

# Alcester Academy Weekly BULLETIN



14<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Good afternoon Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the weekend. I hope that you all had a good week. It was certainly a poignant weekend marking the five year period since coronavirus was first broadcast. To recall that period of time brings back a vast array of emotions in different ways for us all, I'm sure.

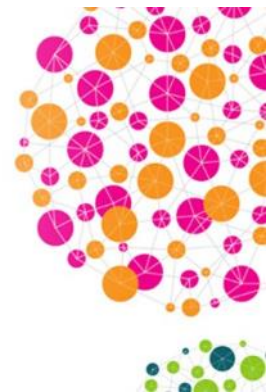


This week, we have been celebrating British Science Week in school. Thanks to the staff team involved with this. Mrs Marshall, Head of science led assemblies and there are lots of posts on X marking the week's activities for your interest. Mrs Passantino, science technician, has excitedly been purchasing new science equipment this week as part of our successful The Wolfson Foundation grant (reported before Christmas), and we are certainly beginning to fully plan for the changes taking place next academic year.

The Wolfson  
Foundation\*



British  
Science  
Week



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## Smart Phones

Yesterday, I spent some time at a meeting with other South Warwickshire headteachers. The guest speaker at the meeting was from an organisation called Smartphone Free Childhood. [The Problem — Smartphone Free Childhood](#)

The information provided to us was invaluable in looking more closely at the overall impact of children not being provided with smart phones too early. As a school, we have certainly seen the negative impact of this with year 7 and 8s especially when they make unwise choices using their smart phones.

I have attached a flyer below for you with dates of parental events that this organisation is running over the coming months if you are interested to hear more.

I do not intend to be making radical new changes to our phone policy but I will be proactively discouraging new parents from September to be buying smart phones just because their child is transitioning to secondary school. I will continue to be writing to you about this through future bulletins.



**SMARTPHONES AND SOCIAL MEDIA**  
KEEPING WARWICKSHIRE'S YOUNG PEOPLE SAFE AND CONNECTED

**TUESDAY 25 MARCH 7.30-9PM**  
STRATFORD UPON AVON  
CLORE LEARNING CENTRE, RSC

**TUESDAY 29 APRIL 7.30-9PM**  
WARWICK  
THE COURT HOUSE

**TUESDAY 6TH MAY 7.30-9PM**  
KENILWORTH  
THE KENILWORTH CENTRE

**SIGN UP NOW!**

**SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD**

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Local headteachers, medical professionals, tech experts and a former police detective sergeant will share:

- The latest research on the impacts of smartphones on children and teens
- The experiences of local schools who have gone smartphone-free
- Ways to achieve a healthy tech balance in your family

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to book your free ticket in advance

## Update about policies

In case you missed it, Miss Buckthorp wrote to you last week about some key changes to various school policies.

## Friends Meeting

Thank you to those parents who joined the Friends of Alcester Academy meeting on Wednesday. Our next event is Family Bingo Night on Friday 4th April. New parents are most welcome to attend. There is a flyer advertising how to get tickets further in this bulletin. It is a lovely way to get the new students accustomed to the school.



## Year 11 updates

There were 85 students in last Saturday for English and MFL sessions. I appreciate the students being in over their weekend, and those staff who led sessions.

Congratulations to our musicians this week who completed their controlled assessment.

Would you believe that we have been planning the revision timetable for the summer exams this week! The first GCSE is less than one month away now. We will write to parents with details of this in due course. We appreciate the effort put in to the recent mocks by year 11s. They have worked extremely hard.

## Reminder—parent parking

Just a polite reminder to refrain from parking in the main school car park at the end of school day. Thank you. This breaches all safeguarding procedures. You will be asked to move if this is the case.

## Please can you help with...

**The length of girls skirts?** Thank you. We are regularly asking girls to adjust their skirts after they have been intentionally rolled up.

## Academy Detention

Academy detention is held every Wednesday. We seem to be seeing more and more parental refusal to allow students to sit the detentions owed. My expectation is that this will happen and I ask that you reach out to school and work with us in order to resolve the behaviour issues that have caused any detention to be set please.

### Congratulations to...

Year 7 DT students making their chicken goujons this week. What a fantastic lesson! I enjoyed seeing them very much indeed.

Will, in year 10 for achieving 5 PBs in his competition on Saturday.

Crochet Club for some wonderful work being completed on a Tuesday lunchtime.



### Looking forward...

This weekend, our year 10 Young Enterprise team, *Endangerlings* are in the Royal Prior Shopping Centre in Leamington at their annual trade fair. Please pop by and see us if you get time. The stand looks absolutely amazing!



Our year 11 performing artists are also in school on Saturday getting ready for their controlled assessment.

Next week is a very busy week with the year 8 super learning day from Geoligise Theatre, and the trip to the races! We also have a year 10 super learning day entitled *Safe and Sound* with Loudmouth, and it is [International Read To Me Day](#) too.



**GEOLIGISE THEATRE**



Finally, wishing you all a super weekend ahead.

*Sarah Mellors—Headteacher*

**PARENTS-SAVE THE DATE**

**Coffee Morning**  
**Monday 17th March**  
 Drop in 9.30-10.30am

In the build-up to World Autism Acceptance Week, Lucy Clarke from Send Supported will be joining parents for an informal session to discuss any of your questions on autism or other neurodiverse conditions.

Contact Mrs Bush for further details:  
[anitabush@alcesteracademy.org.uk](mailto:anitabush@alcesteracademy.org.uk)





World Autism Acceptance Week  
2 - 8 April 2024

I'm supporting

**World Autism Acceptance Week**



**SEND Supported**



## World Book Day 2025



### By Tom and Lydia BBC Young Reporters

World Book Day 2025 was held on March 6th at Alcester Academy. In the school, we did a lot to celebrate including:

- ◇ Decorating doors as books and book covers
- ◇ Tutor Quizzes
- ◇ Scavenger hunts around the school
- ◇ Dressing Up!
- ◇ Competitions

There was so much that went on. World Book Day was first celebrated in 1995, it has been going on for 30 years! It was created by UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation agency. This was to help more people get into reading and to be able to get a book for free. It is still celebrated by more than 100 countries worldwide.

World Book Day was also a day for people to come together and celebrate their love of books and reading, which is very important for everyone. In other countries, it is traditionally celebrated on the 23rd April to honour the deaths of



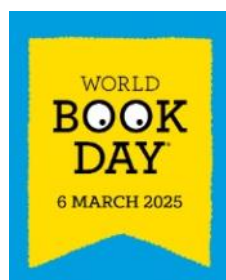
William Shakespeare and many other authors. We celebrate it on the 6th March so then we can celebrate the day in school term.

In tutor that morning, we all tried to figure out the answers to the World Book Day quiz. There were many questions about different genres of books and included different sections about classics and modern books too.

We also celebrated by dressing up as our favourite book characters, even the teachers dressed up! It was great walking around the school looking at all these amazing outfits. It was great fun. There were also some prizes for the best outfits and they truly all deserved it. Well done to all that won.



On World Book Day, every tutor had the opportunity to decorate their classroom door as a book or a book cover. There were many fantastic decorated doors! There were different competitions for this as well as prizes to go to the best tutor door. Each tutor was given equipment to design their own door.



Overall, World Book Day was a lot of fun with so much to do, to help celebrate books. This helps us learn and acknowledge the importance of books and what they can do for us.

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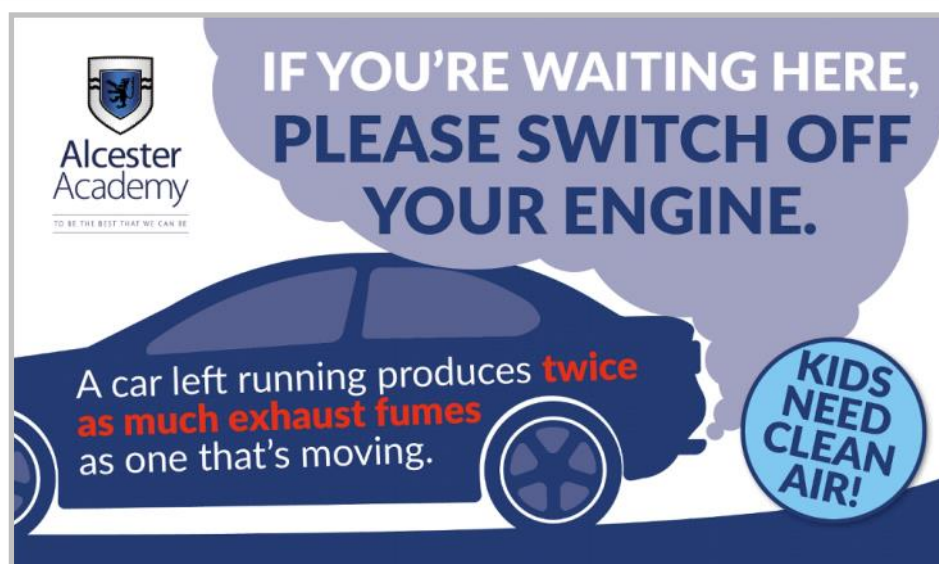
Dear Mrs Mellors,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the students for taking the time to come down to the Alcester Pancake races. We love to see how determined they are and without their participation the event wouldn't be what it is today. Please could you pass on my thanks to all the teachers that helped out on the day, but most importantly please could you pass on to the students that their behaviour and manners was impeccable. Plans will soon start to organise the races for 2026, we hope to see you there.

Once again, many thanks,

Tracy Parkes

High Bailiff of Alcester Court Leet.





**Our Young Enterprise team, Endangerlings, talk about their new card game...**



Finding entertainment that incorporates valuable learning experiences in a world where screen time often takes control can be difficult, this is why we have created our card game. Table top games offer a unique opportunity to engage kids in meaningful, face-to-face interaction. But what if such a game could do even more? What if it could spark a passion - or at least a conversation—for protecting endangered species?

Introducing the **Endangerlings Card Game** - a fun, interactive and educational game that includes and names many species that are currently under threat.

**Why is this important?**

Many children today are unaware of the growing environmental issues that threaten the survival of animals across our planet. Climate change, deforestation, poaching, and habitat loss are just some of the challenges that have placed many species at risk.

**Endangerlings Card Game** is a powerful tool to begin conversation about these critical issues, inspiring young minds to take action and make a difference.

**Our vision:**

This game is designed for children aged 10+ and is played with two players. Our vision was to create a game that would be simple to understand and enjoy; with 5 habitats, we have a range of species integrated into the game, whether ocean, savanna, jungle, mountain or polar based.

Each animal in this game is unique, with its ability, power and endanger level pictured on the card. Our aim is to feed the competitive nature of children with a game that has conventional features such as overpowering each other's animals and trading opportunities (when additional packs are released) whilst incorporating the topic of endangered animals and the dangers of our attitudes towards this topic. Our hope is that the importance of protecting endangered species projects through our game subtly, so it is still interesting and intriguing for the children without seeming boring or overly educational.

Along with our **Endangerlings Card Game**, we have produced a series of keyrings. Each keyring is designed to represent a unique, endangered animal—designed to show some of the many species affected by our actions. In total there are 5 keyrings to collect, 4 common and 1 rare unknown, all of which are featured on our collection sheet. We will be launching these products on 21st March in PE1 during our club. Come along to learn how to play! Try before you buy!



**Prices:**  
**Endangerlings Card Game**  
**Starter Deck: £5**  
**Keyrings: £1.50**

**The Endangerlings YE team are in the Royal Prior Shopping Centre in Leamington Spa on Saturday, at the annual trade fair. Please pop by!**



## Celebrating British Science Week: Hands-On Learning in Action!

7-16 March



BRITISH  
SCIENCE  
WEEK 2025



This week, our students have been diving into the wonders of science as part of British Science Week, an annual celebration of innovation, discovery, and the natural world. Through a range of exciting hands-on activities, they've explored environmental science, wildlife conservation, and sustainability—bringing their learning to life in a truly engaging way!

One of the highlights of the week was building bug hotels, where students used natural materials to create safe spaces for insects to thrive. By understanding the importance of biodiversity, they gained a new appreciation for the tiny creatures that play a vital role in our ecosystem.



Students also got involved in tracking local wildlife by making small animal footprint finders. Using a charcoal and bait, they were able to create tunnels to show the footprints of visiting animals, learning about the species that share our outdoor spaces.

Another fascinating activity was creating wormeries, where students observed how earthworms improve soil health. By layering soil, sand, and organic matter, they could see firsthand how these incredible creatures contribute to composting and nutrient recycling.



In addition, our budding environmental scientists investigated the effects of microplastics in our oceans. Through hands-on experiments, they explored how these tiny pollutants impact marine life and discussed ways to reduce plastic waste in their daily lives. British Science Week has been an inspiring opportunity for our students to engage with real-world scientific issues in a fun and interactive way. Their enthusiasm, curiosity, and creativity have truly shone through, making this a week to remember!

Well done to all our young scientists—we can't wait to see where your discoveries take you next!

*Mrs Passantino*



## Year 9 MFL Paris Trip Opportunity!


The MFL faculty would like to offer all year 9 students who study GCSE German or French the opportunity to participate in our trip to Paris next year. Information has been emailed out to year 9 MFL students. The


trip will involve activities such as climbing the Eiffel Tower, a boat trip down the Seine and a day at Disneyland Paris. If you have any further questions please contact Mrs Weatherley.



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## Epraise Leaderboard—for the past 7 days

### Top Students—past 7 days:

1	Ashlyn	10BW	Ragley	24 points
2	Lottie	10MA	Billesley	23 points
3	Immy	10PL	Greville	22 points
3	Ollie	10MO	Oversley	22 points
3	Ollie	8RO	Billesley	22 points
6	Dylan	10MA	Oversley	21 points
6	Georgia	10MO	Ragley	21 points
6	Arturo	10SA	Billesley	21 points
9	Dylan	10MO	Ragley	20 points
9	Lottie-Dot	9YA	Ragley	20 points

### Top House—past 7 days:

1	Billesley	1656 points
2	Oversley	1606 points
3	Ragley	1502 points
4	Greville	1501 points

### Top Subjects—past 7 days:

1	English	756 points
2	Maths	593 points
3	Art	491 points
4	Science	481 points
5	French	407 points

### Top Staff—past 7 days:

1	Mr Yarrington	396 points
2	Mrs Hirji	379 points
3	Mr Rossiter	376 points
4	Mrs Gorner	360 points
5	Mrs Weatherley	339 points

### Top Tutors—past 7 days:

1	11MR	350 points
2	7TN	317 points
3	9GA	304 points
4	8AN	291 points
5	8RO	283 points



## Attendance News

**Whole School Attendance this week is 93.8%**

### Top tutors this week:

7RA with 97.7% attendance  
8AN with 96.4% attendance  
9GA with 98.8% attendance  
10MO with 97.8% attendance  
11GO with 98.3% 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](mailto:louisehatcher@alcesteracademy.org.uk).  
Thank you, *Mrs Hatcher*



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



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

## Alcester Academy Term Dates

### SPRING TERM 2025

Spring Term ends (Easter) Friday 11th April 2025 at 12.40pm

### SUMMER TERM 2025

Summer Term begins	Monday 28th April 2025
<i>School closed</i>	<i>Friday 2nd May 2025—Teacher training day</i>
May Bank Holiday	Monday 5th May 2025
Half Term	Monday 26th – Friday 30th May 2025
Back to school	Monday 2nd June 2025
<i>School closed</i>	<i>Friday 27th June 2025—Teacher training day</i>
Summer Term ends	Friday 18th July 2025 at 12.40pm



## Dates for your Diary

Year 8 Geologise Theatre—Monday 17th March  
 Year 11 final school photos—Tuesday 18th March  
 Year 8 maths races day—Tuesday 18th March and Wednesday 19th March  
 Year 10 SLD Safe & Sound—Wednesday 19th March  
 International Read to Me Day—Wednesday 19th March  
 Year 11 St Augustine's 6th form interviews—Thursday 20th March  
 Year 10 Food Trip—Friday 21st March  
 Year 7 Exam Focus Week—starting Monday 24th March  
 Rock Academy Acoustic Night—Tuesday 25th March  
 Year 11 STEM Trip to Silverstone—Wednesday 26th March  
 Berlin Trip—departing Thursday 27th March  
 Year 9 Parents' Evening—Thursday 3rd April  
 Friends of Alcester Academy Bingo Night—Friday 4th April  
 Year 11 PA external assessment—starting Thursday 3rd April  
 Year 11 MFL speaking exams—starting Monday 7th April  
 Year 8 SLD Talking Heads—Tuesday 8th April  
 Year 11 AGS 6th form interviews—Wednesday 9th April  
 Year 11 David Hyner visit—Thursday 10 April  
 Sports Awards Night—Thursday 10th April

This is not the complete list of events by any means.

### Parents' Evenings 2024-25

<b>Thursday 3rd April 2025</b>	Year 9 Parents' Evening SchoolCloud
<b>Thursday 1st May 2025</b>	Year 8 Options Evening. Live in school
<b>Thursday 12th June 2025</b>	Year 7 Parents' Evening SchoolCloud

SchoolCloud is the online video service

## Casual Driver

**Casual Driver Required Hourly Rate £13.74**

**Closing date: Thursday 10th April at 12 noon**

**Starting: As soon as possible**

### [ADVERT ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE](#)

#### **The Post**

Driver required to transport students in years 7-11 from addresses in Alcester and Bidford to Alternative Education Providers in Warwickshire. Morning and afternoon collections required. Timetable of requirements will vary.

Relevant driving skills and valid licence allowing the post holder to drive a "D1" size vehicle is essential. The successful candidate will need to be prepared to complete a minibus driving test organised by the Academy.

#### **Application Process**



Interested applicants should hold a clean driving licence and be subject to a full DBS check. Could suit retired person. Please email the school if you are interested, with a full CV [admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk](mailto:admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk).


*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.*



### **Volunteers Needed – Year 10 & 11**


Help out at the **Alcester Community Fridge!**

 **Sunday Evenings** |  **5:45 - 6:45 PM**

 **Ideal for DofE volunteering**

 **Open to school leavers & adults with spare time**

 **Get in touch: [alcesterfridges@gmail.com](mailto:alcesterfridges@gmail.com)**

 **Find us on Facebook: [Alcester Community Fridge](#)**



## Part Time Teacher of IT/Computer Science

**0.3-0.6 MPS/UPS + TLR Subject to experience**

**Closing date – Friday 14th March 2025**

**Interview date to be set**

**Starting Date – 1st September 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% and 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 14th March 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.

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## Kids & smartphones – what’s the big deal?

When children first started getting smartphones a decade ago, there was no research about their impact. Now there is, and it’s overwhelming.



### HARMFUL CONTENT

Smartphones act as a gateway to pornography, violent and extreme content. Often kids don’t seek them out but are exposed to them via algorithms and messaging apps. Once seen, these things can never be unseen. 90% of girls and 50% of boys say they’re sent explicit content they didn’t want to see.



### ADDICTION

Tech companies intentionally make apps addictive, because the more time we spend, the more data they harvest, the more money they make. By leveraging dopamine circuits, they trigger brain responses akin to slot machine gambling. 1 in 4 young adults show signs of behavioural addiction to smartphones.



### ACADEMIC DISTRACTION

The average teen receives 237 smartphone notifications a day – one every few minutes – making focusing on schoolwork hard. Studies show that excessive smartphone use has negative impacts on academic performance. Children at schools with effective smartphone bans get GCSE’s 1-2 grades higher.



### GROOMING

Sites like TikTok, Snapchat and Roblox are used by sexual predators to target children with their first smartphones, blackmailing them into sharing sexual content. Sextortion is now the fastest growing crime against teens. Since 2022, there has been a 66% rise in ‘self generated’ sexual abuse imagery of children under 10.



### CYBERBULLYING

Disagreements between pupils used to stop at the school gate, now they follow kids wherever they go, 24/7. Young people who experience cyberbullying are twice as likely to attempt suicide and self-harm. One in six teens report being cyberbullied in the past month, according to the World Health Organisation.



### MENTAL ILLNESS

Rates of depression, anxiety and suicide in young people have spiked globally since 2010, when children first began getting smartphones. The first generation to grow up with smartphones are now adults – data shows that the younger they got their first smartphone, the worse their mental health today.



### OPPORTUNITY COST

Underpinning all these harms is one that is potentially the most significant of all. For the first time in human history, children are spending more time on devices than they are playing – an activity crucial to our healthy development. Smartphones are experience blockers, distracting children from engaging in the real world. The average UK 12-year-old now spends 29 hours a week – equivalent to a part-time job – on their smartphone. This leaves little time for the real world activities and relationships that enable us to learn the essential life skills we need to transition into adulthood. The average daily time that teens spend with friends has plummeted by 65% since 2010.

Join the grassroots parents movement to protect childhood from Big Tech

[www.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/join](http://www.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/join)

For all links to stats references see [www.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/the-problem](http://www.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/the-problem)



## 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 \*

### **Student Spotlight: Will (year 10, Oversley) Athletics**



Congratulations to Will who competed at the UK Indoor Multi Event Final in Sheffield at the weekend and put in some truly outstanding performances across both track and field. Will has written a brief summary below of his experience during the event.

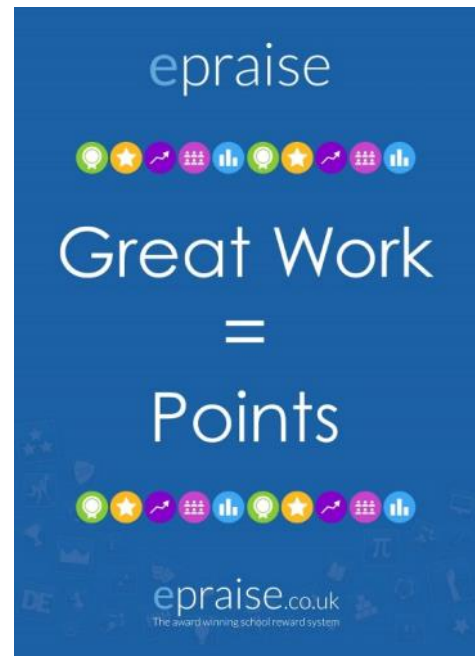
*At the weekend I competed in the UK Indoor Multi Event Finals. This is a competition that you have to get selected for. Going into the competition I knew it was going to be a very strong field. Being the younger side of the age group (under 17s) I knew I was going to have to give it my all.*

*Coming out of the competition I got a PB in 5 out of the 7 events. The PBs were in 60m (flat) sprint, high jump, shot put, 1000m, and the biggest highlight of the day was my pole vault PB. It was such an amazing experience and a good warmup for next year and the outdoor season. And I'm very pleased with my achievements.*

### **This week's Sport: U16 Rugby v South Bromsgrove**



Our U16 Rugby players enjoyed a fixture against South Bromsgrove High School this week. Against tough opposition our lads put in a spirited performance. Despite not returning to Alcester with victory, the team can be especially proud of their much improved second half performance within the match. Many thanks to Mrs Mellors who came along to cheer on the team from the touchline!



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## This Week's Sport



## \*\*THIS WEEKS SPORT\*\*:

### W/B 17/3/25



Day	Extra-Curricular Club & Staff	Location
Monday	Staff meeting – No clubs	
Tuesday	Archery Club (Selected) - PW Year 10 + 11 Football training – MO/NA	Gym Field
Wednesday	Year 8 Girls South Warwickshire Football Tournament (7 a-side) - MO Year 7 Football v St. Benedict's - NA Year 7, 8 and 9 Rugby - Gloucester Rugby coach	Stratford School Field Field
Thursday	Year 10 Football v Studley - MO All Years Girls Rugby - NA	Studley School Field

## Lunchtime Sport



## SPRING 2 LUNCHTIME SPORT



- Lunchtime sports clubs to start w/b Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March on a Monday and Thursday
- Lunchtime sport will follow a set timetable each half-term and run from 1.45-2.15pm (4:1)
- PE kit is not required to participate but you must have suitable footwear to be allowed into the gym

w/b	MON- NA	THURS- MO
3/3	KS4 Basketball	Y11 Indoor Football
10/3	KS3 Basketball	Y11 Indoor Football
17/3	KS4 Basketball	Y11 Indoor Football
24/3	KS3 Basketball	Y11 Indoor Football
31/3	KS4 Basketball	Y11 Indoor Football



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# Bottle Donations

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

<i>Wine</i>	<i>Olive Oil</i>
<i>Beer</i>	<i>Vinegar</i>
<i>Spirits</i>	<i>Sauces</i>
<i>Pop</i>	<i>Shampoo</i>
<i>Squash</i>	<i>Perfume</i>

Donations can be brought into the school office anytime.



# Easter BINGO

## FRIDAY 4TH APRIL

@ ALCESTER ACADEMY

 DOORS OPEN 18:30	 EYES DOWN 19:00
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# Non Uniform Day

## Friday 28th March

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OF  
ALCESTER ACADEMY



All monetary donations will be shared between both Acorns children's hospice and The Shakespeare Hospice who do amazing work with our students.

Egg donations will support the Friends fundraising bingo on 4th April.

<p><b>Year 7</b></p> <p><b>Small Eggs</b> Examples might include a small/medium Easter egg, bag of mini eggs</p> 	<p><b>Year 8</b></p> <p><b>£2 Donation</b> Payable on the Gateway</p>	<p><b>Year 9</b></p> <p><b>£2 Donation</b> Payable on the Gateway</p>
<p><b>Year 10</b></p> <p><b>£2 Donation</b> Payable on the Gateway</p>	<p><b>Year 11</b></p> <p><b>£2 Donation</b> Payable on the Gateway</p>	<p><b>Staff</b></p> <p><b>Easter Egg / £2 Donation</b></p>



ALCESTER

**ACOUSTIC NIGHT!**

ROCK ACADEMY

**LIVE AT ALCESTER ACADEMY!**

7PM

**TUESDAY 25TH MARCH!**

Alcester Academy School Hall!

\* Advanced Tickets Only!

Adults £5.00 / Concessions £3.00



# CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

**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 1st May  
then **£5** per week!

Email [alcesteryouthchoir@gmail.com](mailto:alcesteryouthchoir@gmail.com)  
to sign up!



## **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](http://casspartnership.org.uk)  
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**ORCHESTRA FOR AN OCCASION**  
A PROFESSIONAL ORCHESTRA OF 50 PLAYERS  
CONDUCTOR BRIAN CHAPPELL  
MUSIC FROM STAGE AND SCREEN  
**CHARITY CONCERT**  
In aid of  
**myton hospice**

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BBC TV News Programme, Midlands Today.  
Warwick Hall, Warwick School,  
Myton Road, Warwick, CV34 6PP

Immerse yourself in music from Gladiator, Downton Abbey, Minuet by Haydn, Wicked, 76 Trombones, The Greatest Showman, Gershwin's Porgy and Bess, The Great Escape, Oliver, Palladio by Karl Jenkins and many more.

Buy tickets at [www.mytonhospice.org/Orchestra](http://www.mytonhospice.org/Orchestra) or scan the QR code  
Gallery (no lift) - £21 Ground Floor - £16  
Accompanying children - £11. All seats unreserved.

**Saturday  
17th May  
2025  
2.30pm**

Please note that we are a nut free site, no food is to be brought on-site containing nuts.

CONCERT SPONSORED BY ROGER MEDWELL, MBE, DL.  
"In Memory of my Dearest Wife, Patricia, & the many other people The Myton Hospices support and care for."

**SPEND**

Support for Parents of children with Educational needs, Neurodivergence and Difficulties.

*SPEND is a monthly parent/carer support group for people caring for children with additional needs who feel isolated or overwhelmed in Alcester, Bidford, Studley and surrounding villages.*

*Come and spend time with people who understand.*

**NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2025 - 9.45-11.15AM  
AND ON THE 2ND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH**

The Depot, Eric Payne Community Centre  
off St Faith's Road, Alcester, B496AG