

Alcester Academy WEEKLY BULLETIN



17th April 2026

A Night of Sporting Excellence Alcester Academy Sports Awards 2026

On the evening of Thursday 26th March, the Alcester Academy community gathered for a spectacular celebration of student talent, dedication, and sportsmanship at our annual Sports Awards.

Staff, students and families joined together to reflect on the past year of school sport, defined by hard work and competitive spirit from our students. We were incredibly privileged to be joined by a very special guest, Gloucester Rugby's Jack Singleton, who took time out of his professional schedule to present our athletes with their well-deserved medals and trophies throughout the evening.



Throughout the ceremony, we cast a spotlight on excellence across ten different school sports, recognising the standout performers who have represented the Academy with pride. From the grit shown on the muddy pitch to the precision displayed on the court, the breadth of talent on display was truly a testament to our students' commitment throughout the past year. We were also lucky to receive a special insight into the success and training of two of the Academy's highest performing athletes in Marijke and Will, year 11.

In addition to team successes, the evening featured several prestigious special department awards, honouring those individuals in year 11 who have gone above and beyond in their leadership, resilience, and contribution to the physical education department across the past five years. Congratulations to all our sports award winners for 2026—you are a credit to Alcester Academy Sport!

*Mr Moffatt—
Lead PE & Sport*



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SPORTS AWARDS EVENING 2026

Football

After a long summer break, we were excited for the school football season to begin, returning to the School's District League and Cup competitions for 2025–2026. Each year group was keen to build on their successes from last year and get back onto the football pitch for both training and competitive fixtures.

Year 7

The year 7 team have had a positive first year representing the Academy. This was highlighted by a convincing District Cup victory over Trinity. Alongside their league campaign, they also represented the school at the South Warwickshire 7-a-side Tournament, delivering a series of strong performances.

Year 8

The highlights of the season for our year 8 team were an outstanding 1–0 victory against a strong AGS side and a convincing 5–2 victory against Studley. The team demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination, and quality. They also represented the school in the South Warwickshire 7-a-side Tournament, to finish an impressive fourth overall.

Year 9

The year 9 football team have enjoyed some exciting moments this season, topped off by their outstanding victory in the South Warwickshire 7-a-side Tournament finishing undefeated. One of the most memorable moments of their campaign came in a thrilling (1–1) draw against a very strong Henley side, when, with the very last kick of the game, goalkeeper Ben went up for a corner and secured a dramatic equaliser.

Year 10

The year 10 football team have produced some outstanding performances this season, highlighted by a superb cup run in which they brushed aside St Benedict's 5–0 and followed it up with an 8–0 victory over Trinity. Alongside their cup success, they also claimed victory in the South Warwickshire 7-a-side Tournament, playing some excellent football throughout.

Year 11

This year, our year 11 team were determined to make their final season representing Alcester Academy one to remember—and they certainly did just that. Their cup journey was nothing short of memorable. A fantastic 3–1 victory over Aylesford in the quarter-final set the tone, earning them a place in the semi-final against a strong Studley side. Reaching the semi-final was the first time they had progressed to this stage. Although the semi-final ended in a 2–0 defeat, their achievements this season are something they should be incredibly proud of.

Girls Football

The commitment and effort shown by all players has been reflected in their performances at the South Warwickshire Tournament. Our year 7 and year 10 teams finished as runners-up, narrowly missing out on the top spot, while the year 9 and year 11 teams secured strong third-place finishes.

Throughout the year, each team has continued to make excellent progress in their 11-a-side cup fixtures. Their development and dedication are commendable, and we look forward to even greater success in the future.

Review from Arturo and Dylan (year 11)

Football Award Winners:



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Netball

As usual the netball season started with the U16 South Warwickshire Tournament in September, it was a lovely evening and a nice way for our year 11s to finish their netball journey. The U15 and U14 Tournaments took place in October with the year 10s getting the best weather. Both teams worked hard against excellent opposition, and both had enjoyable evenings. Our U12s managed to get two teams out this year and both represented the school in the A & B tournaments; they gained a lot of valuable experience from these and are raring to go next year.

We have also enjoyed our usual friendly indoor matches against Alcester Grammar leading up to Christmas, and we have taken part in several friendly netball festivals this year. We have had some mixed results this year, but all teams have made progress and showed great commitment and teamwork.

Review from Mia and Lottie (year 11)

Netball Award Winners:



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Basketball

This school year has seen the return of Alcester Academy's basketball teams to local competition. Basketball remains a popular sport among our students, and it has been great to see the progress made both individually and as teams during practices and competitive matches.

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

Year 7

Our year 7 basketball team, formed at the beginning of this year, have shown fantastic enthusiasm and commitment to developing their game. Over the season they have demonstrated impressive skill, teamwork and growing confidence on the court. The standout moments were an impressive 19-6 victory against AGS and a superb 30-8 semi-final victory over Shipston. Two commanding performances earned them a place in the final in their very first season together—an exceptional achievement and a fantastic platform to build on for the future. Although they ultimately fell 39-11 to a very strong Studley side, reaching the final marked an impressive milestone and a testament to their hard work and potential.

Our year 7 team, formed at the start of the year, demonstrated outstanding teamwork and ability on court this season. Our newest cohort embraced the opportunity to practise their skills and develop tactically as a team. The highlight for the team was winning the South Warwickshire District Tournament.

Year 8

The year 8 team have continued to develop their skills and show great commitment to basketball this season. This was especially evident at the South Warwickshire District Tournament, where they were drawn in the toughest pool against strong opponents in Studley and AGS. Despite the challenge, the team showed real resilience, continued to play together, and rallied to win their final two games with some excellent team performances.

Our year 8 girls' team represented the school at the South Warwickshire District Tournament this year, where they demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination, and a fantastic attitude throughout the competition. Building on the skills

they developed last year, the team performed strongly and secured an impressive third-place finish against tough opposition. We are very proud of their progress and commitment.

KS4 Summary

This season has been an exceptional one for our year 9 team. They have several highlights securing a fantastic victory over AGS winning 45-16 in the District Cup quarter final and produced a truly dominant performance in the semi-final against Studley, winning 68-7. In doing so, they became the first of our school's sports teams to reach a final this year—a tremendous achievement. Another major highlight was their success in the South Warwickshire District Tournament, where they were crowned champions achieving four wins and a draw.

Our year 10 and 11 team have continued to develop their skills on the court this season and have produced some strong performances along the way. They were unfortunately handed a tough cup draw against AGS but approached the challenge with great attitude and effort.

A special mention goes to Harry, who stepped up to play for the year 11 team and put in a strong performance when it mattered.

The South Warwickshire Girls' Basketball Tournaments were a fantastic success this year. I'm especially proud to say that our year 11 team secured the title for the third consecutive year — an incredible achievement and a real testament to their dedication, teamwork, and determination.

Our year 9 girls also performed brilliantly, finishing in a very respectable third place against strong opposition. They showed great resilience and competitiveness throughout the tournament, fighting hard in every match and representing the school with real pride.

Review from Dylan and Sam (year 11)

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Basketball Award Winners:



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Rugby

We have continued to make progress to develop the sport of rugby at Alcester Academy.

With many state schools in the South of Warwickshire looking to develop and generate more interest within the sport of rugby our year 7 and 8 boys really enjoyed the opportunity to compete at the District Rugby Festival held at AGS, which was an opportunity for our students to compete against similar standards of opposition in competitive small-sided matches. Our U13 team showed brilliant teamwork and commitment within matches played and despite scores not being recorded during the evening, showed great team spirit in each match played.

We have also enjoyed the experience of being coached by Gloucester Rugby this year both in our PE lessons and taking part in Project Rugby, as well as the afterschool Rugby Club each Wednesday in the Autumn term. We will now look to build on this as we continue to develop our skills and get more interest and players for each year group.

Well done to all that have been a part of rugby at Alcester Academy this year, and congratulations to those who have taken awards for the leadership shown and the commitment to growing the sport of rugby at Alcester Academy.

Review from Anthony (year 10) and Ethan (year 9)

Rugby Award Winners:



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Cross Country

The cross country season started at Alcester Grammar School in September where the South Warwickshire trials were held. We had excellent representation particularly in the minor girls and boys events, where eight students entered and Poppy won the girls event. In the junior age groups four students were placed, but it was in the inter age group that we excelled. Marijke won the girls event, Will won the boys, and two more boys were placed.

We were again well represented in the minor age group at the Inter Area Cross Country in Stratford. Seven minor girls took part and five finished in the top 15. Poppy finished in 4th place and qualified for the next round. Will and Marijke also qualified, and all three represented us in the West Midlands Inter County Fixture. Marijke had an outstanding 1st place finish; Will was 6th overall but 2nd in Warwickshire and Poppy finished 30th overall in the top half of the field, but 3rd in Warwickshire.

The final schools cross country meeting was the Warwickshire Schools Championships at Prince-thorpe College in January. Again, we had great representation and Poppy, Will and Marijke all qualified to represent Warwickshire in the English Schools Cross Country Championships a truly outstanding achievement.

Review from Poppy and Roman (year 7)

Cross Country Award Winners:



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Athletics

We had another great season of athletics with some incredible individual performances. As a school we performed well in the South Warwickshire Schools Championships finishing fourth overall behind Kineton in third, the combined schools of KES and Stratford Girls Grammar in second place and Alcester Grammar in first position. Individual year group highlights were our year 8 girls who both finished 4th in their competitions and the year 9 boys who finished 3rd in theirs.

We also competed in the annual Super Six competitions, always great evenings of athletics. Stand out performers were our year 7 girls, who finished in third place. We also had four teams who finished in 4th place; all three of the boys' teams—years 7, 8 and 9, and the year 8 girls. We finished the athletics season with our school sports day which saw Oversley house victorious again last year.

We had eight students representing South Warwickshire in the County Championships last summer, Daisy in the junior girls and Dexter in the junior boys, and an incredible six students in the inter age group; Will, Marijke, Scarlett, Arthur, Amelia and Morgan.

In January this year our current year 7s and 8s took part in the annual South Warwickshire indoor athletics events. There were some good individual performances, and great team results. Year 8 girls finished 5th overall, year 7 and 8 boys both finished 3rd overall and the highlight was the year 7 girls team who finished 2nd overall just 3 points behind Stratford Girls Grammar.

Review from Scarlett and Will (year 11)

Athletics Award Winners:



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Rounders

The rounders season was a very short one last year due to the late Easter break and it was disrupted by bad weather. We still managed some good results in the South Warwickshire Tournaments though. Our cohort who left last year finished 2nd and our current year 11s finished 4th overall. They are determined to get back into the top 3 when they play their last tournament in May.

Our current year 10s, having finished 3rd the year before were disappointed not to make the top three but again they will work hard to put that right this year. Our current year 9s had high hopes for their tournament as they had finished 3rd in year 7, but they were hit hard by poor weather and the first date was rained off, as was the reserve. When it eventually played the whole year group was on a trip so they missed out! They are determined to do well this year.

Review from Felicity and Victoria (year 10)

Rounders Award Winners:



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Cricket

It has been fantastic to see the continued growth of cricket at Alcester Academy this year. We have had a great number of students eager to get involved in hardball cricket fixtures, particularly across years 8 and 9, where we have a group of enthusiastic and talented players who have represented the school with pride.

One of the highlights of the season was a mixed year 8 and 9 team competing against Stratford. The team delivered an excellent all-round performance, demonstrating their skills with the bat, ball, and in the field, and were deserved winners on the day.

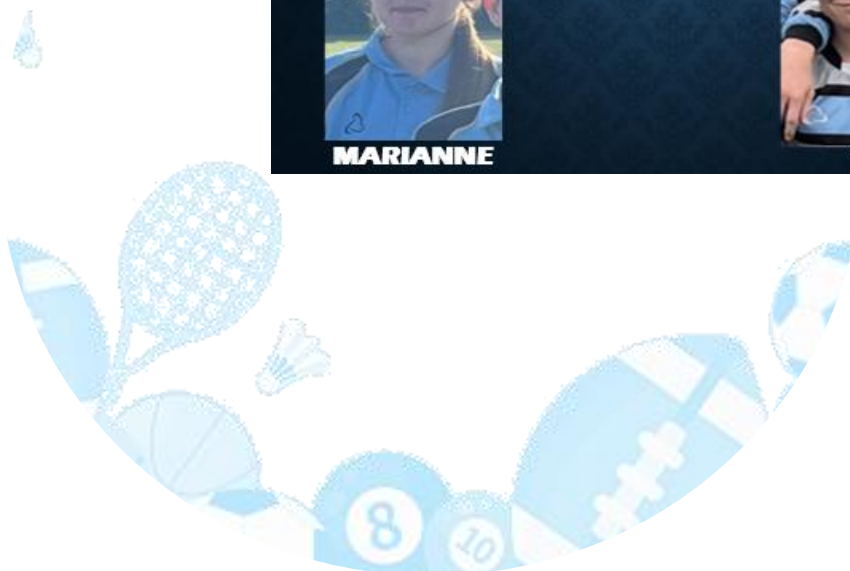
Another memorable fixture came against AGS in a highly competitive twenty-over match. The game was played in great spirit and went right down to the final moments. In a brilliant run chase, the team showed determination and resilience, narrowly missing out by just two runs.

It has been extremely encouraging to see the enthusiasm for cricket continuing to grow within the school. Because of this, we are excited to have entered the Barclays Stokes-Knight Cup this summer, giving our players the opportunity to experience even more competitive cricket.

The future of cricket at Alcester Academy is very promising, and we look forward to seeing the game continue to develop and thrive in the years ahead.

Review from Dan and Marianne (year 9)

Cricket Award Winners:



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Tennis

We are pleased to have been part of a successful school tennis season last summer which saw a return to competitive matches and regular practise after school each week. We battled hard in friendly matches against local schools as well as competed further afield in the Lawn Tennis Association school's league matches and tennis slams which proved a good test for our players against stronger opposition.

A highlight for our boys' teams was winning the U13 tennis slams competition held at Henley Tennis Club. After some hard-fought matches against local schools our U13 team came out on top in the 8-school competition. After winning pool 1 against Henley, KES and St Benedict's, our boys team progressed to the final to take on Alcester Grammar School, which our team won in dominant fashion.

The highlight from our girls' teams was our double U13 and U15 team victories against private school Arnold Lodge. Our U13 and U15 girls were both ties 6-6 in matches so progressed to win both tie break deciders 7-6 to take the league victory.

Both teams showed great teamwork and commitment across both singles and doubles matches and showed outstanding team ethic and support for each other.

We look forward to getting back out on the court this term and return to training. Congratulations to all of our tennis award winners.

Review from Dylan (year 11) and Poppy (year 8)

Tennis Award Winners:



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Indoor Rowing

The South Warwickshire schools indoor rowing competitions were held at Alcester Academy for another year which provided an opportunity for our strongest rowers to compete against other schools in the district in both individual races as well as a team relay.

Both of our U13 and U15 boys' teams finished as runners up in their competitions. In a strong field this was a positive result with many of the team experiencing competitive rowing competition for the first time.

Our girls rowing teams battled hard during their competitions and achieved respectable 4th place positions. The atmosphere at the girls competition night was electric and we really enjoyed getting behind and supporting our teammates row in their competitions.

Well done to our Indoor Rowing award winners.

Review from Arturo and Sam (year 11)

Indoor Rowing Award Winners:



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Department Awards

Many congratulations to all year 11 students who received prestigious PE department awards this year. These awards are a special recognition to students who have shown exceptional leadership and commitment within Alcester Academy school sport across their five years of study with us at the Academy and were presented with trophies during the ceremony.

Department Award Winners:



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Team of the Year

New for 2026 is the awarding of a 'Team of the Year' for KS3 and KS4. It was an incredibly tough decision to make with so many successful outcomes on the track, field and court over the past year. Many congratulations to all award winners and our top 3 placed Academy sports teams at each key stage.

Team of the Year Award Winners:



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Year 11 Sports Star Award Winners

The evening concluded by celebrating the outstanding achievement of two year 11 students who were awarded with the Sports Star award for 2026.

Both students have shown an unbelievable commitment to a significant number of Alcester Academy sports. Congratulations to both Amelia and Will for being awarded year 11 Sports Stars for 2026.





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Curiosity and Creativity * Respect and Tolerance * Honesty and Integrity * Tenacity and Perseverance * Kindness and Compassion





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SPORTS NEWS

Afterschool Clubs

 NEXT WEEK'S SPORT  <u>W/B 20/4/26</u>		
<i>Day</i>	<i>Extra-Curricular Club & Staff</i>	<i>Location</i>
Monday	Year 11 SW Rounders - PE	SGGS
Wednesday	All Years Athletics – NA/MO	Field
Thursday	U13 and U15 Boys Tennis v AGS - MO Year 7 and 8 Rounders - PE	Courts Field

Lunchtime Sports



LUNCHTIME



SPORTS CLUBS

BASKETBALL (ALL YEARS)	INDOOR FOOTBALL (YEAR 11 BOYS)
 TUESDAY LUNCHTIME	 THURSDAY LUNCHTIME
 SPORTS HALL	 SPORTS HALL

Deputy Headlines...

Good afternoon and welcome back to our weekly bulletin!

We hope you had a fantastic Easter and some quality time with your families.

It has been nice to see how well rested your children are this week and there is a lovely productive 'buzz' around the Academy as we enter the summer term. The summer uniform and lunch and break time changes certainly seem to support this.

May I take this time to wish every member of our year 11 cohort the very best during their final term of their Alcester Academy journey—the renewed focus this week has been a pleasure to witness.

The motivation during the religious studies walking talking mock this week is a clear and exciting indicator for the summer series of examinations which commences with the MFL, art and photography exams next week. We aim to support pupils (and parents!) further through the launch of our tried-and-tested alternative timetable and a, new for 2026, Teams event for year 11 parents about the exam process as a whole over the coming weeks. I know that the whole school community is fully behind our year 11 cohort!

Year 7-10 were treated to an excellent assembly on the theme of Earth Day—it was great to witness how environmentally aware your children are. This was timely subject matter given the



achievements of the moon mission over the holiday! Mrs Sandells was able to share some of the powerful photography provided by the crew of Artemis II.

I also hope year 8 have started to gather some key information during their options taster week. We welcome all of our year 8 parents and children to our live event on Wednesday 29th April 6-7.30pm where you will get the chance to talk to the teaching team across all subjects. We will also share the option blocks and process as we are aware that this is the first time children can choose elements of their curriculum—exciting!



I hope you have a lovely weekend and all the best to our Alcester Rock Academy performers who are supporting the Alcester Male Choir this Saturday night with Mr Badham.

Nick Cooke—Deputy Headteacher



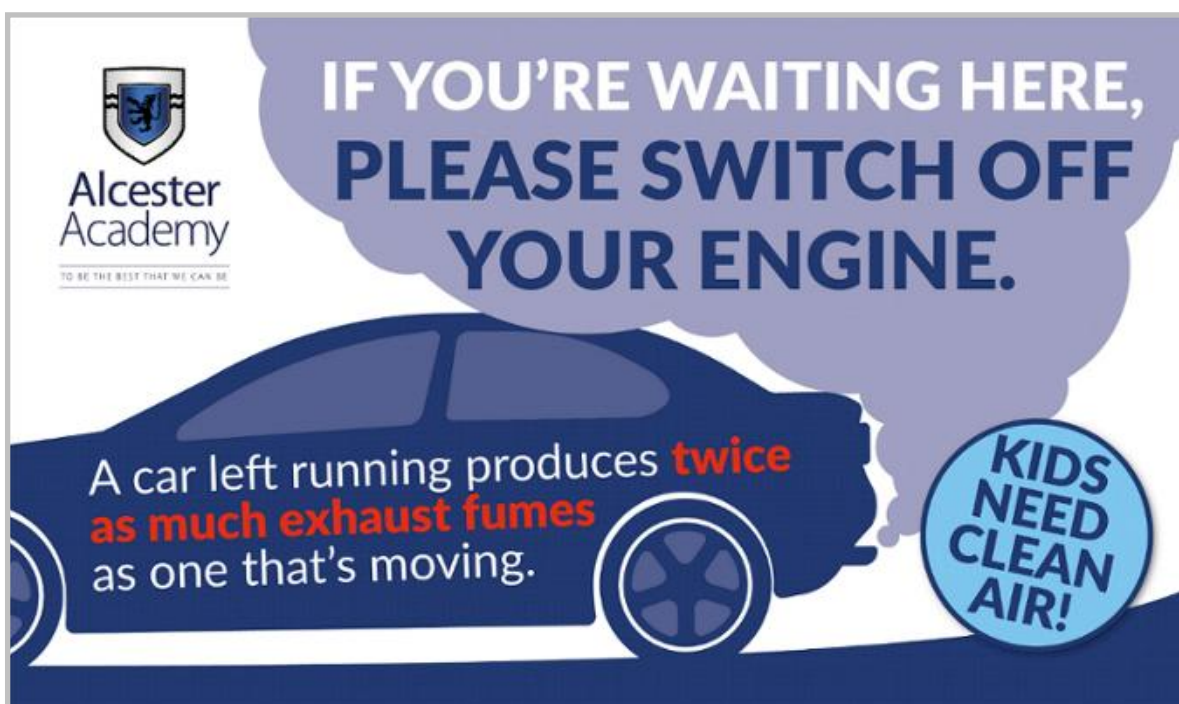
Alcester Academy Term Dates

SUMMER TERM 2026

<i>School closed</i>	<i>Friday 1 May 2026—Teacher training day</i>
May Bank Holiday	Monday 4 May 2026
Half Term	Monday 25 – Friday 29 May 2026
Back to school	Monday 1 June 2026
Summer Term ends	Friday 17 July 2026 at 12.40pm
<i>School closed</i>	<i>Monday 20 July 2026—Teacher training day</i>

AUTUMN TERM 2026

<i>School closed</i>	<i>Tuesday 1 September—Teacher training day</i>
Autumn Term begins	Years 7 and 11 only Wednesday 2 September
	Years 8, 9 and 10 only Thursday 3 September
All students back	Friday 4 September 2026
Half term	Monday 26 – Friday 30 October 2026
Back to school	Monday 2 November 2026
Autumn Term ends	Thursday 17 December 2026 at 12.40pm
<i>School closed</i>	<i>Friday 18th December 2026—Teacher training day</i>



Extra Curricular Timetable

Summer 2026



Alcester
Academy

Monday

Lunchtime

Pride Group- E4
Acoustic Group- Music
ART- A1 & A2

Tuesday

Lunchtime

Science club -S2
'Sewcial' club yr7 & 8 - T3
Pop Band- Music
Christian Union -R1
Young Enterprise
ART- A1 & A2
Board Games- H3

After School

Languages ambassadors' club
-L2

Wednesday

Lunchtime

Wellbeing Club-E2
Orchestra - MUI
Wednesday Statistics GCSE -S5
Chess club -M3
ART- A1 & A2
DT room ks3/4

After School

Cookery Club - Food Room
(Invite Only)

Thursday

Lunchtime

Game Design club-ICT2 (summer 2)
Berlin Culture Club-L1
Rock Band - Music
Year Book (y11) - H4
ART- A1 & A2
Textiles room- Ks3/4

After School

Musical Theatre Club - Drama
GCSE Art and Photography

Friday

Lunchtime

Mr Palmieri's Maths Clinic- M1
Maths Revision Clinic-M4
ART- A1 & A2
Textiles room- K3/4
Y7 Rock band - Music

Alumni Visit Inspires Future Midwives

This week, we were delighted to welcome back former student Daisy to Alcester Academy to lead a drop-in session for students interested in a career in midwifery.

Currently in her final year at Liverpool St John's University, Daisy shared her experiences of studying midwifery and working in clinical placements. Impressively, she has already personally delivered 39 of the 40 babies required to qualify—a fantastic achievement that reflects her dedication and passion for the profession.

The session saw a large turnout from Key Stage 3 students who are already considering midwifery as a future career. Daisy answered a wide range of thoughtful questions, giving students a real insight into the challenges and rewards of the role.

We are incredibly proud of Daisy and all that she has accomplished so far. She is a wonderful role model for our students, and we wish her every success as she completes her training.

Thank you, Daisy, for taking the time to return and inspire the next generation.

Miss Bartlett—Careers Co-ordinator

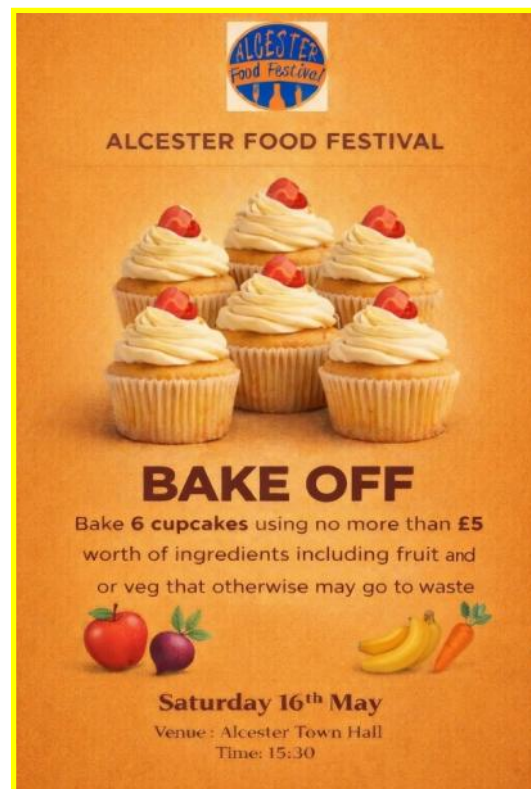


Alcester Food Festival Bake Off !

We're inviting students to take part in this year's Alcester Food Festival Bake Off on Saturday 16th May. The challenge is to design and bake six cupcakes that creatively incorporate food that might otherwise go to waste—think beetroot, courgette, over-ripe bananas, apples and more.

Students interested in entering should submit their ideas to Mr Tuckey by Monday 11th May. Selected entries will then be invited to take part in the live competition at the festival, on Saturday 16th May, which will be judged at 3.30pm in the Town Hall. It's a fantastic opportunity to showcase your creativity, flair and baking skills!

Mr Tuckey



Positive Points Leaderboard 10th April—16th April 2026

Top Students:

1	Daniel	8MO	Billesley	17 points
2	Alex	11MR	Ragley	10 points
3	Dylan	11HE	Oversley	9 points
4	Lola	7RA	Greville	8 points
4	Ellie	8SA	Greville	8 points
4	Erin	8BI	Oversley	8 points
4	Poppy	8SA	Ragley	8 points
4	Daisy	11SI	Oversley	8 points
4	Betsy	10HR	Oversley	8 points
4	Sofia	8SA	Oversley	8 points
4	Callum	8MO	Greville	8 points
4	Emily	8MO	Ragley	8 points
4	Darcey	11SI	Greville	8 points

Top Tutor:

1	8SA	95 points
2	8BI	89 points
3	11MR	87 points
4	10YA	83 points
4	8MO	83 points

Top Staff:

1	Mr Yarrington	317 points
2	Miss Lewis	254 points
3	Mrs Hirji	212 points

Top Subjects:

1	English	572 points
2	Science	312 points
3	Art	257 points

Top House:

1	Oversley	421 points
2	Greville	379 points
3	Billesley	350 points
4	Ragley	340 points



Teaching Assistant 3 Full Time

Working 37 hours per week

5 days term time only (39 weeks including 5 teacher training days)

If working part time, salary will be pro-rated accordingly.

Scale H - Actual pro rata £26,683

Start: ASAP

Closing date: Friday 24th April at 12 noon

Interviews: TBC

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Learning Support at Alcester Academy

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

The Post

This is a term time only post working 39 weeks per year (incl. 5 teacher training days) as a 1:1 Teaching Assistant. We are particularly interested in hearing from applicants with experience of planning and running intervention sessions with children and monitoring progress within these. Alongside supporting a range of special educational needs specifically neurodivergence, including autism, ADHD and dyslexia. Working with delegated authority and under the overall direction of SENCO, hold a senior role within the teaching assistant field of work, contribute to whole of school policy development. Contribute to the school's statutory duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. This is a temporary post for 12 months in the first instance with a view to becoming permanent after this period.

The Application Process

Please complete an Alcester Academy application form which can be found above. A written statement in support of your application will be accepted but we do not consider CVs. Please send your completed application to admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk.

The application deadline is 12 noon on Friday 24th April. Interviews TBC.

We look forward to receiving your application. 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.

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.

Second i/c of Science

Starting Date – September 2026

MPS/UPS + TLR2 (£3,527) – full time, permanent

Closing Date: 12 noon on Friday 24th April 2026

Interviews: Week commencing: Monday 27th April 2026

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The Post

This is an exciting opportunity for an aspiring middle leader with a proven track record of exemplary student outcomes. The successful applicant will be able to demonstrate commitment to effective leadership, exemplary knowledge of science curriculum development, ambition towards future management in a middle leadership position, and a willingness to contribute to the whole staff team.

The successful applicant will join an ambitious and thoroughly supportive teaching team who work in collaboration within a highly successful science department. At Alcester Academy, teachers enjoy the freedom to deploy their individual skills, and talents, whilst conveying a passion for their subject and delivering excellent outcomes. The science department features 5 fully operational and recently renovated laboratories and a full-time science technician.

The science department is proud of the progress that students make. Outcomes far exceed national averages for triple and combined science routes and the value-added measure and have done so for a significant number of years. We use AQA as an exam board and consider triple and combined pathways carefully towards the end of KS4.

[Second i/c of Science Information Pack](#)

Science 2025 outcomes:

Biology: GCSE 9-7=46% 9-4= 99% Chemistry: GCSE 9-7=22% 9-4= 100%

Physics: GCSE 9-7=22% 9-4= 100% Combined: GCSE 9-4= 76% 9-5=58%

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Teacher of English

Starting Date: September 2026 MPS/UPS, full time, permanent

Closing Date: 12 noon on Friday 24th April 2026

Interviews: Week commencing: Monday 27th April 2026

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English

This is an exciting opportunity for an early career or an experienced teacher. With future changes in education, Alcester Academy is excited to offer this position to work in our friendly and unique setting. Alcester Academy enjoys a strong reputation locally and nationally because of our caring ethos and excellent academic performance. The successful applicant will join an ambitious and thoroughly supportive teaching team who work in collaboration within a highly successful English department. At Alcester Academy, teachers enjoy the freedom to deploy their individual skills, and talents, whilst conveying a passion for their subject and delivering excellent outcomes. Our children enjoy their English lessons because of our creative and innovative approach when delivering the curriculum and enrichment opportunities we offer.

The English department is proud of the progress that students make. 2025 outcomes far exceeded National Averages:

English 4+ = 87% 7+ = 31%

English Literature 4+ = 84% 7+ = 21%

We are particularly proud of our grade 5 outcomes also.

Applicants will be considered from all points of experience, including early career teachers. If you feel that Alcester Academy could be for you, please contact the Subject Leader, Vicki McCracken (VickiMcCracken@alcesteracademy.org.uk) for an informal discussion, or complete the application form found on the school website. If you have any questions with regard to this vacancy or wish to visit the school, please contact: admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk.

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Teaching Assistant 2 Full Time

Working 37 hours per week

5 days term time only (39 weeks including 5 Teacher Training days)

If working part time, salary will be pro-rated accordingly.

Scale F range 6-11 Actual pro rata £22,254

Immediate ASAP

Closing date: Friday 24th April at 12 noon

Interviews: TBC



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Learning Support at Alcester Academy

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

The Post

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The Application Process

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The application deadline is 12 noon on Friday 24th April 2026. Interviews TBC.

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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.

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Teaching Assistant 2 Part Time

Working 20 hours per week

5 days term time only

39 weeks including 5 teacher training days

If working part time, salary will be pro-rated accordingly.

Scale F range 6-11 Actual pro rata £12,029

Start: ASAP

Closing date: Friday 24th April

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Attendance Updates

Whole School Attendance this week is 93.7%

Top Tutors attendance this week:

9AN with 99.5% attendance
10GA with 99.1% attendance
9SO with 98.9% attendance
11MR with 97.5% attendance
8RW with 97% attendance



If your child will be absent from school, please notify our Attendance Officer, Ms Louise Hatcher, with the reason before 8.50am each day. You can do this via:

- ⇒ **MCAS App—medical appointments and absences can be reported through the app**
- ⇒ **SchoolComms**
- ⇒ **Phone: 01789 762285**
- ⇒ **Email: louisehatcher@alcesteracademy.org.uk**

We kindly ask parents and carers to remind students who are leaving for appointments during the school day to come to the office a few minutes early so they can sign out promptly. Thank you for your cooperation.

Ms Louise Hatcher—Attendance Officer



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!

Key reasons why 95% attendance is important to Alcester Academy

Academic attainment

High attendance is directly linked to better results. Primary students with 95–100% attendance have 30% higher odds of reaching expected standards in reading, writing, and maths, with even higher impact in secondary school.

Preventing Persistent Absence

Anything below 95% is considered "not good enough" and may require intervention. Dropping below 90% is classified as persistent absence, limiting a child's chance of success.

Cumulative loss of learning

95% attendance means missing about 9-10 days per academic year. While this is the acceptable standard, any further absences drastically reduce the chances of reaching target grades.

Future earnings and opportunities

Missing school affects long-term prospects. Persistently absent secondary pupils could earn £10,000 less at age 28 compared to those with near-perfect attendance.

Social development

Regular attendance helps students build lasting friendships, confidence with peers, and familiarity with routines.

If your child is struggling to be in school regularly, please take time to talk to them over the Easter break and see what barriers they feel are impacting them. We hold regular support meetings with parents and students to look at the support available to ensure regular attendance.

Ms Louise Hatcher—Attendance Officer

Local Area SEND Inspection—Ofsted

Ofsted and the [Care Quality Commission \(CQC\)](#) are visiting Warwickshire Local Area Partnership to assess how effective the local area partnership's commissioning arrangements are at identifying and meeting the needs of children and young people with SEND. Your views are important, and will help inspectors understand your child's experience of the arrangements within your area. Please complete the survey link as required.

[Parent/Carer Survey](#)

Warwickshire Parent and Carer Autism / ADHD Survey

Please follow the link to submit your views.

[Autism / ADHD Support Survey](#)



CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

**ALCESTER TOWN JUNIORS
26/27 SEASON - U14 GIRLS**

We have openings for additional players to join our U14 girls team.
Players in School Year 9 in September 2026.

**Playing in the Mercian junior league division 2
Games on Saturday Mornings
Training on Monday 6-7pm**

 **Adam on 07361 854929**

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Events for Families

Adults **GO FREE!**
(unless otherwise stated)



Saturday 9th May

Andrew Pettie
The 'What on Earth!'
Family Quiz **6 -106 yrs**
£8.55 | 10am



How many planets in our solar system would fit between Earth and the Moon?* How many cups of snot does your body make in a day? All of these questions and more will be answered during this fun and fascinating family quiz hosted by Andrew Pettie, the editor of award-winning What on Earth! Magazine fantastic prizes to be won! (*All of them!).

Saturday 9th May

Jane Riordan
Winnie-the-Pooh: Once
there was a Bear **4+ yrs**
£8.55 | 10am



Celebrate 100 years of Winnie-the-Pooh and friends, hear a special storytime, and discover how to draw the 'bear of very little brain'. Cosy up with Jane Riordan as she takes you on an adventure through the Hundred Acre Wood. You'll also have a chance to buy the gorgeous new editions of *Winnie-the-Pooh: Once There Was a Bear* and *Winnie-the-Pooh: Tales from the Forest* and get them signed by Jane.*

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Saturday 9th May

Warhammer Games Café (12+)*
£10.69 | 7-9pm



Whether you already know your Orks from your Orruks, or you've never dabbled in 'the hobby', this event will give you a chance to build, paint and play with Warhammer figures under the guidance of local tabletop gaming experts. Across four stations: one for building models, one for painting them, and two tables for experienced and inexperienced players - you'll be able to take part in all the key parts of the Warhammer hobby. Starter model kits and paints for old and new players will be provided by Games Workshop, the company behind Warhammer, and experienced players are also welcome to bring their own models.

*Young people under 14 years can attend alone but a contact number for a responsible adult must be left. The Festival cannot be responsible for their care.

Sunday 10th May

Rob Biddulph
The Last Wolf **6+ yrs**
£10.69 | 12pm



Mystery. Full moons. Werewolves! Set out on a thrilling adventure with bestselling author and illustrator Rob Biddulph, who has reimagined the legend of the werewolf in his spine-tingling new book. Have your pencils at the ready for a live version of one of his famous 'Draw with Rob' episodes. A fun-filled howlifest that the whole pack can sink their claws into.



How to Book

By phone: 0333 666 3366 (Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-5pm)

Online: stratlitfest.co.uk

In person during the Festival:

At the Box Office and Information Desk,
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Bridge Foot,
Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6YR
(during the Festival only)

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Ticket prices include a booking fee to cover the costs of our external box office.

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- » All events take place at the venue printed on your ticket. You will be contacted by email in advance of an event if the venue or any details change.
- » Tickets are sold through an external box office. Tickets are non-refundable and cannot be exchanged. All tickets booked by phone or online include a booking fee. This booking fee is charged by our external box office.
- » Tickets will be on sale at the Festival Information Desk during the Festival, unless an event is sold out.
- » Accessibility: all venues can accommodate wheelchairs and those with mobility issues, and there is an accessible toilet. All venues have step-free access. Please contact us on info@stratfordliteraryfestival.co.uk if you have particular needs or require a seat close to the stage due to hearing or sight challenges.
- » Children under 14 years must be accompanied by a responsible adult (over 18 years of age). We cannot accept responsibility for unaccompanied children. Children over 14 may attend alone but must be delivered and collected by a responsible adult and are not the responsibility of the Festival. Adults attending children's events go free unless otherwise stated. Children under 2 and babes in arms who do not require a seat do not need a ticket.
- » All events are an hour long unless otherwise stated. Books are available to buy at each event if applicable and authors will sign copies of their books after each event.

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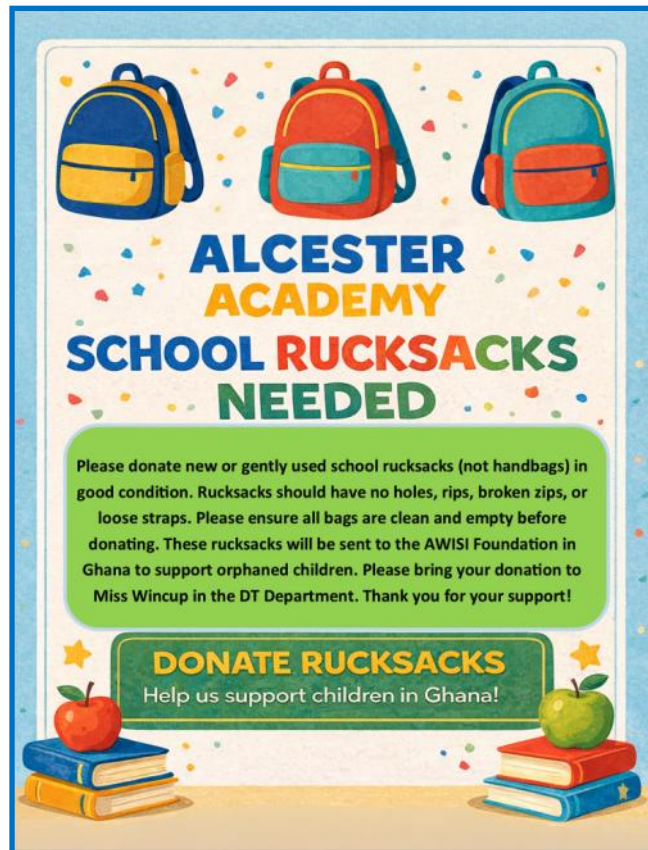


**GLIDING
SUMMER
SCHOOL**

Bidford Gliding and Flying Club
July - August 2026

Learn to fly gliders this summer!
Open to students from year 10,
College and University.

Details and booking
www.bidfordglidingandflyingclub.co.uk

**ALCESTER
ACADEMY
SCHOOL RUCKSACKS
NEEDED**

Please donate new or gently used school rucksacks (not handbags) in good condition. Rucksacks should have no holes, rips, broken zips, or loose straps. Please ensure all bags are clean and empty before donating. These rucksacks will be sent to the AWISI Foundation in Ghana to support orphaned children. Please bring your donation to Miss Wincup in the DT Department. Thank you for your support!

DONATE RUCKSACKS
Help us support children in Ghana!

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



WE CAN HELP

textacademy to
07563130478
with your
message and
one of the team
will be
in touch

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