

Alcester Academy Weekly BULLETIN



12th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Good afternoon. I hope that you had a super week. We were very pleased to get back to a normal routine in school this week. The climate in school is very calm and settled and it continues to be a great start to this term. In news this week, our new year 7s were on their team building day at Blackwell Adventure today. We will write in more depth about this experience for you next week. For now, here are a few photos for you:



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Year 7-10 had their annual school photos taken on Monday. These usually get returned to us very quickly for parents to consider purchasing. Year 11s wait until later on in the academic year for their final individual and year group photo. The provisional date set for this is 26th March 2026.

Also this week, Miss Buckthorp spoke to students this week in assemblies about how to stay healthy; mind and body, and what students need to consider more if they find themselves struggling with any aspect of school, or life generally. She signposted numerous areas of support across the school. We will follow this up with a communication to you about the areas that we can support with in school. We are very keen to work with the students on their resilience this year as a theme. Extra-curricular activities were launched this week with a record number of attendees for the first Grease rehearsal of the year! We did not have enough seats in the hall for cast members – literally!

After several remarks submitted for summer GCSEs, we are very proud to let you know that grade 4+ for English and maths (combined) is now at 84%. National average is 67.1% Naturally, we are over the moon to be able to report this to you. A full break down of all subject results is now on the school website for you.

www.alcesteracademy.org.uk/academy-information/performance-and-results

In wider updates, we then heard this week about the changes to the Ofsted Inspection process and the staff and governors will be looking carefully at the new criteria in readiness for any forthcoming Inspection. We were last inspected in January 2022.

An inspection report card will be published for parents after any inspection now, with outcomes for six areas of the school. These will be graded under new criteria as either Expected, Strong or Exceptional.

[Ofsted report cards: the 8 big changes you need to know](#)

Communications sent this week

You should have received the last few communications this week about the start of the academic year to include the Home Academy Agreement and general consent. These have all gone out via the new app, MCAS. If you could look at these promptly, it would help our administration massively. Parents and carers can now make changes to stu-

dent details as needed via MCAS. If you wish to alter any consents from last year, you are encouraged to contact the school office. This includes the Home Academy Agreement. For parents and carers not wishing to sign the Home Academy Agreement, we will ask for a meeting with you to discuss this in person.

Miss McKenzie, Assistant head teacher wrote to you on Monday as well with detail about this year's Personal Development Curriculum.

Lovely year 7 feedback

We were approached by a Gerard Road neighbour this week who has a house adjacent to the school field. They wanted to tell us how nicely our new year 7s were playing at lunchtime on the field together. How lovely! And, all credit to our new cohort. Thank you



Road Safety—Gerard Road

If your child can walk to school, please can I encourage this? Thank you! There are more and more parents now collecting students from school at the end of the day by vehicle, and I continue to have grave concerns about the congestion that this is causing on Gerard Road and the safety of our students.



If you have to collect your child by vehicle, please can you:

- Avoid parking on solid white lines
- Try and park somewhere other than directly outside school, on Gerard Road
- Do not leave engines running
- Do not mount the pavement which restricts the safety of students who are walking
- Please do not complete three point turns on Gerard Road, or use the residents driveways to turn around. Surprisingly, we do see this on a regular basis.

Finally, if you could continue to abide by a slower speed than the speed limit, I'd be grateful.

I watched with terror this week as our enthusiastic year 7s ran out in between parked cars at the end of school. Naturally, we are providing them with safety guidance on a regular basis, Crossing the road where the staff stand at the school gates is the safest area.

If you are new to school, we are campaigning with the MP for some county strategies to reduce traffic and speeds in this area. This has been on our agenda as a school for a number of months now. The staggered end to the school day for different year groups has been designed to help support greater road safety.

Rewards Trips 2025

Here are a few more superb photographs of last Friday's fun. Once again, thanks to all of the staff for making these opportunities happen for the students. It was a delight to see so many students out on trips this year. There were 360 students enjoying themselves around the country.



School Uniform—Reminder

We have lots of students wearing their jumper instead of their blazer, and carrying their blazer around. The school blazer is a compulsory uniform item, and the jumper is worn as optional in the cooler months. Thank you with your support with this. For students now bringing coats to school, these need to be popped in to lockers during the school day. All students are aware.

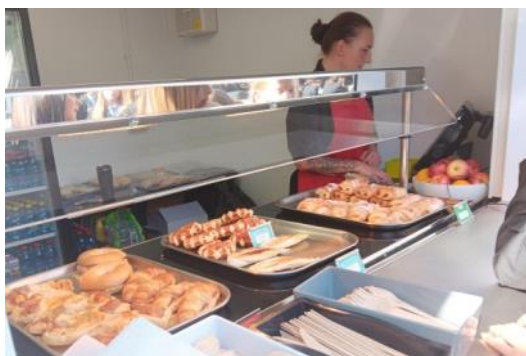
Smart Phone Free

We continue to support the work of Smartphone Free Childhood and out year 7s this year have been deterred from needing a smart phone for life at secondary school. You can sign the parent pact still if you feel strongly about the dangers surrounding this issue: Sign the [Parent Pact](#)



Snack Shack

We are thrilled that the new Snack Shack is up and running now. This is situated just outside the canteen. Students can bypass the canteen queue to 'grab and go' with food from here if they are in a rush and don't want to wait for their canteen rota place.



Year 11 Blencathra Geography Trip

Thanks to parents for attending the final preparation meeting for this trip on Wednesday.

Friends of Alcester Academy—PTA

Thank you to parents for joining the first meeting of the year this week online.

**"FRIENDS"
OF
ALCESTER ACADEMY**



The next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th October at 7.30pm, if there are any new parents wishing to join.

Please contact Friends@alcesteracademy.org.uk to connect.

The PTA raised £7138 last academic year and we continue to need your support! Our first Family Bingo night is Friday 14th November. **SAVE THE DATE!**

Funding Streams

If you work for a corporate organisation and can help us to tap into any funding streams at any point, we'd be delighted to hear from you. Quite often there can be match funding initiatives for companies in conjunction with education as an example. The school PTA is a charity too if that helps? Please contact our School Business Manager carihaynes@alcesteracademy.org.uk or our PTA directly Friends@alcesteracademy.org.uk.

Please see a number of job vacancies that we have open at Alcester Academy currently. We are in need of exam invigilators especially. Do contact the school office initially if you need any more details.

Fund Raising

Mrs Hands has added a poster about the LRC fundraiser for Macmillan approaching very soon. I am also delighted to be hosting a community coffee morning for the Mayor's charity, Alcester Day Care, that supports those suffering with dementia and their families and loved ones. This helps the Mayor, Cllr David Henderson



strive towards his goal of 100 coffee mornings in aid of this charity. Our PTA, Friends of Alcester Academy, have kindly agreed to support with this. The provisional date set for this is the morning of Wednesday 22nd October. More details will follow.

Wonderful work

Special thanks goes to Teddy, year 8, Ragley, for presenting me with this wonderful poem this week.

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Through the front doors where everyone came, Follow the corridor and find a subject far from lame, T's art and photography a right-brainer seldom do well, If you get your piece just right it is good enough to sell, Or not as far as art and photography turn right, Up the stairs and find History and geography, Or not up the stairs and follow the corridor, You'll find subjects and many more, DT, science, languages, RE, all of those subjects look good to me go a little further, You'll find IT, Up the stairs find a

subject truly mighty, Maths, which is logical and nice, English, which is flowery and unconcise, Now we have done a loop, time to cheer and whoop, Past art and photography up the stairs but not as far as geography, there is a food laboratory, where you can make a meal, some of the products taste unreal, out of the doors under the canopy turn left and find music, Drama and PE, that is my school it is great as you can see, we always make sure to be the best that we can be!

Teddy 2024-2029.


Wishing you all a lovely weekend ahead. I think Autumn is truly setting in now.

Sarah Mellors—Headteacher



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supported by Friends of Alcester Academy



COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

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

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



**ALL CAKE DONATIONS WILL
BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.**

Key Dates This Term

Tuesday 16th September—KS3 Reading Parent Forum. Online. A letter will be sent.
Tuesday 16th September—year 7 Loudmouth Super Learning Day entitled *Screen Time*
Wednesday 17th- Friday 19th September—year 11 geography Blencathra trip
Wednesday 17th September—year 8 Skern Lodge Parent Meeting, in school at 6pm
Week of 22nd September—Open Week. Open Evening is Thursday 25th September. School closes on 25th September at 1.35pm in order to prepare.
Friday 26th September—European Day of Languages in school
Week of 29th September—year 8 Skern Lodge residential trip
Week of 29th September—Black History Month starts
Thursday 2nd October—KS3 HW and Assessment Parent Forum 6-7pm online. Invitations to follow.
Tuesday 7th October—year 10/11 art and photography trip to Birmingham
Wednesday 8th October—Friends PTA meeting online at 7.30pm
Thursday 9th October—KS3 HW, Google and assessment parent forum. Online. 6-7pm.
Tuesday 14th October—year 7 Super Learning Day by Loudmouth, called *Bully4U*
Wednesday 15th October—year 10 Employability workshop
Thursday 16th October—year 7 *Meet The Tutor* evening. Live in school 4-7pm.
Monday 20th October—Diwali. Year 8 mosque trip
Wednesday 22nd October—Community Coffee Morning, in school 9.30-10.30am
Wednesday 22nd October—year 8 trip to *Matilda*
Wednesday 22nd October—year 11 Employability workshop
Thursday 23rd October—year 11 Parents' Evening. Online 4-7pm.
Friday 24th October—student flu vaccination.
Friday 24th October—non-uniform day.

HALF TERM—27th- 31st October 2025

Wednesday 5th November—year 11 Parent Forum on Revision. Online 5.30-7pm (provisional)
Wednesday 5th November—RAF day for year 10 in school (provisional)
Tuesday 11th November—Armistice Day
Tuesday 11th November—year 9 Super Learning Day from Loudmouth called *Working for Marcus*
Thursday 13th and Friday 14th November—year 10 and 11 mock interviews
Friday 14th November—Friends PTA Family Bingo Event. Evening.
Monday 17th November—year 11 MFL speaking mocks start
Monday 17th November—National Odd Socks Day
Wednesday 19th- Friday 21st November—GREASE ...is the word! School Show dates!
Monday 24th November—year 11 mocks begin
Tuesday 25th November—Rock Academy Concert at the Greig Hall. Evening event 7pm.
Wednesday 3rd December—Friends PTA meeting online 7.30pm
Thursday 4th December—year 10 Parents' Evening. Online 4-7pm.
Thursday 11th, and Friday 12th December—Christmas rewards trips
Tuesday 16th December—Christmas Concert, at school, from 6.30pm
Wednesday 17th December—year 9 Enrichment Super Learning Day
Thursday 18th December—year 9 annual panto for year 7s
Friday 19th December—Break up at 12.40pm

This list is not exhaustive. For new parents to the school, separate communications are always sent out about individual events and trips. Rehearsal dates for the production of *Grease* have been sent separately to parents.

Step Up, Year 10s—Your Young Enterprise Journey Awaits!



Following on from the success of *Endangerlings Young Enterprise team* last year, we have now launched the new season with year 10.

On Thursday there was an assembly where students could learn more about the process and were treated to a wonderful presentation by members of the *Endangerlings* squad, who made it to the Midlands Finals held at Warwick University.

Students are now able to sign up to audition for this year's team in the Careers Zone.

Drop-in workshop around SEND visual aids & general help & advice

Join our drop-in workshop sessions

Receive tailored advice and support on navigating SEND services and understanding what is available to you and your child.

Explore practical tools to support communication and emotional regulation at home and in educational settings.

Learn about visual aids such as:

Now and Next Boards – to help children understand routines and transitions

Visual Schedules – to support independence and reduce anxiety.

Emotion Boards – to help children express and manage their feelings.



Date: 18/09/25 at 09:00-11:30am

Alcester Academy

Gerard Rd, Alcester B49 6QQ

You can book on Eventbrite or just Pop in



European Day of Languages 2025

During the week beginning 22 September 2025 we will be celebrating European Day of Languages at Alcester Academy. In order to celebrate all of the different languages, customs and cultures of Europe, we will be holding a selection of activities that students will have the opportunity to take part in.

The first activity that I would like to present to you, is our popular Bake Off Competition. This is open to students in years 7 and 8. The task is to bake a cake, or cupcakes or biscuits either originating from a country of your choice OR decorate the cake to represent a different country.

There will be prizes available.

Please can I remind you that we are a nut free school.

Cakes are to be brought to the conference room from 8.30am until 9.10am on Thursday 25th September when judging will take place.

Students can then either bring home their cakes at the end of the day or donate them to our Macmillan Coffee Morning which is being held the following day.

Zoe Weatherley
Head of MFL



HELP US SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE!




THE LRC IS HOSTING OUR
**ANNUAL MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT
CAKE SALE**
**FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER
BREAK & LUNCHTIME**

Come along and treat yourself while raising
money for an amazing charity!

HOW YOU CAN HELP;
We'd love donations of cakes — baked or bought!
Please drop them off at the LRC from
Wednesday 24th September until the morning of
the sale.



**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE
FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
AND SUPPORT!**



**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**



**No
nuts
please!**



Thank you for helping
us keep students with
allergies safe.



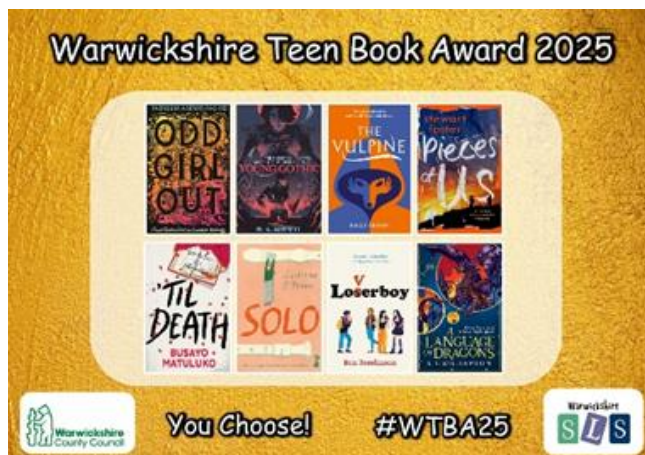

LRC News

Warwickshire Teen Book Award 2025

Shortlisting for the Warwickshire Teen Book Award will begin on 22 September. For this award the students themselves choose the four books for the shortlist from a longlist of nine books that were chosen by staff at Warwickshire Schools Library Service (WSLS).

During their English lessons, the students in years 9 and 10 who have signed up to participate in the award, will spend five minutes with an extract from each of the nine longlisted books. They will then each vote for the four they think they would most like to continue reading. The results from Alcester Academy will be sent off to WSLS to be counted with votes from all the other Warwickshire schools that are taking part.

We are looking forward to seeing which four books will be chosen and can't wait to start reading!



Accelerated Reading

The Accelerated Reading system is now available for all students in years 7 and 8, and English sets 5 in years 9 and 10 to quiz on the books they are reading. Home Connect letters will be sent out to parents once initial STAR testing has been completed.



Please only quiz on new books that you have read since the start of September.

To access Accelerated Reader quizzing at home:

Make sure are using Google Chrome and this link/URL to access the system: <https://ukhosted26.renlearn.co.uk/1893467/>

Then type in your username
(your school network name)
and the password:
abc123 for years 7, 8 and 9,
and abc for year 10.

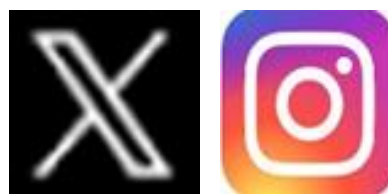
Online LRC for Students

For reading ideas and up-to-date news about the LRC, please make sure you have been added to the LRC Google Classroom, use this code to add yourself if not.

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X and Instagram Accounts for Parents

The LRC has its own X account, please follow us for all our latest news: @AA_LRC_Library and for Instagram it is aa_lrc



Mrs Hands

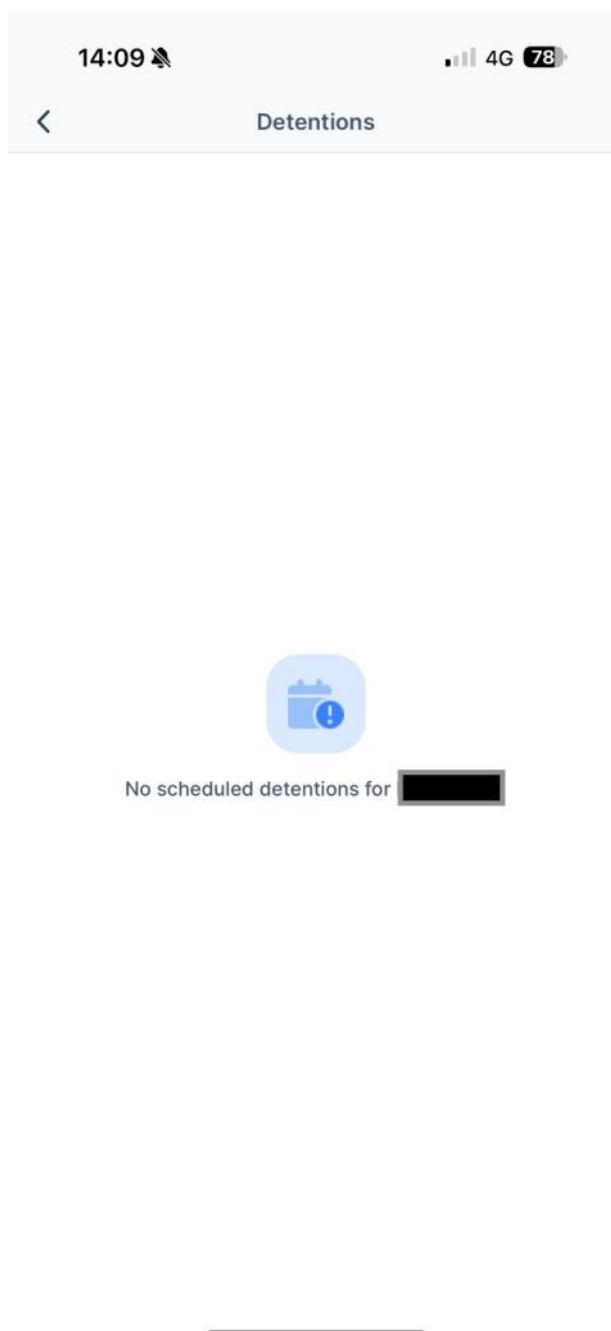
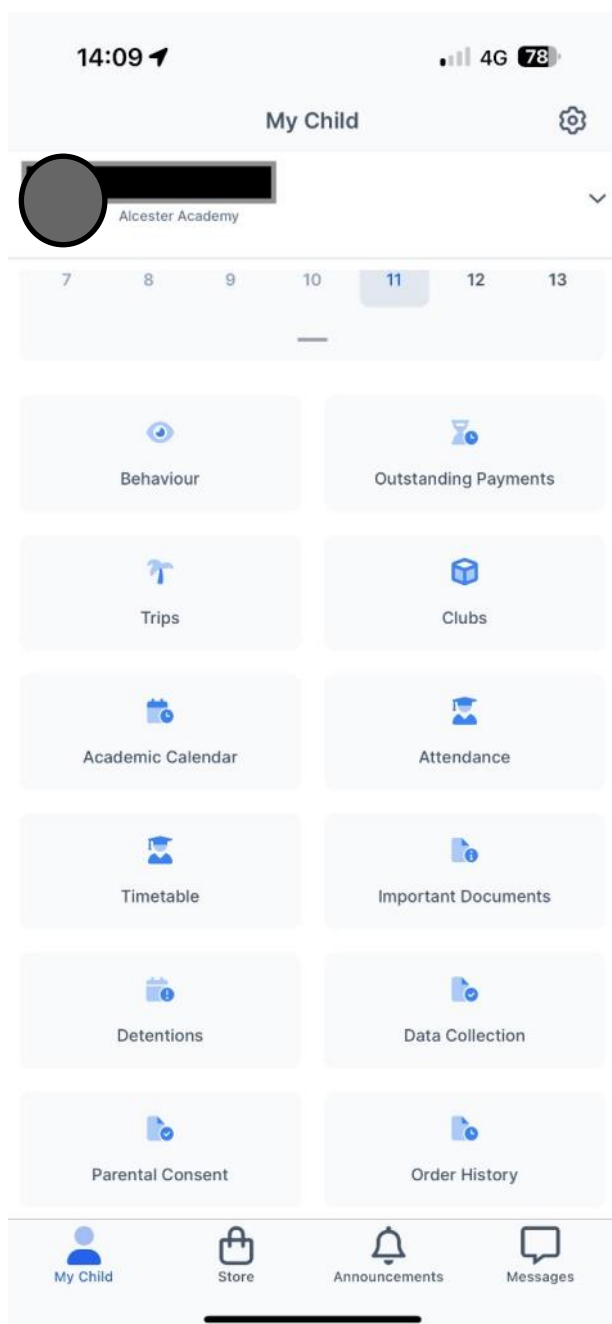
Detentions Update

Please be aware that all detention notifications are now available for parents to see through the MCAS app. This will also send you a notification if your child receives a detention, the subject and the date/time the detention will take place. This will replace in most incidences the notifications you have previously received through School Comms.

You will need to ensure that your notifications are turned on, this will enable an alert if a behaviour event/detention has been set.

Please see the screen shots that detail how these can be viewed.

Miss Buckthorp



Alcester Academy Term Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2025

Half term Monday 27th – Friday 31st October 2025

Back to school Monday 3rd November 2025

Autumn Term ends Friday 19th December at 12.40pm

SPRING TERM 2026

School closed Monday 5th January 2026

Teacher training day

Spring Term begins Tuesday 6th January 2026

Half Term Monday 16th – Friday 20th February 2026

Back to school Monday 23rd February 2026

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

SUMMER TERM 2026

Summer Term begins Monday 13th April 2026

School closed Friday 1st May 2026

Teacher training day

May Bank Holiday Monday 4th May 2026

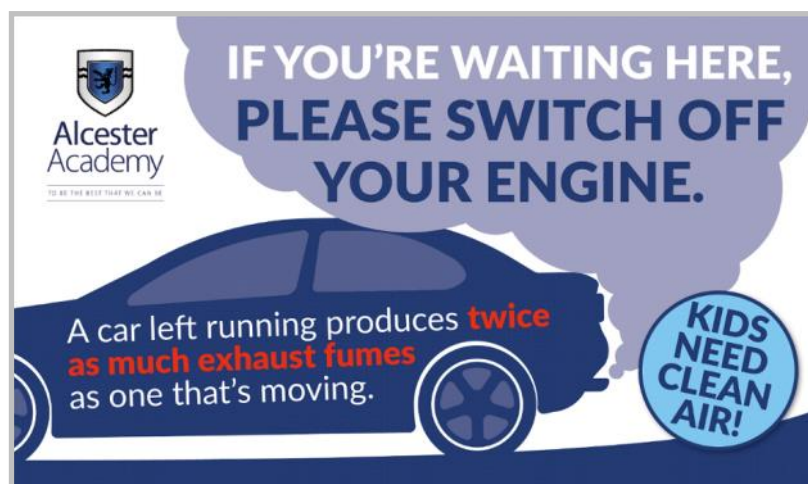
Half Term Monday 25th – Friday 29th May 2026

Back to school Monday 1st June 2026

Summer Term ends Friday 17th July 2026 at 12.40pm

School closed Monday 20th July 2026

Teacher training day



Autumn Term Extra-Curricular Clubs

We are delighted to reveal the extra-curricular programme for this autumn term! Clubs will begin on Monday 15th September and will run for 5 weeks, pause for October half term, and then continue for another five weeks.

Next week, students will be given time in tutor to choose which club(s) they would like to take part in, and sign-ups will be completed through Student portal on Bromcom.

At Alcester Academy, we have high expectations that all students take part in at least one extra-curricular activity over the course of the year. Clubs are a crucial part of school life – they build confidence, allow students to explore new interests, develop teamwork skills, make new friends, and create lasting memories beyond the classroom.

The timetable will be refreshed again in the spring term, with some clubs continuing and exciting new opportunities being added.





Alcester
Academy

TO BE THE BEST THAT WE CAN BE

ALCESTER ACADEMY

OPEN EVENTS 2025

Open Evening—including headteacher address & tours with a student guide

Thursday 25th September—6.30pm to 8.30pm

Guided Open Mornings

with a member of the leadership team

Monday 22nd September to Friday 26th September—at 9.30am

To reserve a place on a Guided Open Morning please call the main office on 01789 762285 from September, or alternatively email admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk anytime.

Prospective students and their parents will have a unique opportunity to gain a real insight into Academy life



Exam Access Arrangements— What Parents and Carers Need to Know



Joint Council for
Qualifications CIC

As part of national changes, the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) has updated its guidance around exam access arrangements. This year, there's an important change: schools now need to provide additional evidence to support a student's need for extra time in exams.

We want to make sure all our families understand what this means and how we can work together to support students who may benefit from these arrangements.

What Are Access Arrangements?

Access arrangements are adjustments that help students with specific needs—such as learning difficulties, disabilities, or medical conditions—take exams in a way that reflects their true ability.

They don't change the content of the exam, but they do help level the playing field. Examples include:

- Extra time
- A reader or scribe
- Use of a word processor
- Taking the exam in a smaller room

How Does the Process Work?

If you think your child may need support in exams:

- Please get in touch with our SENCo, Mrs Bush, as early as possible.
- We'll work with your child and their teachers to explore what support might help.
- We may trial arrangements in classwork, assessments or mock exams to see what works best.
- If needed, our qualified assessor will carry out a formal assessment to help determine eligibility for arrangements like extra time.

It's important to note:

- Not all students with additional needs will require access arrangements.
- A diagnosis alone doesn't automatically mean a student qualifies—what matters is how their needs affect their ability to access exams.

Who Decides What's Needed?

- Medical professionals can provide a diagnosis, but it's the school's responsibility to decide which arrangements are appropriate.
- Teachers provide evidence based on how your child works in lessons and assessments.
- We then apply to JCQ for approval, so that arrangements can be used in formal exams like GCSEs.

Why Following the Rules Matters

JCQ inspects schools every year to make sure we're applying access arrangements fairly and correctly. If we don't follow the rules, it's considered malpractice, which can have serious consequences.

We're committed to doing everything properly and transparently, and to supporting every student in the best way possible.

Questions?

If you have any queries or would like to discuss your child's needs, please contact our SENCo, Mrs Anita Bush:

anitabush@alcesteracademy.org.uk.

Open Events by Post-16 Providers

Please find below the latest open events held by local Post-16 providers. This is not an exhaustive list and there is further information available on individual websites. Booking may be required but not yet available so please monitor individual websites closely.

This information has been posted on the CareerZone Google Classroom. *Miss Bartlett*



Hartpury College

Pre-registration required

<https://www.hartpury.ac.uk/college/open-days/college-open-morning-booking-form/>

Saturday 20th September 2025

Saturday 11th October 2025

Saturday 15th November 2025

Saturday 13th December 2025



Worcester, Malvern, Redditch and Bromsgrove Campuses

Pre-registration required

<https://www.howcollege.ac.uk/about/open-events/october-open-event-2025/>

Saturday 20th September 2025

Saturday 11th October 2025

Saturday 15th November 2025

Saturday 13th December 2025



Stratford-Upon-Avon College

Pre-registration required

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/school-leaver-open-event-stratford-upon-avon-college-tickets-1659922215029>

Saturday 15th November 2025

Times: 10am to 2pm



Royal Leamington, Warwick Trident, Pershore, Moreton Morrell, Rugby Campuses

Pre-registration required

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/open-days-at-wcg-colleges-2506519>

Saturday 4th October 2025

Saturday 29th November 2025

Saturday 24th January 2025

Times: 10am to 2pm



King Edward VI School Stratford-Upon-Avon

Pre-registration may be required

<https://www.kes.net/>

Tuesday 11th November

Times: 6.15pm to 9pm



Stratford Girls' Grammar School

Pre-registration may be required

<https://www.sgggs.org.uk/sixth-form>

Wednesday 19th November 2025

Times: 5.45pm - 8pm



Alcester Grammar School

Pre-registration may be required

<https://www.alcesterags.co.uk/page/?title=Admission+Arrangements&pid=279>

Thursday 13th November 2025

Times: 4.45pm to 8pm



Prince Henry's High School

Pre-registration may be required

<https://www.princehenrys.worcs.sch.uk/>

Thursday 6th November 2025

Times: 5pm to 7pm

Saint Augustine's Catholic School

<https://www.sta.magnificat.org.uk/sixth-form/welcome-to-our-sixth-form>

To be confirmed



Stratford-Upon-Avon School and Sixth Form

Pre-registration not required

Wednesday 5th November 2025

Times: 5pm to 7pm



Chipping Campden School

Pre-registration may be required

<https://sixthform.campden.school/>

Thursday 6th November 2025

6pm to 8.30pm



Facilities Supervisor

(to include out of hours lettings)

Scale G, scale point 11, £28,142

Closing Date: 12 noon, 26th September 2025

Starting: As soon as available

[ADVERT ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE](#)

Alcester Academy is a small, oversubscribed school in South Warwickshire meeting the needs of 640 students in years 7-11. The school is a standalone Academy providing education for children in the local priority area. Alcester Academy has enjoyed securing extremely positive student outcomes over the last four years. This has placed the school in the top five percent of schools nationally and in a most favourable position in comparison to selective schools. This is a very exciting time for the Academy. Under new leadership, the school is looking to secure future development opportunities, and we are looking for an experienced, proactive leader for our site team.

The Academy is looking to recruit a Facilities Supervisor. This is an exciting opportunity for an individual to gain experience in facilities management, whilst managing Health and Safety compliance in a school environment. We are looking for someone who is fully committed to working in a front-line service role and providing excellent customer service to support the Academy.

The successful candidate will have experience of managing Health and Safety and of working within a facilities team. The candidate will also be experienced in undertaking minor project works from concept to completion. The ability to communicate effectively and confidently is essential to the post. This post requires the successful candidate to be flexible in their working approach in order to facilitate school lettings.



Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo)

Salary according to qualifications and experience

Part-time considered (Min 0.8)

The application deadline is 4pm on September 19th 2025

Interviews to be held on 23rd September 2025

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The Post

This is an exciting opportunity for someone who is already qualified (National SENCo Qualification) or who is looking to qualify through the NPQ route. The successful applicant will be able to demonstrate experience of strong leadership and effective management in a Middle Leadership position, and a willingness to contribute to the whole staff team. Flexibility and the ability to innovate are desirable qualities.

The applicant will have a good understanding of what effective Teaching & Learning looks like for children of all abilities and be committed to enable all students to access the curriculum in order to fulfil their academic potential. They will be able to engage and enthuse students of all aptitudes and will be outward facing and looking to hone and develop the skills of our teaching and pastoral staff so that they can best provide quality first education and support both within and outside of the classroom.

The Application Process

Please complete the application form. A written statement in support of your application will be accepted but we do not consider CVs.

The application deadline is 4pm on 19th September 2025.

If you have any questions with regard to this vacancy or wish to visit the school, please contact admin@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.



Examination Invigilators

£13.68 per hour, claimed monthly

Closing date: 12 noon on Tuesday 30th September 2025

Interviews: TBC

Start date: Mid October for training, exams start in November 2025

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Broad Description

The ability to work in a team, under direction, and to communicate effectively are essential. Invigilators will be required to conduct examinations in accordance with the JCQ and the Academy's regulations and will play a key role in upholding the integrity of the examination process. Alcester Academy runs a number of examination series during the academic year and would expect flexible availability during these times, dates available on request. Applicants must be available for at least 5 sessions (morning/afternoon) per week during internal and external exam seasons throughout the academic year.

The Application Process

This should be by completed application form emailed to admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk - we do not accept CVs.

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.

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Bromcom Positive Points

Top Positive Point Stars—this week:

Year 7

Anabelle	7WI	Ragley	10 points
Charlotte	7WI	Oversley	10 points
Max	7TN	Oversley	8 points
Leela	7WI	Billesley	8 points
William	7WI	Billesley	8 points
Thomas	7LX	Oversley	8 points
Thomas	7LX	Billesley	8 points
Myles	7WI	Billesley	8 points

Year 8

Poppy	8SA	Ragley	8 points
Liv	8RW	Billesley	7 points
Oscar	8MO	Greville	6 points
Austin	8SA	Ragley	6 points
Connor	8BI	Oversley	6 points
Lucas	8SA	Oversley	6 points
Emily	8MO	Ragley	6 points

Year 9

Oscar	9DA	Billesley	10 points
Anna	9SO	Oversley	10 points
Summer	9RO	Ragley	10 points
Marianne	9SO	Oversley	9 points
Edward	9SO	Oversley	9 points

Year 10

Alizee	10YA	Greville	9 points
Daniel	10GA	Oversley	9 points
Grace	10HR	Greville	8 points
Alex	10HR	Oversley	8 points
Grace	10HR	Billesley	8 points
Alice	10TU	Greville	8 points
Aiden	10HR	Billesley	8 points
Matilda	10YA	Ragley	8 points

Year 11

Immy	11GO	Greville	8 points
George	11SI	Greville	8 points
Tony	11ES	Billesley	7 points
Ellie-Mae	11LE	Oversley	7 points
Lottie	11GO	Billesley	7 points
Sam	11GO	Ragley	7 points



Attendance News

**Whole School Attendance
this week is 95.9%**

Top tutors this week:

7LX with 100% attendance

8RW with 99% attendance

9SO with 100% attendance

10GA with 98.6% attendance

11GO with 97.7% attendance

If your child is absent from school, please inform the Attendance Officer, Ms 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

Thank you, *Ms Hatcher*



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



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Notice for Parents

To comply with the School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024 and Data Protection expectations, it is vitally important that Alcester Academy keeps accurate and up to date information relating to every pupil on roll.

The information we are required to record includes:

- Pupil's full legal name (and if appropriate, their preferred name).
- The name, address and contact details of every person known to the school/academy who is a parent* to the pupil with whom the pupil normally resides (this is the address that has been used to register with their GP).
- The name, address and contact details of any additional parent*.
- Any other emergency contact details.

In order to gather this information, every year we send out data collection forms. Parents are asked to complete the form with as much information as possible and then return to the school, signed and dated. We would ask that even where there are no amendments to the data collection sheet, parents return the form, signed and dated.

Alcester Academy requests that if you change your contact number, move home or there are any other circumstances which may impact your child, the school is notified as a priority.

N.B. *The Education Act 1996 defines a 'parent' as a). any natural parent, whether married or not, b). any parent who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility as defined in the Children Act (1989) for a child or young person c). any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person.



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LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

The law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request.

A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school.

When making an application for Leave of Absence parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate.

It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is the parents' responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent ie the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child is expected to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'.

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings.

Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2024-25

The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.

- Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices – 4 in total).
 - First Leave of Absence offence: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.
 - Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount.
- Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28 day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.
- Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): A penalty notices will not be issued, and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.

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

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Student Spotlight

Lottie-Dot (Year 10, Ragley) Cheerleading

A huge congratulations to Lottie-Dot!
We are thrilled to announce that Lottie-Dot (year 10) has been selected to represent Team England in cheerleading for the second year running!

Following a rigorous trial last weekend, Lottie-Dot was once again chosen to join the national squad. This is a remarkable achievement and a testament to her incredible talent, dedication, and hard work. To be selected to represent her country once is an honour, but to do so for a second consecutive year is truly outstanding.

The entire school community is immensely proud of Lottie-Dot. We'll all be cheering her on as she works towards her next international competition in 2026.



Lottie has kindly written an account of her experiences below to give us some further insight into her incredible achievement:

"I represented Team England Cheer last year and it was the best experience of my life so as soon as the season ended in April, I started training. I was absolutely determined to represent my country again this year. Trials were announced for last Saturday, so from May I started travelling up and down the country several times a week to ensure I gave myself the best opportunity at trials.

My stunt group was made up of girls from Coventry and London and we trained in Coventry, Bournemouth, Milton Keynes, and various locations in London. I cut short my summer holiday because my training schedule required huge commitment, but I didn't mind because representing my country means everything to me.

On Saturday, we were as prepared as we could be, having repped every skill needed hundreds of times until it seemed like they were perfect. That didn't stop the nerves though when I saw how many athletes were trialling. There ended up being 125 people at the trial and only 23 people make it onto the team. After six hours of non-stop tumbling and stunting (ie throwing each other in the air!), the number of athletes left in the room was getting smaller and smaller.

I was ready to burst when the Team England manager said that everyone left in the room would be representing Team England for the 25/26 season. The hard work hasn't even started yet, but I just cannot wait to represent Team England for the second time."

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Alcester Academy Sport

Welcome back to extra-curricular sports clubs!

A warm welcome back to all students as we prepare for another exciting term of sport. We are delighted to announce that all our extra-curricular sports clubs and fixtures will be starting again next week.

To ensure you don't miss out on any of the action, it is vitally important that you check the school bulletin every Friday for the full list of clubs running in the week ahead. You should also pay close attention to the daily notices shown during tutor time as these will also share what clubs are on.

Due to the large number of sports fixtures the PE department manages each week, clubs will continue to be advertised and confirmed on a weekly basis (on a Friday for the week ahead). This will help us avoid any cancellations and ensure you always know what's on in advance.

If you have any questions at all regarding sports clubs, please speak to Mr Moffatt in the PE department.

We look forward to seeing you out on the pitch and court over the coming weeks.

Year 7 Sport

A date for the diary!

Monday 22nd September

We look forward to welcoming our year 7 footballers and netballers to a dedicated year 7 sports practise night on Monday 22nd September.

This is open for all year 7 students and will last for 1 hour after school a week on Monday.

Please report to the PE changing rooms at the end of the school day and ensure you have your Alcester Academy PE kit to take part.

Mr Moffatt



NEXT WEEK'S SPORT W/B 15/9/25



Day	Extra-Curricular Club & Staff	Location
Monday	No clubs - Staff meeting	N/A
Tuesday	Year 8 Football v Henley- MO Year 10 Football v SB- NA	Henley Top Field
Wednesday	Year 9 Football v Henley- NA	Top Field
Thursday	X-Country trials at AGS - MO/PE	AGS Playing fields

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AUTUMN 1

LUNCHTIME SPORT



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

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

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