

Alcester Academy WEEKLY BULLETIN



18th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon,

I hope that you have all had a great week to include time to finally read the Ofsted Report Card from our July inspection visit. I know that you'll understand now why we have been so desperate to share this with you all. The Report Card text, albeit now very short under the new framework, really captures the positive spirit of the school and the strengths of our student body. We all continue to be very proud indeed. It was lovely to receive some of your parent/carers comments sharing in our collective achievement. Thank you for these! The Report Card is now openly available on Ofsted's website and linked to the school's website.



Year 11 Trip

Year 11 geographers got off to Blencathra on Wednesday and I'm looking forward to sharing their field work update with you next week.



Other news

Our school enrichment offer was published this week, and students had dedicated time to sign up to an activity of their choice during tutor time. Weekly sports practises and fixtures are in addition to this offer. The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) quote that **'wider research evidence suggests that participation in enrichment activities is associated with progression to higher education and being in employment.'** Please continue to have conversations about your child participating in something during the year, therefore. The staff give up their own time to run these activities.



What's inside this week...

P1 Year 7 trip to Blackwell Adventure

P3 Extra curricular offer for this half term

P10 Key dates for parents/carers

Thank you

I'm grateful to Year 8 parents/carers for attending the Skern Lodge meeting on Monday. Not long to go now!

And, to those KS3 parents/carers who could attend the online forum on Wednesday regarding important curriculum updates. If you have any remaining questions about this, do let us know. This session was recorded and it will be available on the school website. From Monday. Finally, I appreciate those of you that have already sent in school fund contributions following my letter this week. I really regret having to send this out to you. Funding in schools is currently so tight, however. It means a great deal if you can support us in any way and it certainly isn't taken for granted.

Open Evening 2026

We are closing school early on Thursday 24th September in readiness for Open Evening. School will close at 12.40pm.

With regret, school buses will not arrive for this time.

I appreciate those students that have already volunteered to help us during this important event.

Year 7 Blackwell Adventure Team Building Trip

Last Friday, Year 7 embarked on their first rewards trip at Alcester Academy to Blackwell Adventure. This was a superb opportunity for students to get to know each other better whilst participating in a wide range of exciting activities. The focus of the day was 'teamwork', and I'm delighted to say that the students were a real credit to us. They threw themselves into every challenge, encouraged one another and worked together brilliantly throughout the day. We were also incredibly lucky with the weather

– not a drop of rain all day!

There was a fantastic range of activities on offer, with crate stacking proving a great test of teamwork, communication and nerve. Students worked together to build their towers as high as possible, supporting and encouraging one another along the way. It was wonderful to see so many students embracing the challenge and pushing themselves beyond their comfort zones.

For those with a head for heights, the zip wire and climbing wall provided plenty of excitement. Once again, it was fantastic to see those who were more confident supporting and reassuring those who were a little apprehensive. Students showed real determination, and the cheers of encouragement from their peers could be heard throughout the day.

A particular highlight was the tree climb. Students challenged themselves to climb higher and higher whilst being cheered on from below. This year also saw a very special Alcester Academy first, as Abel became the first Academy student to make it all the way to the top of the tree climb! A fantastic achievement and a memorable moment for everyone watching. Overall, the students had a fantastic time, with many new friendships formed and plenty of



memories made. They demonstrated teamwork, resilience and encouragement throughout the day, and we were extremely proud of them all. We sincerely thank the staff at Blackwell Adventure for once again helping to create such a wonderful day. *Miss Bartlett, HoY7*

Extra Curricular Timetable

Autumn 2026



Alcester
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Monday Lunchtime

Acoustic Group- Music
Mental Health Ambassadors E2
(autumn 2)
ART- A1 & A2

Tuesday

Lunchtime

Christian Union/Alpha- R1
Pop Band- Music
Art Club- A1 & A2
Photography Club A2
School Show principal Rehearsal
- Drama
After School
School Show - Hall

Wednesday

Lunchtime

Orchestra - MU1
Card and Board Gaming- R1
Maths and Physics Clinic -M1
ART- A1 & A2 Yarrington
After School
Cooking - cap 30 students

Benchmark Key:

- 1-Civic Engineer
- 2-Nature outdoor and adventure
- 3-Sport and physical activity
- 4-Arts and Culture
- 5-Developing Wider life skills

Thursday Lunchtime

Rock Band - Music
GCSE Art & Photography -A1
School Show principal Rehearsal-
Drama-

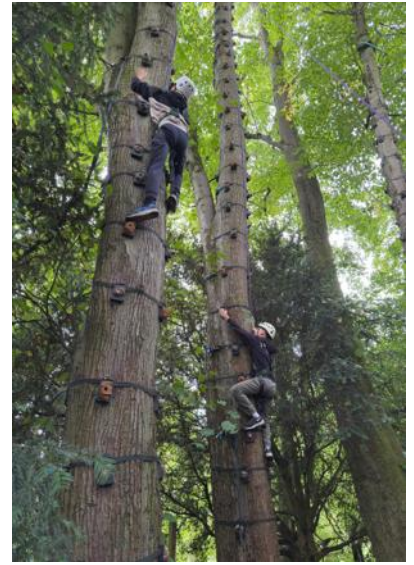
After School

School Show - Hall
GCSE Art session- A2

Friday

Lunchtime

Knit and crochet club - Textiles
ART- A1 & A2
Rock band - Music
School Show solo Rehearsals-
Drama
Chess club - M4



Blackwell Adventure—Year 7



OUR WONDERFUL STUDENTS

Alcester Academy
July 2026 Ofsted Report Card



"Pupils receive meaningful recognition for their achievements. This strengthens their sense of belonging and pride. The provision prepares pupils exceptionally well to thrive in and beyond school life."

"Pupils consistently produce high quality work across a wide range of subjects."

"Pupils consistently achieve above average outcomes in examinations."

"Pupils arrive on time, settle quickly and make the most of their learning."

"Pupils stay focused in lessons and rarely require reminders about positive behaviour."

"Pupils consistently show self-discipline and commitment to learning."

"Pupils are well prepared for their next stage of their education, employment or training. This helps them become confident, responsible and well-rounded young people."

"Pupils regularly show respect, courtesy and consideration for others."

"Pupils trust that teachers (staff) will support them."

"Pupils trust leaders to deal with concerns and say they feel safe in school."

"Pupils benefit from a highly inclusive school."

"The school is a trusted and valued part of the community."

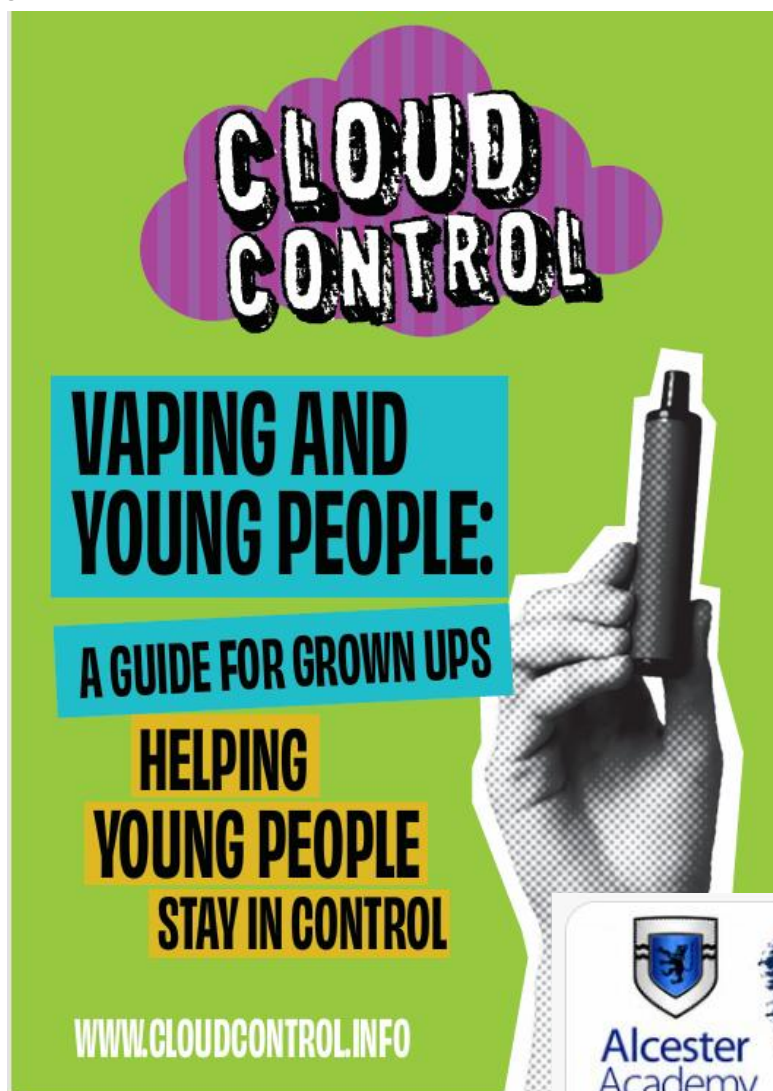
"Pupils are proud of their school."

"Pupils are well prepared for future learning and life in modern Britain."

"Pupils take part fully in school life."

What Ofsted said about Alcester Academy pupils

JULY 2026 REPORT CARD



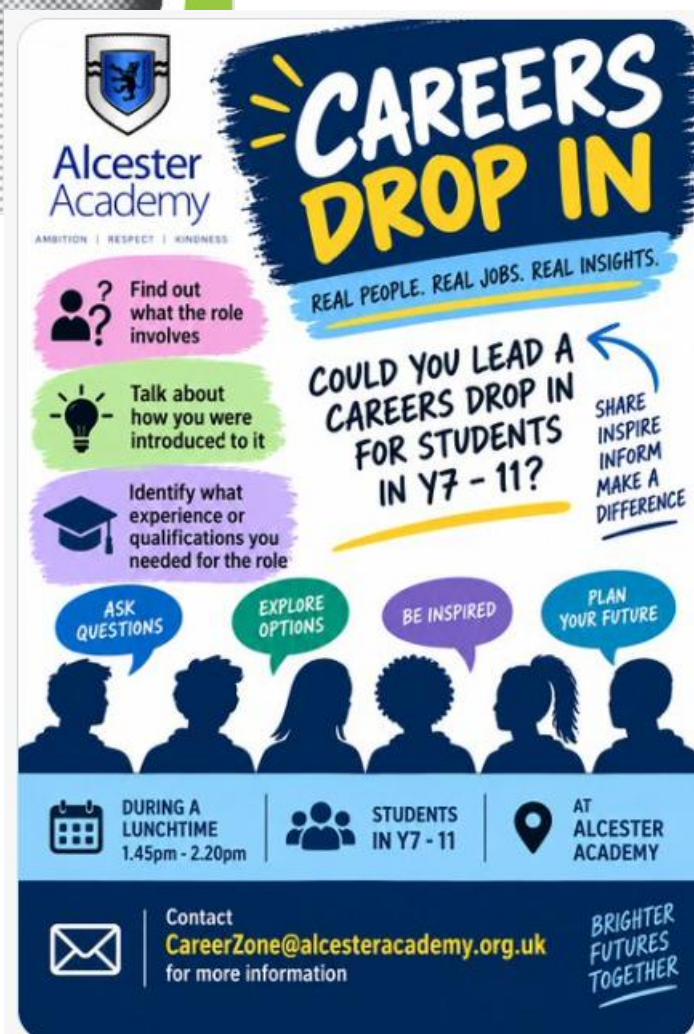
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VAPING AND YOUNG PEOPLE:

A GUIDE FOR GROWN UPS

HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE STAY IN CONTROL

WWW.CLOUDCONTROL.INFO



Alcester Academy
AMBITION | RESPECT | KINDNESS

CAREERS DROP IN
REAL PEOPLE. REAL JOBS. REAL INSIGHTS.

- Find out what the role involves
- Talk about how you were introduced to it
- Identify what experience or qualifications you needed for the role

COULD YOU LEAD A CAREERS DROP IN FOR STUDENTS IN Y7 - 11?

SHARE INSPIRE INFORM MAKE A DIFFERENCE

ASK QUESTIONS EXPLORE OPTIONS BE INSPIRED PLAN YOUR FUTURE

DURING A LUNCHTIME 1.45pm - 2.20pm

STUDENTS IN Y7 - 11

AT ALCESTER ACADEMY

Contact CareerZone@alcesteracademy.org.uk for more information

BRIGHTER FUTURES TOGETHER

Alcester Academy



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SEND Coffee Morning

For Parents and
Carers

Thursday
22nd
October



9:15AM-
10:15AM

With visitor, Lucy
Clarke, Specialist
teacher for Autism
from SEND
Supported

Key Dates For Your Diary

Parents Evenings

- Thursday 15th October 2026 Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening **LIVE (in school)**
- Thursday 22nd October 2026 Year 11 Parents' Evening **LIVE**
- Tuesday 3rd November 2026 Year 11 Parent Forum. Course content/revision **ONLINE**
- Thursday 3rd December 2026 Year 10 Parents' Evening **LIVE**
- Thursday 7th January 2027 Year 11 Mock Results Evening **LIVE**
- Wed 10th February 2027 Year 8 Parents' Evening **LIVE**
- Wed 17th March 2027 Year 7 Parents' Evening **LIVE**
- Thursday 29th April 2027 Year 9 Parents' Evening **LIVE**

This term

- ♦ **Week 21st September 2026 – Open Week 2026**
- ♦ **EARLY FINISH THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 12.40pm.**
- ♦ **Thursday 1st October 2026 – National Poetry Day**
- ♦ **Week Monday 5th October 2026 – Year 8 Skern Lodge Trip**
- ♦ **Monday 12th October 2026 – Year 7 Super Learning Day—My Mate Fancies You.**
- ♦ **Wednesday 21st October 2026 – Y8 trip to Cheddar Gorge (Geography)**
- ♦ **Week Monday 9th November 2026 – Year 11 mock MFL speaking exams start**
- ♦ **Week Monday 16th November 2026 - Year 11 Exam Focus Week**
- ♦ **Tuesday 17th November 2026 – Primary School Matinee, Matilda**
- ♦ **18-20th November 2026 – School Show Nights; Matilda**
- ♦ **Week 23rd November 2026 – Year 11 mocks begin fully**
- ♦ **Friday 27th November – Rock Academy 20th Anniversary gig, Greig Hall, Alcester**
- ♦ **Tuesday 15th December 2026 – Christmas Concert in school 6.30pm**
- ♦ **Wednesday 16th December 2026 - Student Reward Trips TBC**
- ♦ **Thursday 17th December 2026 – End of term. School closes at 12.40pm. Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children.**
- ♦ **Return to school – Tuesday 5th January 2027**

(This list is not exhaustive, PE fixtures, clubs and revision sessions are all in addition, and staff do add various events to this throughout the term).

LRC News

Alcester Academy Macmillan Cake Sale

Indulge your sweet tooth and help make a real difference to the lives of those affected by cancer. There will be a delicious cake sale, for staff and students, to raise vital funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.



Date: Tuesday 29th September

Time: Break and Lunchtime

Location: Learning Resource Centre (LRC)



We'll have a fantastic selection of homemade cakes, cookies, and treats. Every purchase, big or small, contributes to providing essential support and care.

Let's come together as a community and bake a difference!

Get Involved!

Baking: If you'd like to contribute baked goods, NO NUTS, please bring them to school reception or the LRC on the morning of the 29th September.

Together, we can provide comfort and support to those who need it most.

Why Support Macmillan?

Macmillan Cancer Support provides crucial physical, financial, and emotional support to cancer patients and their families. Your contributions help fund:



- Dedicated nurses
- Information and advice services
- Financial aid and benefits advice
- Support groups and complementary therapies



Every penny raised goes towards helping people live life as fully as possible after a cancer diagnosis - Thank You!

We look forward to seeing you there and appreciate your generosity in supporting Macmillan Cancer Support. Together, we can make a real difference.





Positive Points Leaderboard 11th—18th October 2026

Top Students:

	First Name	Tutor Group	House	Sum of Points
1	Eva	11HE	Ragley	21
2	Maya	7PA	Greville	19
3	Daisy	7FA	Billesley	18
4	Jake	7FA	Ragley	17
5	Caitlin	9RW	Oversley	17
6	Honey	7FA	Greville	17
7	Sienna	10RO	Greville	17
8	Mathew	7FA	Ragley	17
9	Mia	10RO	Billesley	16
10	Laurie	10RO	Oversley	16

Top Tutor:

1	7FA	314
2	7PA	260
3	7TN	241
4	9RW	34
5	7LX & 9MO	229

Top Staff:

1. Mr Yarrington
2. Mrs Holmes
3. Mr Oakley



Attendance Updates

Attendance this week:

Year 7	97.6%
Year 8	94.1%
Year 9	94.2%
Year 10	95.1%
Year 11	94.7%

7LX	100%
8TU	97.3%
9YA and 9RW	96.9%
10DA	98.8%
11MA	98.3%

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



545 Students had 100% attendance this week!



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!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

at Alcester Academy

Excellent attendance is linked to student rewards



Reward opportunities



Achievement awards



Recognition in school



More opportunities inside and outside the classroom



A brighter future

*Be Here
Be Brilliant
Belong*

**ATTEND
ACHIEVE
SUCCEED**



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Academy**



OPEN EVENTS 2026



Open Evening—including headteacher address
at 6.30pm & tours with a student guide
Thursday 24 September—6.30pm to 8.30pm



Guided Open Mornings
with a member of the leadership team
**Monday 21 September to
Friday 25 September—at 9.30am**



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



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

Teaching Assistant 2

Full and Part Time Positions available.

Job Shares also considered.

Full Time - Working 37 hours per week 5 days term time only (39 weeks including 5 Teacher Training days)

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

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

Interviews: TBC



ADVERT ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

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.

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. We will be reviewing applications and inviting to interview at regular intervals. Interviews TBC.

Alcester Academy reserve the right to appoint before the deadline for a suitable candidate.

If you have any questions with regard to this vacancy or wish to visit the school, please contact: admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk. 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. In line with safeguarding procedures, all shortlisted candidates will be subject to an online search prior to interview. This forms part of our safer recruitment checks.

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

Interviews: TBC



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The Post

This is a term time only post working 39 weeks per year (incl. 5 teacher training days) as a 1:1 Intervention Teaching Assistant. We are particularly interested in hearing from applicants with experience of planning and running intervention sessions with children at a Primary school level within phonics, spelling, reading and Maths 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 the 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.

Learning Support

- Delivering interventions at a Primary school level within phonics, spelling, reading and Maths.
- Planning interventions recommended from in-house assessment, professional reports, EHCPs – relevant to the focus children.
- Delivering interventions – identifying objectives for the sessions and monitoring progress towards these.
- Reflecting upon progress with the children and staff, preparing feedback for parents.

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Matilda Google Classroom Code

SCHOOL SHOW
2026

Alcester
Academy

GOOGLE
CLASSROOM
CODE

sgjd7u5e

Matilda
THE MUSICAL

PERFORMING ARTS
ALCESTER
ACADEMY

All Stars
ACADEMY

* SPORTS NEWS * SPORTS NEWS *

Extra Curricular Sport Information!

South Warwickshire Cross Country trial

Outstanding Performance at South Warwickshire Cross Country Trial

A huge congratulations to the nineteen Alcester Academy students who represented our school with outstanding dedication at the annual South Warwickshire Cross Country District Trial, hosted at Alcester Grammar School.

Competing against top runners from across the district, every single athlete demonstrated incredible spirit, stamina, and determination on a demanding course. A special mention goes to our new Year 7 students, who represented Alcester Academy for the very first time. Our newest cohort stepped up and challenged themselves by competing in the U13 race alongside Year 8 students and proved to be an absolute credit to our school.

Official results and district qualification decisions will be published shortly. We will share full details regarding the next stage of the competition and the upcoming Inter-County event in due course for those athletes who have qualified.

A massive well done to all 19 runners—you have made the entire Alcester Academy community immensely proud!

Year 7 and 8 Girls

Harper
Evie
Poppy
Efa
Lucy
Alice

Year 9 and 10 Girls

Isabella
Tegan
Charlotte

Year 7 and 8 Boys

Roman
Thomas
Harry
Harry
Albie

Year 9 and 10 Boys

Henry
Ethan
Noah
Laurie

Year 11 Boys

Harry





Next week's sport

2026 – 2027
Sports Club
information

W/B 14th
September
2026

- ALL Alcester Academy Sports clubs and fixtures are advertised on a weekly basis each Friday for the week ahead.

Where?

School Bulletin / Tutor daily notices in form time / Whiteboard outside PE changing rooms

Info:

- Sports clubs are not run on set days each week.
- Students therefore need to be organised in checking which clubs are on for the week ahead each Friday
- All clubs run from 3.30-4.30pm and are open to all as advertised on timetable (full PE kit required)
- Meet in the gym changing rooms at 3.25pm to register
- If your child is selected to represent Alcester Academy in a competitive fixture, you will be emailed a copy of the team-sheet with information at the earliest opportunity



Next week's
after school
Sport...

W/B 21st
September
2026

Day	Extra-Curricular Club & Staff	Location
Monday	No clubs - Staff meeting	N/A
Tuesday	Year 11 Football v Stratford – MO/NA Year 11 SW Netball tournament - FA	Stratford Stratford
Wednesday	All Years Girls Football – OW Year 10 + 11 Football training – MO	Field Field
Thursday	Open evening – no clubs	N/A



Break /
Lunchtime
Sport –
Autumn 1

w/b	MO – Tues Break (Gym)	NA – Wed Break (Gym)	FA – Wed Lunch (Gym)
14/9	11 Indoor Football	7+8 Basketball	7+8 Girls Netball
21/9	11 Indoor Football	9+10 Basketball	9+10 Girls Netball
28/9	11 Indoor Football	7+8 Basketball	7+8 Girls Netball
5/10	11 Indoor Football	9+10 Basketball	9+10 Girls Netball
12/10	11 Indoor Football	7+8 Basketball	7+8 Girls Netball



★ 1st BIG ALCESTER QUIZ? ?

? Bringing the whole town together to compete for the new **JOHN BUNTING TROPHY**

★ **THURSDAY 22nd OCTOBER ?**
7pm (Doors open 6.15pm)

All 2026 proceeds to the Shakespeare Hospice

Teams of
up to 6
people

Varied
question
rounds

Special
winners'
prizes

Bar open
through
out

Special
fun prize
raffle

Team tickets just £6 per team from
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