what lessons could be learnt to prevent further genocides. The students' maturity was heartwarming. They sought to empathise with the stories they heard but understood the difficulty of truly relating to



the hardships and terror inflicted upon those persecuted. This sombre experience was balanced by an afternoon spent exploring the depths of the Wieliczka Salt Mines, marvelling at the intricate underground world carved by human hands over centuries.

In the evening, the group enjoyed a session of bowling at the hotel before retiring for a much-needed rest ahead of their journey home the following day. I would like to thank all the students for their engagement with the trip, and thank Mr Rossiter, Miss Bartlett, and Mrs Bennett, for helping staff the trip.

Miss Bishop

Year 7 Sustainability Curriculum Programme

As part of an exciting opportunity Alcester Academy has been invited to participate in a pilot programme created by 'The Sustainability Academy' all about the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set out by the United Nations.



promote prosperity whilst protecting the planet.

We would also like to encourage you to have an open dialogue with your child around sustainability and hope that they find the sessions enjoyable and informative. Ahead of the launch, we are asking pupils to complete a Sustainability Survey to capture their voice surrounding this very important topic. The link to the survey is on your child's Google Classroom and can be found in the Sustainability Group. Please can they complete this by Monday 15th April.

In today's rapidly changing world, sustainability education has gained immense significance. It plays a crucial role in shaping the minds of individuals, fostering a deeper understanding of environmental challenges, and empowering them to make informed decisions that contribute to a sustainable future.

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As part of the pilot programme, year 7 pupils will be involved in a number of sessions delivered during the Spring and Summer term that cover each of the Sustainable Development Goals to



The pupils will be introduced officially to the Sustainability Programme in the week beginning 22nd April which also coincides with World Earth Day.

Miss Nemeshanyi

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



**Starting
Monday
15th
April**

New Tab

2023-2024

Term: *Summer term*



SUMMER Extra- Curricular Clubs

Monday

LUNCH

Acoustic Group
Music Hut

Art rooms
Available for all art students

AFTER SCHOOL

Ornithology
T4

Tuesday

LUNCH

Young Enterpsie
E6/5

Pop Band
Music Hut
2

Art rooms
Available for all art students

AFTER SCHOOL

Choir
Hall 4.15 finish

Polish club

Wednesday

LUNCH

Chess/Board Game
M4

Digital Fashion
T3

Language Ambassador Club
MFL

Y7 African Drumming
Music

Art rooms
Available for all art students

AFTER SCHOOL

Rock Academy
Music

Thursday

LUNCH

Environment Club
E2

LGQTQ+IA
E4

Rock Band

Humanities Film Club
Top of the Tower

Art rooms
Available for all art students

AFTER SCHOOL

Art Club
Starting 25th April- Sign up
with Mr Yarrington

Musical Theatre Club
Drama Studio

Friday

LUNCH

Chess/Board Game
M4

Dance club
Drama Studio

Guitar Orchestra
Music Hut

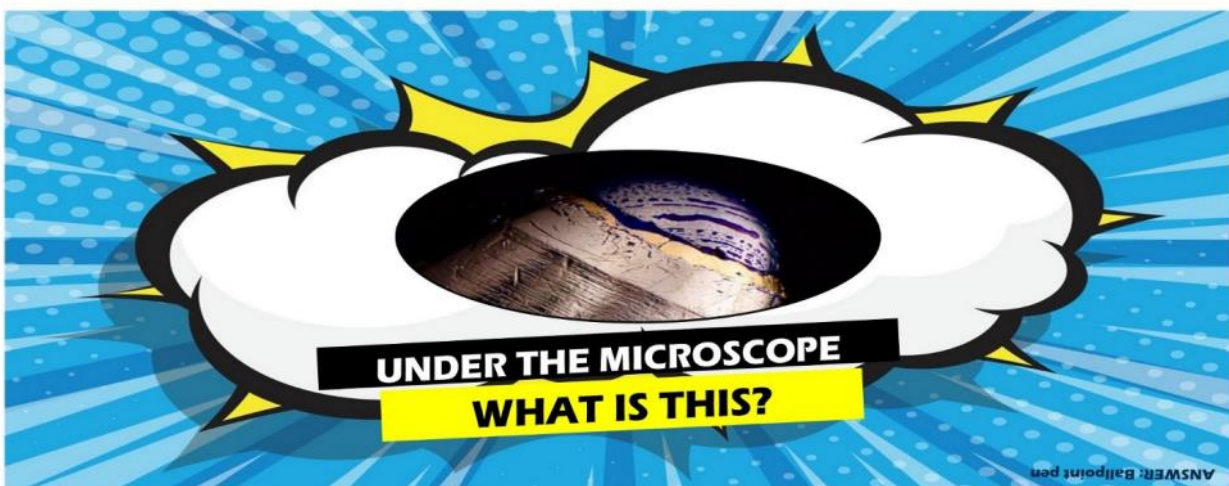
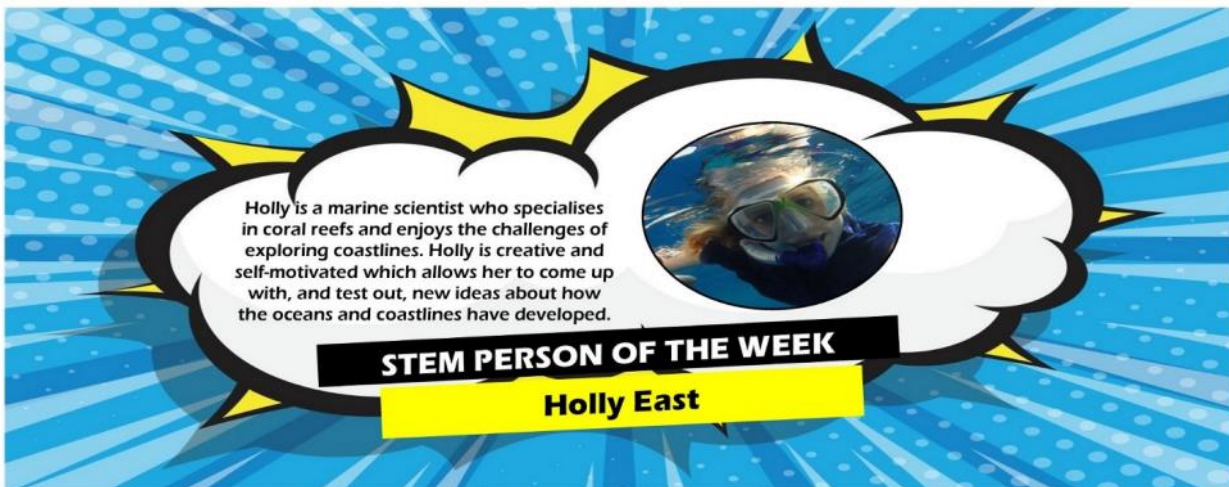
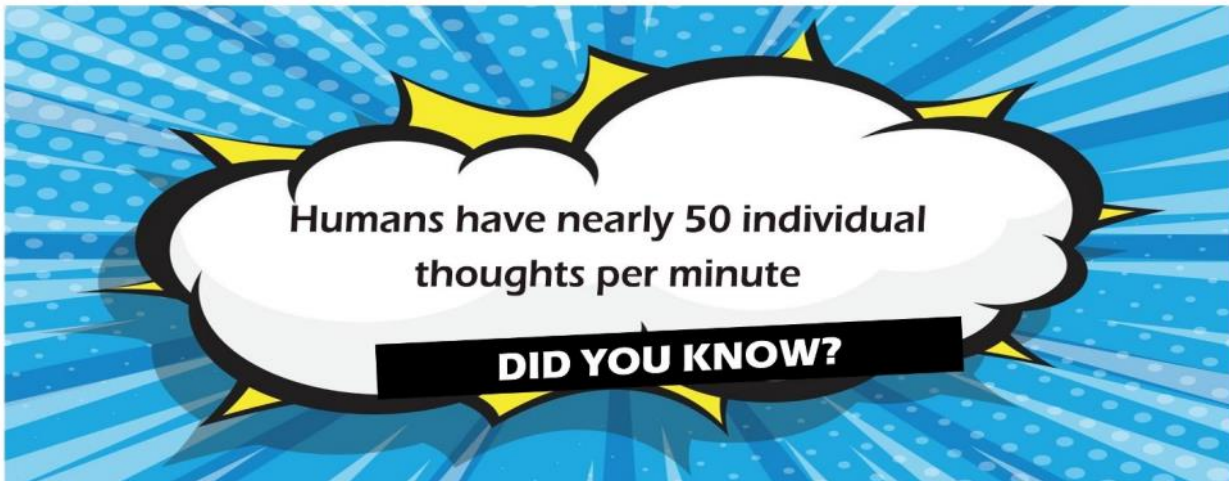
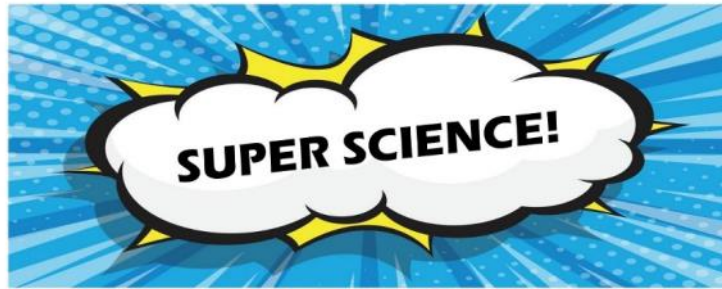
Art rooms
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Saturday

Rock Academy
10am-11.30am



**Alcester
Academy**



ANSWER: Ballpoint pen

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court clarified 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 regulations regarding Leave of Absence (The Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) Regulations 2006 as amended by Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013.) advise:

- Head teachers **shall not grant any** Leave of Absence during term time **unless they consider** there are **exceptional** circumstances relating to the application.

If the leave is granted, Head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. When making an application for Leave of Absence in advance 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. It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is their 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 will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

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 and could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case-by-case basis and on its own merits.

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'. This may result in legal action against the parent, by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice. All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council.

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

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

Warwickshire School pupils recorded 96,366 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Academic year 2021/22.

Attendance Updates

Whole School Attendance this week is 93.3%

Attendance this week:

Year 7 with 95.1% attendance

Year 8 with 94.2% attendance

Year 9 with 90.4% attendance

Year 10 with 93.8% attendance

Year 11 with 92.8% attendance



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*

Epraise Leaderboard—this week

Top Students—this week:

1	Faith	9SA	19 points
2	Molly	9BW	14 points
2	Charlie	8TU	14 points
4	Lola	8TU	13 points
5	Henry	11GO	12 points
5	Rachel	11GO	12 points
5	Ilani	8GA	12 points
5	Skye	9SA	12 points
9	Sam	11GO	11 points
9	Matthew	11HE	11 points

Top Tutor—this week:

1	8TU	180 points
2	11GO	174 points
3	7TN	140 points
4	8TY	134 points
4	8GA	134 points

Top Staff—this week:

1	Miss Lewis	382 points
2	Mrs Gorner	321 points
3	Mr Rossiter	290 points
4	Mrs Weatherley	273 points
5	Miss Home	239 points

Top Subjects—this week:

1	English	718 points
2	Maths	514 points
3	History	290 points
4	French	273 points
5	Science	231 points

Top House—this week;

1	Billesley	677 points
2	Oversley	675 points
3	Ragley	657 points
4	Greville	656 points

Alcester Academy Academic Terms and Holidays

SUMMER TERM 2024

May Bank Holiday	Monday 6th May 2024
Half Term	Monday 27th – Friday 31st May 2024
Back to school	Monday 3rd June 2024
Summer Term ends	Friday 19th July 2024 at 12.40pm

AUTUMN TERM 2024

<i>School closed</i>	<i>Monday 2nd September—Teacher training day</i>
Autumn Term begins	
Years 7 and 11 only	Tuesday 3rd September 2024
Years 8, 9 and 10 only	Wednesday 4th September 2024
All students back	Thursday 5th September 2024
Half term	Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November 2024
Back to school	Monday 4th November 2024
Autumn Term ends	Friday 20th December 2024 at 12.40pm

Year 11 revision timetable

Please find attached our revision timetable for this half term. *Mr Cooke*

Day	Option lunch 1.50-2.20pm	Option after school 3.35-4.15pm
Monday	French, Sport PE1 / Study room M5	
Tuesday	Further maths PE1 Study room S5	English
Wednesday	ICT Creative iMedia Media Studies catch up Study room E2	Computer Science Hospitality and Catering DT
Thursday	German/Study room E2 Geography H2 and H3	Art & Photography History
Friday		Science

TEXTACADEMY

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



I'm being bullied - I don't know what to do -

textacademy to 07563130478

with your message

or

email your message to:

textacademy@alcesteracademy.org.uk

07563130478