

Alcester Academy

WEEKLY BULLETIN



Friday 14th June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Good afternoon. I hope that you have had a great week.

Last week saw a busy weekend here not only with the water leak outside of school, but our last Saturday sessions for year 11s, the South Warwickshire athletics event, and the Street Market. We've taken time to update you regarding each of these in this edition.

Thank you very much to staff and neighbours of the school who assisted with the water leak. It was really above and beyond on Friday evening at around 10pm! I'm really grateful also to you as parents for adapting the vehicle arrangements at drop off in the mornings, and for afternoon pick ups earlier this week. I can confirm that we now have safe access to the path back. We have found the reduced traffic extremely helpful on Gerard Road over the last week. If your arrangements can continue with alternative areas to drop off and pick up, please do consider this.

In news this week: Athletics Event

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Powell and our wonderful athletes for some fantastic results over last weekend. I'm so proud of the students. I wanted this feature to go on the front page this week.

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Mr Moffatt—Head of PE*



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Student Teaching & Learning Ambassadors

Congratulations to our new ambassadors for updating the staff and governors this week on their ideas. We had such a positive launch with them.



Student Leaders

Thank you to Hannah, Hannah, Gianluca and Sam for their fabulous work and superb commitment to the Academy during this year as year 11 student leaders. We are now in the process of voting for our new 2024-25 team. I'll update you over the next few weeks.

Friends of Alcester Academy PTA

The last meeting of this academic year took place for the Friends of Alcester Academy last night; I'm very grateful to Rachel, Clare, Paula, Gill, Maria and Charanjit for all of their tremendous support this year. What a team!

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OF
ALCESTER ACADEMY**



Alcester Rock Academy Fund Raiser

You can support Alcester Rock Academy and their imminent move into new premises by donating here, thank you:



Good luck year 10s

We held a year 10 assembly this morning in readiness for exams that start in full next week. I'm wishing all of our year 10s the very best for these. Good luck! Staff will give students exam results as they are generated and we will add these to the last report of the year for parents. There will be two rounds of mocks in year 11 next year.

Medieval Street Market

I'm grateful to so many of you for supporting the Street Market last Sunday either through Rock Academy, donating bottles for the PTA stand or buying tombola tickets. We had an absolutely amazing day and I was so very proud of the students performing. I enjoyed catching up with many of you and it was wonderful to hear your news. Here are just a few photos, which include our parents and School Business Manager, who won one of the best costume awards this year. The PTA raised £452.61 from their hard work on the stall. Thank you to them all very much.

Our next PTA event is family quiz night on Friday 28th June. You can also support us by purchasing summer raffle tickets.



Year 11 Leavers' Day

On Wednesday we said a formal farewell to year 11 with a few special treats and our leavers' assembly. This cohort of students was my first as headteacher, and this was therefore a very poignant moment. Coupled with the fact that this year group were affected by Covid lockdowns during both their year 7 and year 8 time, there was certainly a lot to reminisce about.

The last exam is on Thursday 20th June, and this sees a conclusion then to the alternative timetable. Well done to all year 11 students for their hard work during the 2024 exam season. Thank you to staff for pulling out all of the stops for the students yet again this year.



Here are some photos of our leavers' celebrations to include year 11 bingo, our photo booth, break time treats and a year 11 footie friendly! Thanks especially to Tom, Katie, Diana, Jess and Hannah for their help with Wednesday.

Thank you invigilators, teaching assistants and Mrs Kirby...

...for looking after the year 11s so well during the exam season. I am very grateful to everyone for supporting the exam arrangements.

I'll be back in touch with you all in two weeks. This will have details of our year 11 prom and the year 8 Big Bang trip. Mr Anderson is taking the reins next week for an E-Safety bulletin for you all. This will be a new termly feature moving forward.

In the interim, let's see what the Euros have to offer as they start this weekend, and I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all of our dads, granddads and male role models a restful day on Sunday. I hope that you get very spoilt. Thank you for all you do.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Sarah Mellors
Headteacher



The Three Rivers Alliance Sustainability Conference

On Friday 7th June, year 9 pupils from Alcester Academy, Alcester Grammar School, KES, SGGS and Shipston High School all joined forces for the first time to participate in a Sustainability Conference at The Grieg Hall.

The aims of the conference were:

- ⇒ To Introduce the United Nations Agenda 2030
- ⇒ Give an overview of all 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- ⇒ Explore what Sustainability meant to the pupils
- ⇒ Agree on the actions we must take as an Alliance to combat climate change

It was an incredibly inspirational day with all pupils extremely passionate about making our planet a greener place to live. A huge thank you to the Year 10 Young Enterprise Team, Miss Hall, Mrs Codreanu, Mr Yarrington, Miss Pass, Mr Kirby and Mrs Sandells for their wonderful support.

Miss McKenzie—Assistant Head



SGGS visit for Post-16 Information

Yesterday, year 10 girls interested in Stratford Girls' Grammar School were offered the opportunity to visit the school. Dr Griffiths, Head of Sixth Form, spoke passionately to the girls about what SGGS can offer post-16.

They were given a tour of the main school alongside the historic manor, by current students who joined the school this year, and were able to ask

questions about subject choices and how they feel being part of such an institution.

We are extremely grateful to SGGS for hosting the visit and there will be further open events at the start of the next academic year. Details to follow in due course.

Miss Bartlett—Careers Co-Ordinator



Year 7 STEM Challenge Day

Our year 7 students took part in a STEM challenge this week learning about aerodynamics, maths in the real world and careers in STEM.

Race To The Line overview

The Race To The Line competition objective is simple: Student teams must design and make the fastest rocket powered car they can and compete with to find the winner!

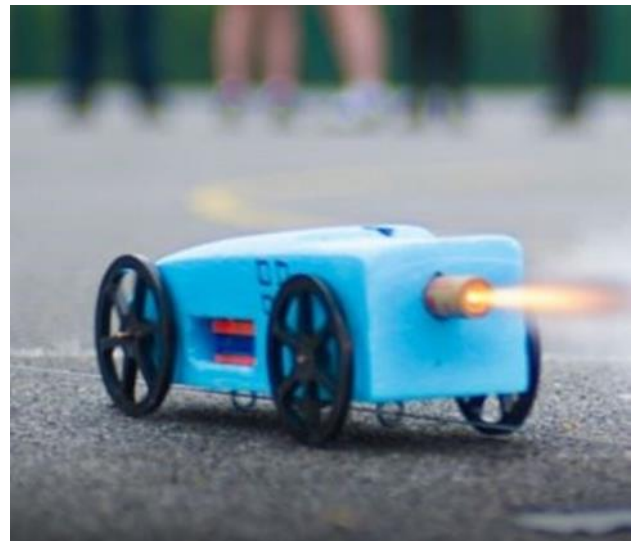
Every team's car will use the same methods of propulsion and compete over the same track distance. The winning teams on race days will have the cars that have the most efficient aerodynamics, have lower mass and that have safe, well designed wheels that reduce friction and can survive the forces of a high-speed run.

We were lucky to have sponsorship from Calgavin and SJG International to enable this day to happen, which we are hugely grateful for. Steph and James from Calgavin came into school to support our students on the day too.

The winning team have now been invited to take part in the regional finals on the 28th June where they will compete against other schools.

Huge congratulations to our winning team: Tesla, Lauren, Phoebe, Grace, Lana, Summer and Astrid.

Miss Wincup



The Reveal... Drum Roll...

We are incredibly excited to announce that the school show for 2024-2025 will be... *Charlie and The Chocolate Factory*. More details to arrive in due course.

Miss Sacco



"FRIENDS" OF ALCESTER ACADEMY

FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 28th June 2024
@ Alcester Academy

Cash Prizes!!
1st—£100 2nd—£50 3rd—£25

Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start
£15 per team
(maximum of SIX in any team)
Bar & Tuck Shop Available

Pre-booking recommended.
Book now on the School Gateway,
online or via the school office.
[Friends of Alcester Academy \(sumupstore.com\)](http://FriendsOfAlcesterAcademy.sumupstore.com)
Tables will be allocated per team.



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Alcester Academy Academic Terms and Holidays

SUMMER TERM 2024

Summer Term ends Friday 19th July 2024 at 12.40pm

AUTUMN TERM 2024

School closed Monday 2nd September—Teacher training day

Autumn Term begins

Years 7 and 11 only Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Years 8, 9 and 10 only Wednesday 4th September 2024

All students back Thursday 5th September 2024

Half term Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November 2024

Back to school Monday 4th November 2024

Autumn Term ends Friday 20th December 2024 at 12.40pm

We have organised another Bag2School collection for Wednesday 10th July 2024!

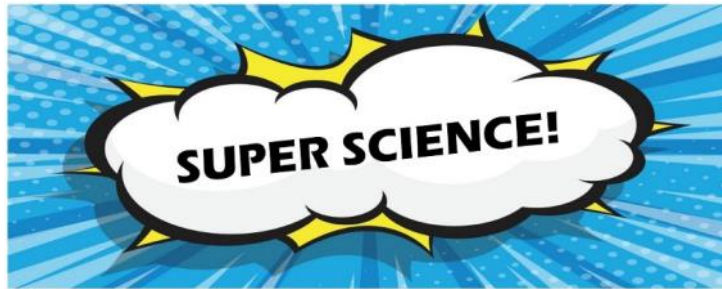
A letter has gone out via email with full details.

Please send any unwanted clothes, shoes and linens to school
at any point after half term, in a bin bag, or other suitable bag.

Please feel free to contact Mrs Farnell for more information.



BAG 2 SCHOOL



ANSWER: Potato crisp

Epraise Leaderboard—this week

Top Students—this week:

1	Lola	8TU	21 points
1	Anthony	8GA	21 points
1	Ilani	8GA	21 points
4	Monty	8TU	17 points
5	Isabella	7RA	16 points
6	Alice	8TU	15 points
7	Mia	7LX	14 points
7	Tom	8TU	14 points
9	Eva	8SI	13 points
9	Will	8GA	13 points

Top Subjects—this week:

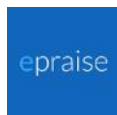
1	English	875 points
2	Maths	409 points
3	Art	321 points
4	Science	293 points
5	French	239 points

Top Tutors—this week:

1	8TU	310 points
2	8GA	240 points
3	8SI	209 points
4	8YA	193 points
5	7LX	178 points
6	7TN	156 points
7	7RA	153 points
8	7WI	148 points
9	7KO	140 points
10	10HL	132 points

Top Staff—this week:

1	Miss Lee	299 points
2	Miss Lewis	294 points
3	Mr Yarrington	293 points
4	Mrs Weatherley	239 points
5	Mr Rossiter	214 points



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**SUMMER
RAFFLE** 

LOTS OF FANTASTIC PRIZES

1st Prize: £150 Cash
2nd Prize: 2 Tickets to Classic Ibiza 2025
3rd Prize: 4x 18 Holes of Golf at Bidford Grange

Plus many more:
 £50 Arrow Mill Voucher - Italian Afternoon Tea at Artari Touchwood -
 £50 Voucher for Johnsons Coach Trips - Paddleboarding for Two at Spot on Wake -
 Family Pass for 4 for a round of Frisbee Golf at Gillys - £20 Voucher for Alcester Butcher -
 £20 Voucher for The Nail Company - £20 Voucher for Mavericks -
 Cream Tea for Two at Hillers Tea Room - £10 Voucher for Cardamom

Tickets

1. Tickets available from the School Gateway (Wednesday 15th May) until Wednesday 26th June 2024,
2. The school office 8:30am until 4:00pm until Friday 28th June.
3. Tickets will be available at the Summer Quiz until 8.00pm.

*Thank you to all the businesses who
have donated prizes!*

**£2
Per Ticket** 

WANTED SAUCEPANS

The Food Technology department would like to request donations of stainless steel medium sized saucepans (16cm or 18cm),

Do you have any of these items at home that are no longer needed?

Would you be willing to donate them to school?

Thank you for all the donations gratefully received

—we only need 26 more!

Thank you! Mr Tuckey—Food Technology teacher



New Tab



2023-2024

Term: *Summer term*



Come along and try out a new club!

SUMMER Extra- Curricular Clubs

Monday

LUNCH

Acoustic Group
Music Hut

Art rooms
Available for all art students

AFTER SCHOOL

Ornithology
T4

Tuesday

LUNCH

Young Enterpsie
E6/5

Pop Band
Music Hut
2

Art rooms
Available for all art students

AFTER SCHOOL

Choir
Hall 4.15 finish

Polish club

Wednesday

LUNCH

Chess/Board Game
M4

Digital Fashion
T3

Language Ambassador Club
MFL

Y7 African Drumming
Music

Art rooms
Available for all art students

AFTER SCHOOL

Rock Academy
Music

Thursday

LUNCH

Environment Club
E2

LGQTQ+IA
E4

Rock Band

Humanities Film Club
Top of the Tower

Art rooms
Available for all art students

AFTER SCHOOL

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

Musical Theatre Club
Drama Studio

Friday

LUNCH

Chess/Board Game
M4

Dance club
Drama Studio

Guitar Orchestra
Music Hut

Art rooms
Available for all art students

Saturday

Rock Academy
10am-11.30am



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Attendance Updates

Whole School Attendance this week is 92.3%.



Top tutors this week:

7KO with 97.4% attendance
8GA with 97.9% attendance
9BW with 89.6% attendance
10SO with 98.4% attendance

If your child is absent from school, please inform the Attendance Officer, Mrs Louise Hatcher, of the reason before 9.30am each day.

This can be done through SchoolComms, by calling 01789 762285, or by emailing louisehatcher@alcesteracademy.org.uk.
Thank you, Mrs Hatcher



Hello everyone

We are the new Young Enterprise team at school—called Friendly Fabrics!

To start our exciting business venture, we are asking for donations of fabrics and buttons. Please could you take a look through your haberdashery collection and bring in donations to the school main office?

Here's hoping for some amazing fabrics and buttons!

Thank you, Friendly Fabrics

* SPORTS NEWS * SPORTS NEWS *

This week's Fixtures:

Year 7 Boys and Girls Super 6 Athletics

Well done and congratulations to our year 7 athletes who represented the school in their first Super 6 Athletics competition.

With each athlete taking part in two events with a combined points total, our year 7 girls finished in 5th place overall, with a 2nd place finish for our boys team. A brilliant warm up for our year 7 athletes who have shown brilliant attendance at practise after school.

Many thanks to Will (year 9) for supporting year 7 on the afternoon with coaching and officiating of events



U13 and U15 Boys Tennis v Stratford

This week was the turn for our U13 and U15 boys teams to take on Stratford School in the LTA Tennis League. Our teams were looking to build on their success in the first fixture versus Henley in their first league match. Some brilliant tennis was played with some excellent contests held throughout the twelve matches played.



Results:

U15 Boys—10-2 Victory

U13 Boys—8-4 Victory

Well done to all who represented Alcester Academy in this fixture.



Year 8 Rounders Tournament

Our year 8 Rounders team participated in the South Warwickshire tournament on Tuesday with our year 8 girls achieving a well-earned third place. Congratulations to the whole squad who gained some great experience as the matches progressed. Well played all!



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Next Week's After School Clubs



THIS WEEK'S SPORT: W/B 17/6/24



Day	Extra-Curricular Club & Staff	Location
Monday	No clubs–Staff training	
Tuesday	U13 and U15 Boys Tennis v AGS– MO Year 7 Athletics- PW	Courts Field
Wednesday	All Years Athletics– MO/PW/PE	Field
Thursday	Year 10 Rounders- PE	Field

Next Week's Lunchtime Clubs

- Lunchtime sports clubs to start w/b Monday 15TH April on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
- Lunchtime sport will follow a set timetable each half term and run from 1.45-2.15pm (4:1)
- PE kit is not required to participate but you must have suitable footwear to be allowed into the gym

w/b	<u>MONDAY–MO</u>	TUESDAY - MO	WEDNESDAY –PW/PE	THURSDAY - MO
15/4	<u>Y11 Revision–PE1</u>	Year 11 Indoor Football	Y11 Sport Studies Assessment- Table Tennis	Year 11 Indoor Football
22/4	<u>Y11 Revision–PE1</u>	Year 11 Indoor Football	Y11 Sport Studies Assessment- Table Tennis	Year 11 Indoor Football
29/4	<u>Y11 Revision–PE1</u>	Year 11 Indoor Football	Y11 Sport Studies Assessment- Table Tennis	Year 11 Indoor Football
6/2	<u>Y11 Revision–PE1</u>	Year 11 Indoor Football	Y11 Sport Studies Assessment- Table Tennis	Year 11 Indoor Football
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School's Athletics County Championships

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ALCESTER COURT LEET 2024



ALCESTER COURT LEET FAMILY FAIR DAY

SCOUT HUT FIELDS, ALCESTER on
Saturday 31st August from 12 noon

*STALLS, CHILDRENS GAMES, FAMOUS JOUSTER,
STREET FOOD, BAR, LIVE MUSIC*

& MOP FAIR

ALCESTER HIGH STREET on Tuesday 1st October

Temple Grafton Primary School have a special
Summer Fayre on Friday 28th June 3:30pm until 5:30pm
to celebrate 150 years of the school.

Everyone is welcome to join us on the school field for lots of fun, games and yummy refreshments too. We would love to see lots of faces old and new on our school field—especially previous TG families—for a fun packed afternoon!



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THE MYTON HOSPICES
PRESENTS
Back to the 80s

GLOW FOR MYTON 5K

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SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER
HMV EMPIRE COVENTRY, 22 HERTFORD ST, CV1 1LF

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THE MYTON HOSPICES
ABSEIL
DOWN COVENTRY CATHEDRAL

This event is sure to give you an adrenaline rush and has quickly become one of our most popular challenges!

10AM - 5PM

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**28TH
SEPT
2024**

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