

# Alcester Academy

## WEEKLY BULLETIN



15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new academic year at Alcester Academy. I hope that you will find these weekly updates both informative and interesting. I do recommend a cup of tea and a five-minute sit down to try and digest the information over each weekend. For any urgent school messages, I will send these out as a school comms so that you can differentiate the importance and prioritise these.



I'm very grateful to you for your support this week with a full return to uniform. The students look very smart indeed. We'll be having a drive on wearing blazers next week, this has slacked a little. Equally, we have now transitioned from the summer shorts to full length trousers or skirts please. Shorts are reserved from Easter-July time. Thank you to Year 11 parents/carers who attended the Geography trip meeting on Wednesday. I'm looking forward to hearing about all of the news from Blencathra field centre next week. Miss Buckthorp and Miss Bartlett were in Alcester on Wednesday evening with some of you for the Loud Mouth update on Child Sexual Exploitation; quite hard hitting I know. The organisation were thrilled that so many parents took an interest in this. It is a topic that we have delivered in school for a number of years now. Year 9s will be receiving the 'Working For Marcus' session in the next couple of weeks. We will write to you specifically about this.

### Reminder—Early finish

School closes at 1.30pm on Thursday 21st September in order for staff to get

prepared for Open Evening. I apologise if this causes you any inconvenience. Thank you in advance.

### Year 7 Matters

For new parents, don't forget to reach out to your child's tutor if you need anything, or Miss Bartlett, Head of Year 7, [SaschaBartlett@alcesteracademy.org.uk](mailto:SaschaBartlett@alcesteracademy.org.uk). It was good to see several of you at drop in this week.

As you begin to form a judgement about your child's provision at



Alcester Academy, please could you complete the Ofsted Parent Survey. It just takes just a few short minutes (I promise!): [Welcome to Ofsted Parent View | Ofsted Parent View](#) The results are collated per academic year and so if you have been a parent previously, please can you try to complete this again.

If you ever feel dissatisfied with any aspect of academy life, do let us know so that we can try to address this for you.

### School Photo Day

Monday 18th September is the official school photo day for years 7-10. Proofs will then be sent home for you to purchase if desired. Year 11s will have their last official school photo later on in the academic year.

### Free School Meal Allowances

The Free School Meal Allowance is £2.50 each day. Parents are able to top this up if desired via the School Gateway. Mrs Gould, the Catering Manager offers students a meal deal for this allowance, as an option each day.

## Vaping and children

If you've been an Alcester Academy parent for a while, you'll recall quite how strongly I feel about the dangers of vaping. You may find the DfE's latest information on this topic of interest too: [No more free vapes for kids](#) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

There was also an excellent episode of Panorama last week, parts of which we will be showing to the students; [BBC iPlayer - Panorama - Teenage Vaping: What's the Harm?](#)

## Thank you Gill Forman

I'd like to take this opportunity to give a heartfelt thank you to Mrs Gill Forman as she steps down from her role as a School Governor after many years of service. Gill has been a loyal supporter of the school for a long time. I will certainly miss her informed, and valued contributions to the development of the school, as well as her friendship. I wish Gill and her husband a relaxing time ahead. For those of you that are unaware, Gill is an active member of Alcester Town Council and has balanced those duties, as well as her career, with her role as School Governor. This extends to her time as Mayor of Alcester too! Busy does not even begin to describe Gill's schedule. Thank you so much for everything Gill.



## Congratulations to...

New year 7s for settling in so well. I do hope they had have a good team building day at Blackwell Court today. I look forward to updating you in next week's bulletin more.



Zoe in year 11 for recently competing in the West Midland County Championship with her horse Rem. Zoe won 3 out of 4 championship classes.



We are so proud of you Zoe.

Miss Lewis on achieving over 86,000 twitter views on her new classroom display to help our students learn English quotations! Year 10/4 English class. Miss Lewis says, *'They have absolutely blown me away today with their knowledge of the Power and Conflict poetry and I am so proud of them. I have been so impressed with how hard they have worked.'*

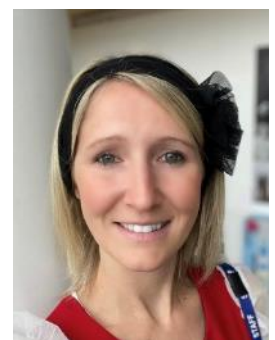


If you are a new parent to the school, do let me know of any external successes that your child might have. Mr Moffatt, Head of PE is also keen to hear of sporting achievements too [PaulMoffatt@alcesteracademy.org.uk](mailto:PaulMoffatt@alcesteracademy.org.uk).

## Welcome new staff

Further to my start of term letter last week, I'm delighted to welcome the following staff to the team this year:

**Miss Charlie McKenzie – Assistant Headteacher**  
*I feel very excited and privileged to be part of the Alcester Academy Community.*



*I am extremely passionate about music and studied for my degree at Birmingham*

Conservatoire, specialising in operatic studies. As well as singing and music I also really enjoy sport, especially football, cricket and tennis. I am the mum of two very sporty boys, who are avid Aston Villa supporters, and my weekends are filled with pride, watching them participate in their sports teams on the side lines, and cheering them on.

I look forward to fully immersing myself into my work at Alcester Academy and getting to know everyone.

**Gill Lewis—  
Teaching Assistant**

Hello, I am Gill Lewis and I live in Worcester with my husband Colin. We are a blended family and between us we have seven children and eight grandchildren!



I am a qualified High Level Teaching Assistant at primary level, but I decided last year that if the opportunity arose to work in secondary education, I would enjoy the challenge, and so, here I am, doing just that! I am thrilled to be working at Alcester Academy and I am looking forward to working with students across all year groups.

In my spare time, I enjoy reading books from a few different genres, and love poetry and comic verse, in fact, I have been known to write the occasional rhyming story or two! I love baking, crochet, and anything creative but my favourite pastime above everything else is papercraft and bookbinding.

I am looking forward to getting to know the students over the coming months, and excited about being part of the team here at Alcester Academy.

Best wishes  
Gill Lewis

**Mr Simon Gaskell—  
Teacher of science**

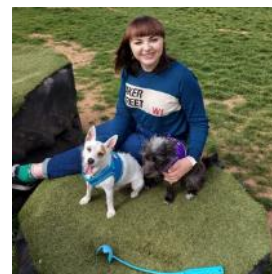
I am a science teacher with a particular interest in chemistry. Outside of the classroom I have been married for 15 glorious years and have two fantastic children who are 13,



and 10 years old. I also enjoy rugby, which I played until 8 years ago when I had a "career" ending knee injury. I also enjoy going to see live music and going to theme parks with my family.

**Mrs Adele Gorner—  
Teacher of English**

I am delighted to be joining the English team here at Alcester Academy. I have lived in Alcester for a couple of years now and I am looking forward to being a bigger part of the local community. When I am not teaching, I enjoy spending time with my two rescue dogs, watching musicals and reading.



**Miss Jess Lee—  
Teacher of English**

Hi, I'm Miss Lee! I am an English teacher with a degree in English and Drama, and love getting involved in performing arts too. My favourite hobbies are reading and dancing. My favourite time of year is the summer, although I do love Christmas too! I'm so excited to be back working at Alcester Academy and getting involved with every aspect of the school.



**Miss Dominique O'Sullivan—Teacher of  
maths**

Hi I'm Miss O'Sullivan. I am a mathematics teacher with a degree in psychology and a love of many subjects. I enjoy a long leisurely walk, especially in Autumn. My favourite hobbies are reading (anything from fantasy to thriller) and watching movies! My favourite time of year is mid September to December, though like most I am partial to a sunny holiday!



**Mr Ryan Silvester—Teacher of maths**

*Hello, I'm Mr. Silvester, and I'm absolutely thrilled to be part of the Alcester Academy team! I'm a football enthusiast, supporting Walsall with a passion, and at home, I've got a Blue Staffy named Bella. I am looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!*



Finally, in a more poignant conclusion, we remember this week, the twenty two years that have gone by since 9/11 and those that lost their lives in this tragedy. I continue to vividly recall exactly where I was when I heard the news break of the terrorist attack. I'm sure that you all do too. Equally, last week, I know that we will all have paid a silent tribute of our own to our dear late Queen Elizabeth II, already a year on after her death.

**Mr Mark Tuckey—Teacher of DT and PE**

*My name is Mr Tuckey and I will be working in technology, specialising in food and nutrition. I will also be supporting within the SEND department. I come from a background working in industry and started teaching 8 years ago, enjoying a very successful time at Kenilworth. My hobbies are cooking (of course!), and I love the outdoors- when I'm not at school I like to be out in the mountains biking or walking. I am really looking forward to the new chapter in my career at Alcester Academy.*



On a more sombre note this week, I wish you a restful weekend ahead. Here's to another productive week from Monday. It is Open Week and I'm very proud of those students that have chosen to be involved in this for us.

Best wishes  
Mrs Sarah Mellors  
Headteacher

We hope that the new staff will all be very happy with us. They contribute to a highly valued team.

**Reward Trips Day 2023**

And, the sun shone for the 350+ students who went out on their rewards trip last Friday. Thank you to all of the staff who made this happen for them. It is a logistical feat to organise this. Please look at the few photos of their day at Resorts World, The Safari Park, Drayton Manor and Alton Towers, on pages 6 and 7.



ALL  
£2.50

## THE MEET & EAT MEAL DEALS



**Main Meal Deal**

Main meal of the day with vegetables or salad + any homemade cake, flapjack or shortbread

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**Street Food Deal**

Hot pasta, rice or noodle pot of the day with vegetables or salad + 125ml Radnor Fruits drink

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**Jacket Potato**

Any jacket potato with 2 fillings jelly pot + 125ml Radnor Fruits drink.

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**Sandwich Option**

Basic Ham, Cheese, Egg or Tuna sandwich + shortbread/ flapjack biscuit + 125ml Radnor Fruits drink




# Alcester Academy Year 6 Summer

## MONDAY 31ST JULY TO FRIDAY 4TH AUGUST

It was the second week of the summer holidays and we welcomed about eighty of our new year 7 students for a week of activities at summer school 2023. It was a real chance for them to get to know the school and their new peers and staff.

Throughout the week many new friendships were made and all of those who attended said it really helped with them feeling less nervous about starting in September.

On the first day there were a few nerves but later in the week we loved seeing them run down the front path to come into school each morning.



We did lots of activities that helped students get to know each other, we made chocolate sweets with the Ministry of Chocolate and learnt new skills in the circus workshop. There was a treasure hunt around school, where we even allowed running in the corridors!

We built Roller coasters and waterwheels in our science activity and had solve the puzzle, *Where was Miss Buckthorp going on holiday* by finding the clues from different books in the literacy activity. We played lots of







dodgeball, king ball, football and of course bingo...Alcester Academy style. Challenges were set on the high activity climbing tower and in the caving tunnels and on the final day it was inflatable Friday with the bouncy castle, the assault & the giant slide.

Thank you to all the students who attended and made the week such a success, we were blown away by the enthusiasm of all of them all. And... to the staff for giving up a week of their holidays to put on such a great week. Thank you to: Miss Lewis, Miss Radbourne, Miss Taylor, Mrs Hands and Miss Lee.

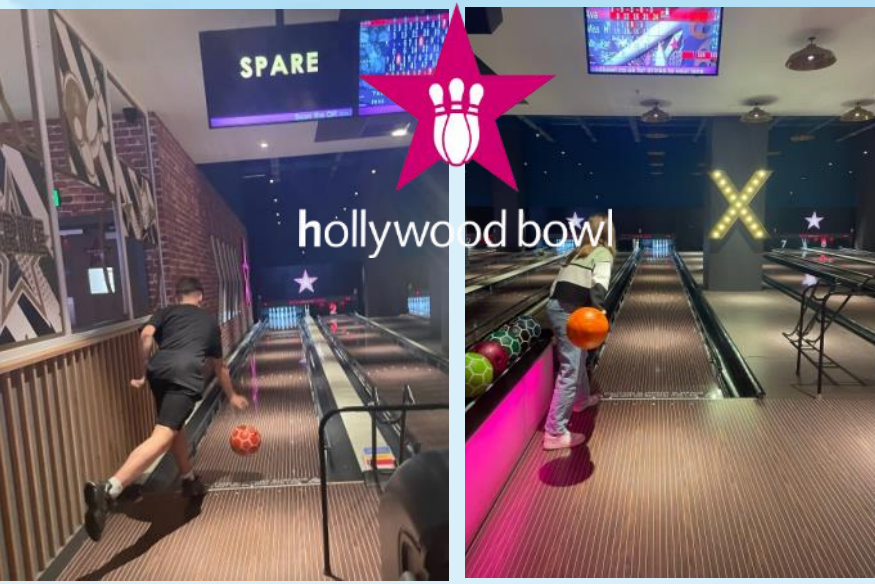
*Miss Buckthorp*



# Alcester Academy Reward Trips 2023









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 **HARVEST COLLECTION**

# COLLECTION POINT HERE

### SHOPPING LIST MOST NEEDED

- Rice Pudding
- Tinned soup
- UHT long life fruit juice
- Squash
- Chocolate
- Pasta sauce
- UHT milk
- Instant mash potato
- Egg noodles


### DONATE NOW!

Help by donating an item or two from the list to support people facing hardship.





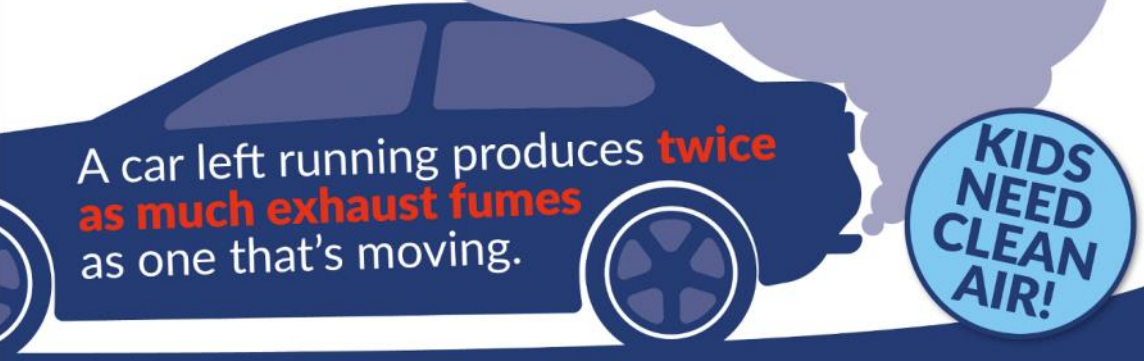
 **Stratford-upon-Avon Foodbank**  
[stratforduponavon.foodbank.org.uk](http://stratforduponavon.foodbank.org.uk)  
Registered Charity in England & Wales - 1153297

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## IF YOU'RE WAITING HERE, PLEASE SWITCH OFF YOUR ENGINE.

A car left running produces **twice as much exhaust fumes** as one that's moving.

**KIDS NEED CLEAN AIR!**



## Epraise Leaderboard—this week

### Top Students—this week:

1	Maisie	7RA	17 points
2	Harvey	10HL	16 points
2	Olivia	9SA	16 points
2	Lauren	9BW	16 points
2	Charlie	11MR	16 points
2	Hannah	11MR	16 points
7	Aidan	9BW	15 points
8	Henry	11HE	14 points
8	Harry	8TY	14 points
10	Ollie	9BW	13 points

### Top Staff—this week:

1	Mrs Weatherley	430 points
2	Mr Rossiter	301 points
3	Mrs Kowal	288 points
4	Mr Bowater	273 points
5	Miss Home	254 points
6	Miss Bishop	215 points
7	Mr Martin	193 points
8	Mr Moffatt	173 points
9	Mrs Scott	155 points
10	Miss Kavanagh	153 points

### Top Tutor—this week:

1	7KO	214 points
2	8TY	213 points
3	11MR	207 points
4	8TU	205 points
5	8GA	201 points
6	8SI	191 points
7	9BW	190 points
8	11HE	183 points
9	8YA	177 points
10	7TN	171 points

### Top Subjects—this week:

1	Maths	528 points
2	History	514 points
3	French	438 points
4	English	416 points
5	Science	367 points
6	Geography	362 points
7	RE	239 points
8	IT	216 points
9	PE	141 points
10	German	111 points



epraise

## Term Dates 2023-24

### AUTUMN TERM 2023

*School closed*

Half term

**Back to school**

Autumn Term ends

*Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023*

*Teacher training day*

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 at 12.40pm

### SPRING TERM 2024

*School closed*

**Spring Term begins**

Half Term

**Back to school**

Spring Term ends (Easter)

*Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024*

*Teacher training day*

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 at 12.40pm

SUMMER TERM 2024

**Summer Term begins**

May Bank Holiday

Half Term

**Back to school**

Summer Term ends

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 12.40pm

## Drama Clubs with Stratford Youth Theatre

**After School on Mondays:**

- ACT2 5pm to 6pm
- ACT3 5pm to 6pm
- ACT4 6pm to 7pm
- ACT5 6pm to 7pm
- LAMDA 5pm to 7:30pm


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## LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

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

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

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

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

It is for the Head teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. When making an application for Leave of Absence in advance parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is their responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

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

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence and could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

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

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'. This may result in legal action against the parent, by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice. All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council.

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

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

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

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

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

## Attendance News

### Top tutors this week:

7RA with 100% attendance  
8GA with 99.7% attendance  
9SA with 98.9% attendance  
10SO with 100% attendance  
11HE and 11MO with 100% attendance

*Congratulations on a great start to the new school year!*

### Top House this week:



Oversley with 96.7%


Could we please remind all parents that if a child is absent from school, they must inform the Attendance Officer 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).



**TEXTACADEMY**

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





**I'm being bullied - I don't know what to do -**  
**textacademy to 07563130478**  
**with your message**  
**or**  
**email your message to:**  
**textacademy@alcesteracademy.org.uk**


**07563130478**

New Tab

Class: *2023-2024* Term: *Autumn term* 🔍

## Extra- Curricular Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p><u>LUNCH</u></p> <p>Science Club KS3 S3</p> <p>Acoustic Group Music Hut</p> <p><u>AFTER SCHOOL</u></p> <p>Ornithology T4</p>	<p><u>MORNING</u></p> <p>Morning Sports Club Gym</p> <p><u>LUNCH</u></p> <p>Young Enterpsie E6/5</p> <p>Pop Band Music Hut</p> <p>Game Design It</p> <p><u>AFTER SCHOOL</u></p> <p>School Show Hall</p>	<p><u>LUNCH</u></p> <p>Chess/Board Game M4</p> <p>BBC Young Reporters E1</p> <p><u>AFTER SCHOOL</u></p> <p>Rock Academy Music</p> <p>LGBTQIA+ club E4</p>
Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><u>LUNCH</u></p> <p>Environment Club E2</p> <p>Rock Band Music Hut</p> <p>Humanities Film Club Top of the Tower</p> <p><u>AFTER SCHOOL</u></p> <p>School Show HALL</p> <p>Art Club Art</p>	<p><u>LUNCH</u></p> <p>Chess/Board Game M4</p> <p>Guitar Orchestra Music Hut</p>	<p>Rock Academy 10am-11.30am</p> <p>School Show 10m-4pm</p> <p>7th October 21st October 11th November 18th November</p>



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## Calling all singers in years 8-11

This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved in a professional singing project performing at Worcester Cathedral, with guest artist Jess Gillam.

There will be a commitment to attend Saturday rehearsals on the dates specified below.

If you are interested, please see Miss McKenzie by Friday 22 September.

### MASS IN BLUE

— a music project for our times



An exceptional musical opportunity for students in current Years 8–13, and those in higher education to:

▶ **be part of a 200-strong chorus of students and teachers** performing Will Todd's amazing **MASS IN BLUE** — a jazz setting of the Latin mass for SATB chorus, soprano soloist, and 13-piece jazz ensemble — in **Worcester Cathedral**.

▶ **discover the thrill of singing** as part of a massed youth choir through a programme of teaching/learning at after-school sessions and at **exhilarating massed rehearsals** in Worcester.

▶ **work with top choral conductor Neil Ferris** (Director, BBC Symphony Chorus), vocal leader **Aga Serugo-Lugo**, the **Will Todd Ensemble**, and special Guest Artist **Jess Gillam MBE**.

▶ **develop vocal and musical skills**, boost self-confidence, make new friends, reach a high standard of performance alongside professional musicians and artists.

▶ **enjoy the challenge and rewards** of an experience with multiple personal and educational benefits.

▶ **PLUS Masterclass with saxophonist Jess Gillam.**

A fantastic opportunity (for up to six students, put forward by schools) to work with one of the country's leading young artists in a special Masterclass session on the afternoon of concert day. (Further details will be advised in due course).



### Key Dates:

**Autumn Term '23**

- ▶ Saturday 14 October 2023  
— 1<sup>st</sup> Massed Rehearsal (10–1)

**Spring Term '24**

- ▶ Saturday 27 January 2024  
— 2<sup>nd</sup> Massed Rehearsal (10–1)
- ▶ Saturday 2 March 2024  
— 3<sup>rd</sup> Massed Rehearsal (10–1)

**Summer Term '24**

- ▶ Saturday 20 April 2024  
— Final Massed Rehearsal (10–1)
- ▶ Saturday 27 April 2024  
— Concert Day (afternoon rehearsals)

Will Todd

## MASS IN BLUE

Concert in  
Worcester Cathedral  
Saturday 27 April 2024

Will Todd Ensemble  
Neil Ferris — Conductor



Jess Gillam — Guest Artist

## Geography field trip to Blencathra

### Essential kit:

- Wellies and sturdy shoes/hiking boots
- Waterproof trousers and coat
- Warm/scruffy clothing that you don't mind getting wet and muddy!
- Transparent polythene bag
- Pens and pencils
- Folder/plastic wallet to store work
- Any medication you need/ take on a regular basis
- **Packed lunch for first day**
- Water bottle
- Ablutions kit (no spray deodorants)
- Sun hat and sun cream
- Towel (s)
- Mobile phone and charger
- Indoor shoes

Clothing for 2 nights and 3 days (spares for Thursday)

*Remember that the centre will lend out wellies, waterproof trousers, and coats for free, to students who do not have them.*

### Non-essential but useful kit:

- Clip board
- Camera

### Key timings:

**WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER:** Be at school by 7.20am. Bus departs at 7.45am

**FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER:** Approx arrival at school by 6pm (traffic depending)

**Please ensure medication is clearly labelled with name and dosage/timings and hand in to member of staff before departure.**



## MFL Bake-Off Challenge

*Do you enjoy baking? If yes, then this competition may be for you.*

*As part of European Day of Languages, we would like to you to either:*

*Research cakes, pastries, biscuits and baked goods from another country in the world. Make a cake/cakes/biscuits of your choice OR Make any cake of your choice and decorate it with a European day of languages theme.*

*Please provide an information card with your entry to describe what you have made and why.*

*Bring your entries to the conference room during tutor time on Tuesday 26th September.*

*Entries will be judged by WE/GR and ME. You will be able to take your entries home at the end of the day.*





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## Year 7 had their first STEAM session last Friday supported by EA Play & Learn

Students explored STEAM careers connected to their interests and aptitudes while practicing STEAM concepts that are key for career readiness.

The session was partly online and students can log-in to the website with the usernames they created during the session if they want to continue exploring different careers. EVERFI Login.

It was great to see the students engaged and hear their positive feedback about the session. Hopefully it has inspired some students to start thinking about careers within STEAM.

*Miss Wincup*



## Survey—What is school like for you?

Warwickshire's Young People's Forum—IMPACT want to help schools understand what school is like for children and young people and what could help make this better. This survey is for all Warwickshire children and young people, but with a keen interest in the views of those who have support needs.

Please let children and young people know the opportunity is available and offer to support them to record their views if they would benefit from this. The survey is open until October half term 2023



But what is it like for you? - Let us know:  
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## Second i/c of English Whole School literacy lead

**MPS/UPS + TLR Subject to experience**

**Closing date Friday 13th October at 12 noon**

**Interview date to be set**



### **The School**

Alcester Academy is a highly successful 11-16 school with 647 students currently on roll. Alcester is located between Studley and Stratford-Upon-Avon. The school has an excellent reputation based on examination results, a progressive approach to educational development and a strong sense of community. At our last inspection, Ofsted judged us good with a view to returning very soon in order to re-assess this decision towards an outstanding judgement. The school's overall Progress 8 score for 2019 was 0.77, which once again places us as one of the top performing non selective schools in Warwickshire, and in the top 5% nationally. (Last set of formal results before coronavirus). In 2022, the Progress 8 score for the school was +0.46 The school has a new leadership team and we consider that the welfare of staff is of paramount importance.

### **The Post**

This is an exciting opportunity for a strong middle leader with a proven track record of exemplary student outcomes. The successful applicant will be able to demonstrate experience of effective leadership and ambition towards future management in a Middle Leadership position, and a willingness to contribute to the whole staff team. Flexibility and the ability to innovate are desirable qualities, along with energy and capacity for hard work. The successful candidate will have a good understanding of what effective Teaching & Learning looks like for children of all abilities and be committed to enable all students to access the curriculum in order to fulfil their academic potential. They will be able to engage and enthuse students of all aptitudes. Resilience and drive are desirable qualities in order to ensure that students at Alcester Academy are provided with the very best life opportunities possible.

### **The Application Process**

To apply for this role, please complete a standard Alcester Academy application form. Please be succinct and concise using Arial 12 font. A written statement in support of your application will be accepted but we do not consider CVs.

**The deadline for applications is Friday 13th October at 12 noon**

**Interviews expected to take place WC 16th October 2023**

**Starting: January 2024**

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.

If you have any questions with regard to this vacancy or wish to visit the school, please contact [admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk](mailto:admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk). We look forward to receiving your application.

Please note that this school is committed to safeguarding, equality of opportunity, and promoting the welfare of children and young people. An enhanced DBS check will be required.

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## Vacancy—Second i/c of maths



**MPS/UPS + TLR Subject to experience**

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**Interview date to be set**

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GCSE HEADLINES 2022

English and Maths 4+ = 79% (national 70%)

English and Maths 5+ = 61% (national 50%)

English and Maths 7+= 25% (national 15%)

Total Attainment 8 = 53

Average grade: 5.3

Approximate P8: 0.5 (well above average)

Maths 4+ = 82%    Maths 5+ = 70%    Maths 7+ = 32%

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### **Alcester Academy Lunchtime Supervisor**

We are currently seeking reliable staff to join our team of lunchtime supervisors, working 7.5 hours a week, term time only. Times may vary according to Academy activities throughout the academic year.

Post Level Band A £10.60 per hour

This post is temporary 12 months in the first instance.

**Closing date for applications is 12 noon on Friday 13th October 2023**

**Interviews provisionally planned for Wednesday 18th October 2023**

**Starting: 6th November 2023**



### **Alcester Academy Lunchtime Supervisor Advert**

*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. A DBS check is required for appointment to this post.*

### **Vacancy**

The Warwickshire Heritage Learning team are looking to recruit some School Group Leaders to deliver workshops in schools and at St John's House in Warwick. This is a great opportunity for retiring/part time staff OR parents who wish to work during school hours.

Warwickshire Heritage Learning bring the past to life through immersive and creative workshops that inspire students. Our workshops are cross curricular covering a range of curriculum topics from the Stone Age, Romans, Egyptians, Victorians and more. Full Training and support will be given on how to deliver workshops.

Group Leaders are dynamic people, comfortable leading from the front and holding the attention of a group. If this sounds like you then please apply.

Closing date 18th Sept 23

For the job description, specification and to apply see <https://www.wmjobs.co.uk/job/168782/group-leader-for-schools>



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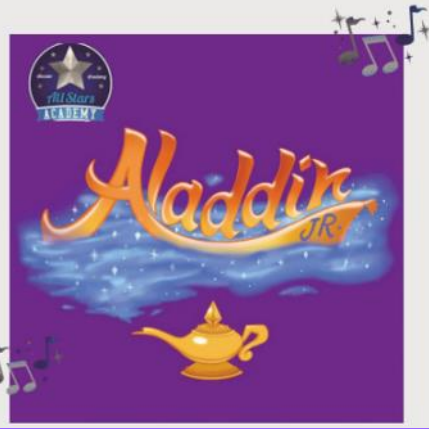
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**YEAR 7 WELCOME** 



**REHEARSALS COMMITMENT**

**Tuesday and Thursday** from September to November 3.30pm-5.30pm

**Saturdays 10am-4pm**  
7th October  
21st October  
11th November  
18th November

### Aladdin rehearsals have started!

Due to planned sixth form open evenings, organised by outside providers, we have taken the decision to move the show dates by a week.

Aladdin will now be performed on Wednesday 22nd November to Friday 24th November.

Therefore, the new Saturday rehearsal dates are as follows.

- Saturday 7th October**
- Saturday 21st October**
- Saturday 11th November**
- Saturday 18th November**

*Miss Sacco*

## Autumn 1 Extra-curricular Sport Offer



### **\*\*AFTER SCHOOL SPORT (23/24)\*\***



- Clubs will be advertised for the week ahead each *\*FRIDAY\** in the *school bulletin* and on the *notice board in PE* – be proactive and check the timetable for the week ahead!
- Clubs to start *w/b Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September* and will run from 3.25-4.30pm after school - you will require full PE kit to participate
- ALL STUDENTS are welcome to attend clubs as advertised
- A fixture list for confirmed competitive fixtures as of 6/9/23 can be found on *slide 5*. This does not include Basketball and Netball League fixtures to be added and some Football fixtures still to be arranged
- Should you be selected to represent AA Sport - all information regarding competitive fixtures will be emailed home at the earliest opportunity and team sheets for selection displayed on PE notice board

## After School Sport NEXT WEEK



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

**W/B 18/9/23**



Day	Extra-Curricular Club & Staff	Location
Monday	Year 10 and 11 Netball- PE/MR	Courts
Tuesday	KS3 + KS4 Girls Football- PW	School Field
	Year 8 Football- MO	Top Field
Wednesday	South Warwickshire Cross Country	AGS
	Year 9 Football- MO	Top Field
Thursday	Open Evening – No clubs	N/A

# \* SPORTS NEWS \* SPORTS NEWS \*

## Welcome back

Welcome back to all of our Sports Stars for a new school season. We hope you have had a restful summer and are ready to get back to training and playing competitive sport. We look forward to welcoming our new year 7 students to clubs and extra-curricular sport at Alcester Academy and enjoying our last year or Sport with current year 11s.

Please remember to keep an eye on both the school bulletin, PE notice boards and social media accounts to keep up to date with all things AA Sport!

We have had an outstanding response to clubs so far in week 1 with 100+ students taking to the football field and netball courts after school to practise ahead of their upcoming League and Cup competitions this term.



**EXTRA-CURRICULAR  
SPORT**  
2023-2024  
**AUTUMN TERM**

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# \*\*AUTUMN 1 FIXTURE LIST -

## TBC\*\*



Date	Fixture	Type
20/9/23	SW Cross Country Trial (AGS)	District Trial
20/9/23	Year 7 Football v Champion (Home)	District Cup
26/9/23	Year 9 Football v Myton (Home)	District Cup
26/9/23	Girls Rugby Festival (AGS)	Festival
27/9/23	Year 8 Football v Kineton (Home)	District League
27/9/23	Year 11 District Netball (Away)	Tournament
28/9/23	Year 10 Football v SB (Home)	District League
2/10/23	Year 8 Football v Champion (Home)	District League
3/10/23	Year 11 Football v AGS (Home)	District Cup
4/10/23	Year 9 Football v Studley (Away)	District League
9/10/23	Year 10 Football v Stratford (Away)	District Cup
10/10/23	Year 7 Football v Kineton (Home)	District League
10/10/23	Girls Rugby Festival (Shipston)	Festival
12/10/23	Year 10 District Netball (Away)	Tournament
17/10/23	Year 9 District Netball (Away)	Tournament
18/10/23	Year 10 Boys Rugby v AGS (Away)	Friendly
18/10/23	Year 9 Football v Aylesford (Away)	District League
23/10/23	Year 9 Football v Shipston (Away)	District League
24/10/23	Year 10 Football v Studley (Home)	District League
4/11/23	Inter-area Cross Country at Stratford School	County Trial



## \*\*LUNCHTIME SPORT\*\*



- Lunchtime sports clubs to start w/b Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
- Lunchtime sport will follow a set timetable each half-term and run from 1.45-2.15pm (4:1)
- PE kit is not required to participate but you must have suitable footwear to be allowed into the gym

w/b	MONDAY - PE	TUESDAY - MO	WEDNESDAY - PW
11/9/23	GIRLS BASKETBALL	KS <sub>3</sub> BASKETBALL	KS <sub>4</sub> BASKETBALL
18/9/23	GIRLS BASKETBALL	KS <sub>3</sub> BASKETBALL	KS <sub>4</sub> BASKETBALL
25/9/23	GIRLS BASKETBALL	KS <sub>3</sub> BASKETBALL	KS <sub>4</sub> BASKETBALL
2/10/23	GIRLS VOLLEYBALL	KS <sub>3</sub> VOLLEYBALL	KS <sub>4</sub> VOLLEYBALL
9/10/23	GIRLS VOLLEYBALL	KS <sub>3</sub> VOLLEYBALL	KS <sub>4</sub> VOLLEYBALL
16/10/23	GIRLS VOLLEYBALL	KS <sub>3</sub> VOLLEYBALL	KS <sub>4</sub> VOLLEYBALL