

# Alcester Academy Weekly BULLETIN



19<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Good afternoon.

This week was *National Inclusion Week* and Miss Bishop led assemblies for the whole school on this theme as our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Lead. She asked the students to consider what they could do to support each other even more than they show currently. Inclusion is a new evaluation area within the updated Ofsted Inspection Guidance for schools.

**National  
Inclusion Week®**  
**2025** 15-21  
September

**#NowIsTheTime**



## PSHE Workshop: Media Literacy | Loudmouth

Year 7 had their first Super Learning Day on Tuesday entitled *Screen Time*. This was delivered by Loudmouth Education.

Fake News? Mis and Disinformation?  
Algorithms? What do these terms mean and how can understanding these improve the quality of our screen time?

This theatre-in-education programme helps children and parents to learn how to make the internet a safe and positive way to spend time. It explores how we all have a responsibility to



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be respectful and kind online and balance concerns about internet safety with having fun online.

This is a new workshop by Loudmouth that fits in with our Smart Phone Free drive for our new year 7s perfectly.



Year 7 were also awarded their House allocations yesterday in a fabulous Harry Potter style *Sorting Hat* assembly led by Miss Sacco. I haven't seen so much excitement in a while. It was a delight to share this event with them all.



## Key Stage 3 Reading Forum

Thanks to Miss Lewis for leading the online Reading Forum for parents this week. If you missed it, it was recorded and the link can be found on the school website shortly.

[www.alcesteracademy.org.uk/academy-information/parent-forum](http://www.alcesteracademy.org.uk/academy-information/parent-forum)

## Year 8 Skern Lodge Trip

Thank you to parents who attended the Skern Trip meeting on Wednesday this week. Not long to go now! It's one of the biggest trips we have had in a while.

## Year 11 Blencathra Trip

We'll write with more details of the trip next week. For now, here are a few photographs of our year 11s conducting their field work this week.



## Year 11 News!

Miss Buckthorp has launched her *Year 11 Stars* each Friday, in assemblies. Our year 11s can be nominated for a whole multitude of positive things by the staff team, throughout the week!

## Farewell to staff

At the end of September, we say farewell to Mrs Anderson, Teaching Assistant. Mrs Anderson is leaving us to return to teaching in the primary sector. We wish her all the very best for this exciting new chapter. Thank you for everything.

We also say a difficult farewell to Mrs Kirby, our Office Manager and Exams Officer. Mrs Kirby joined the school in 1994 as a Clerical Assistant after leaving her post at Alcester Infant School, and her life as an air stewardess before that. During her time with us, Mrs Kirby has also served as Clerk to the Full Governing Body.

It is extremely difficult to find the right words to convey the significant, and very positive contribution that Mrs Kirby has made to the school over her career with us. Mrs Kirby has seen a number of headteachers come and go, she has seen her own children through the school and has made numerous lifelong friendships with colleagues both past and present.

On behalf of all of the staff, we wish Mrs Kirby a full, and very happy early retirement. It is extremely rare now to find wonderful colleagues who show such continual loyalty and dedication to one establishment for so long. Mrs Kirby has made a tremendous difference to the lives of staff and students alike and she will be missed very much indeed by many.

On a personal note, I wish to offer my gratitude to Mrs Kirby. Since becoming the headteacher here, Mrs Kirby has continued to work alongside me with such positivity, passion and total commitment to her role and the school. Often, she has been my sounding board for various things and I have valued her enormously.

Don't be a stranger Mrs Kirby. Stay in touch with us!

## 60th Anniversary—Alcester Academy



I spoke to the students in whole school assembly on Monday about our 60th Anniversary this year and asked them for ideas on how they would like to commemorate this. I'm excited to hear their ideas over the next few weeks.

Next week is Open Week and we are expecting a lot of visitors around the school. We aim for this not to disrupt learning in any way. We also celebrate *European Day of Languages*, and *International Day of Sign Language*. Miss McKenzie will lead assemblies on these themes.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend ahead.

*Mrs Sarah Mellors—Headteacher*





Alcester  
Academy

TO BE THE BEST THAT WE CAN BE

# ALCESTER ACADEMY

## OPEN EVENTS 2025

*Open Evening—including headteacher address & tours with a student guide*

*Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September—6.30pm to 8.30pm*

*Guided Open Mornings*

*with a member of the leadership team*

*Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk) anytime.

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



## Teamwork and Adventure at Blackwell with Year 7

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 activities. The focus of the day was teamwork, and I'm delighted to say that the students were a credit to us. They threw themselves into challenging situations and worked together to ensure each activity was a huge success. The weather was also kind to us, with only a couple of showers throughout the day.

There were an array of various activities, and only a couple which kept feet firmly on the ground! Archery has always been a firm favourite and it transpires we have some very skilled archers in year 7. Many 'bullseye' cheers were heard throughout the grounds during the course of the day. Laser Tag was superb, and the students had a fabulous time chasing each other around the forest.

For those more adventurous students, there were a number of activities involving heights. The zip wire and the various climbing walls were great for pushing students to their limits. It was wonderful to see those who were confident supporting those who were a little more apprehensive. With the support from their peers, everyone who tried was successful and should be extremely proud of themselves. My favourite activity to watch was the brand-new tree climb. Students pushed themselves to climb out of their comfort zones whilst being cheered on by their peers. Just wonderful to see.

Overall the students had a fantastic time and many new friendships were formed. We sincerely thank staff at Blackwell Adventure for once again helping to create the perfect day.

*Miss Bartlett*





## European Day of Languages 2025

During the week beginning 22 September 2025 we will be celebrating European Day of Languages at Alcester Academy. In order to celebrate all of the different languages, customs and cultures of Europe, we will be holding a selection of activities that students will have the opportunity to take part in.

The first activity that I would like to present to you, is our popular Bake Off Competition. This is open to students in years 7 and 8. The task is to bake a cake, or cupcakes or biscuits either originating from a country of your choice OR decorate the cake to represent a different country.

There will be prizes available.

**Please can I remind you that we are a nut free school.**

**Cakes are to be brought to the conference room from 8.30am until 9.10am on Thursday 25th September when judging will take place.**

Students can then either bring home their cakes at the end of the day or donate them to our Macmillan Coffee Morning which is being held the following day.

*Zoe Weatherley*  
*Head of MFL*





# HELP US SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE!



THE LRC IS HOSTING OUR  
**ANNUAL MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT  
CAKE SALE**  
**FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER  
BREAK & LUNCHTIME**

Come along and treat yourself while raising  
money for an amazing charity!

**HOW YOU CAN HELP;**  
We'd love donations of cakes — baked or bought!  
Please drop them off at the LRC from  
Wednesday 24th September until the morning of  
the sale.



**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE  
FOR YOUR GENEROSITY  
AND SUPPORT!**



**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**



## Key Dates This Term

Week of 22nd September—Open Week. Open Evening is Thursday 25th September. School closes on 25th September at 1.35pm in order to prepare.

Friday 26th September—European Day of Languages in school

Week of 29th September—Year 8 Skern Lodge residential trip

Week of 29th September—Black History Month starts

Thursday 2nd October—KS3 HW and Assessment Parent Forum 6-7pm online. Invitations to follow.

Tuesday 7th October—Year 10/11 art and photography trip to Birmingham

Wednesday 8th October—Friends PTA meeting online at 7.30pm

Thursday 9th October—KS3 HW, Google and assessment parent forum. Online. 6-7pm.

Tuesday 14th October—Year 7 Super Learning Day by Loudmouth, called *Bully4U*

Wednesday 15th October—Year 10 Employability workshop

Thursday 16th October—Year 7 *Meet The Tutor* evening. Live in school 4-7pm.

Monday 20th October—Diwali. Year 8 mosque trip

Wednesday 22nd October—Community Coffee Morning, in school 9.30-10.30am

Wednesday 22nd October—Year 8 trip to *Matilda*

Wednesday 22nd October—Year 11 Employability workshop

Thursday 23rd October—Year 11 Parents' Evening. Online 4-7pm.

Friday 24th October—Student flu vaccination.

Friday 24th October—Non-uniform day.

### HALF TERM—27th-31st October 2025

Wednesday 5th November—Year 11 Parent Forum on Revision. Online 5.30-7pm (provisional)

Wednesday 5th November—RAF day for year 10 in school (provisional)

Tuesday 11th November—Armistice Day

Tuesday 11th November—Year 9 Super Learning Day from Loudmouth called *Working for Marcus*

Thursday 13th and Friday 14th November—year 10 and 11 mock interviews

Friday 14th November—Friends PTA Family Bingo Event. Evening.

Monday 17th November—Year 11 MFL speaking mocks start

Monday 17th November—National Odd Socks Day

Wednesday 19th—Friday 21st November—GREASE ...is the word! School Show dates!

Monday 24th November—Year 11 mocks begin

Tuesday 25th November—Rock Academy Concert at the Greig Hall. Evening event 7pm.

Wednesday 3rd December—Friends PTA meeting online 7.30pm

Thursday 4th December—Year 10 Parents' Evening. Online 4-7pm.

Thursday 11th, and Friday 12th December—Christmas rewards trips

Tuesday 16th December—Christmas Concert, at school, from 6.30pm

Wednesday 17th December—Year 9 Enrichment Super Learning Day


Thursday 18th December—Year 9 annual panto for year 7s

Friday 19th December—Break up at 12.40pm

This list is not exhaustive.


For new parents to the school, separate communications are always sent out about individual events and trips. Rehearsal dates for the production of Grease have been sent separately to parents.





# ALCESTER ACADEMY

*supported by Friends of Alcester Academy*



# COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

**WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER FROM  
9.30-10.30AM**

**IN THE SCHOOL HALL**

*All proceeds will be donated to the  
Mayor's Charity—Alcester Day Care*



**ALL CAKE DONATIONS WILL  
BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.**

**Alcester Day Care**   
Supporting people with Dementia and their carers

## No nuts please!



Thank you for helping  
us keep students with  
allergies safe.




## LRC News

### Accelerated Reading

The Accelerated Reading system is now available for all students in years 7 and 8, and English sets 5 in years 9 and 10 to quiz on the books they are reading. Home Connect letters will be sent out to parents once initial STAR testing has been completed.



Please only quiz on new books that you have read since the start of September.

#### To access Accelerated Reader quizzing at home:

Make sure you are using Google Chrome and this link/URL to access the system: <https://ukhosted26.renlearn.co.uk/1893467/>

Then type in your username  
(your school network name)  
and the password:  
**abc123 for years 7, 8 and 9,**  
**and abc for year 10.**

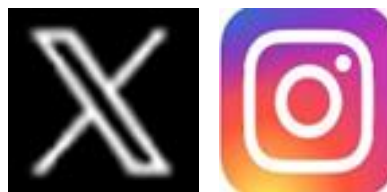
### Online LRC for Students

For reading ideas and up-to-date news about the LRC, please make sure you have been added to the LRC Google Classroom, use this code to add yourself if not.

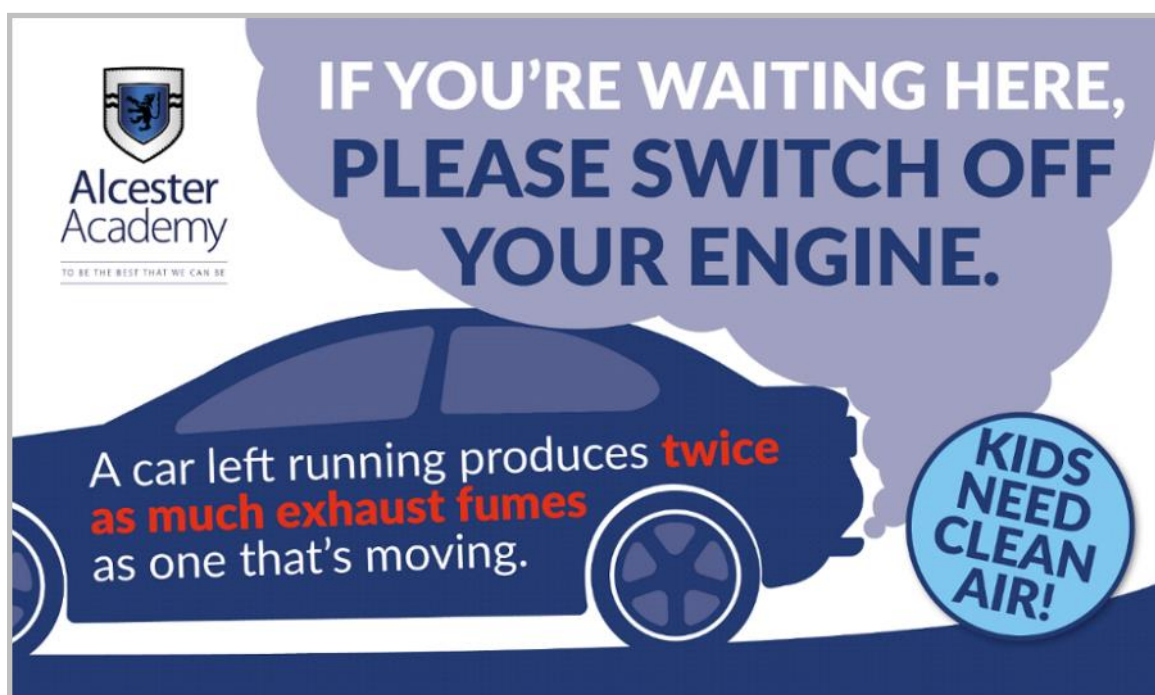
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### X and Instagram Accounts for Parents

The LRC has its own X account, please follow us for all our latest news: @AA\_LRC\_Library and for Instagram it is aa\_lrc



Mrs Hands





## Bromcom Positive Points

### Top Positive Point Students—this week:

1	Jaycee	8BI	Ragley	14 points
1	Jade	8RW	Billesley	14 points
2	Tilly	8SA	Greville	13 points
2	Asa	7LX	Greville	13 points
3	James	7TN	Ragley	12 points
3	Demetris	8RW	Greville	12 points
3	Autumn	7LX	Ragley	12 points
3	Erin	9DA	Billesley	12 points
3	Ollie	11MR	Oversley	12 points
3	Livi	10HR	Greville	12 points
3	Grace	10HR	Billesley	12 points
3	Leo	8MO	Ragley	12 points

### Top Positive Point House—this week:

1	Oversley	835 points
2	Greville	832 points
3	Ragley	816 points
4	Billesley	783 points

### Top Positive Point Tutor Group—this week:

1	8SA	204 points
2	8RW	180 points
3	10HR	171 points
4	9DA	160 points
5	7LX	159 points

### Top Positive Point Subjects—this week:

1	English	682 points
2	Maths	583 points
3	Science	518 points
4	Art	362 points
5	French	284 points

### Top Positive Point Staff—this week:

1	Mr Yarrington	497 points
2	Mrs Hirji	405 points
3	Mrs Hands	296 points
4	Mrs Weatherley	266 points
5	Mrs Gorner	245 points



**Bromcom**

## Alcester Academy Term Dates

### **AUTUMN TERM 2025**

Half term Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

**Back to school Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025**

Autumn Term ends Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 12.40pm

### **SPRING TERM 2026**

*School closed Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026*  
*Teacher training day*

**Spring Term begins Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Half Term Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**Back to school Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026**

Spring Term ends (Easter) Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 12.40pm

### **SUMMER TERM 2026**

**Summer Term begins Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

*School closed Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026*  
*Teacher training day*

May Bank Holiday Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Half Term Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Back to school Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026**

Summer Term ends Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 12.40pm

*School closed Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026*  
*Teacher training day*



## Autumn Term Extra-Curricular Clubs

**Extra Curricular Timetable**  
Autumn 2025

**Alcester Academy**

**Monday**  
Lunchtime  
Pride Group- E4  
Acoustic Group- Music Hut  
GCSE Maths Clinic - S5  
Scrabble Club- E6  
ART- A1 & A2

**Tuesday**  
Lunchtime  
Young Enterprise -H4  
Youth Speaks - E4  
Pop Band- Music hut  
ART- A1 & A2  
Afterschool  
School Show- Hall  
Dungeons and Dragons-R1

**Wednesday**  
Lunchtime  
Board Games- LRC  
Orchestra - MU 1  
ART- A1 & A2  
After School  
Cookery Club - Food Room

**Thursday**  
Lunchtime  
Year 8 Book Club- LRC  
Rock Band - Music Hut  
Photography - A1  
ART- A1 & A2  
After School  
School Show - Hall  
GCSE Art and Photography  
- A2

**Friday**  
Lunchtime  
Mr Palmieri's Maths Clinic- M1  
ART- A1 & A2  
Principal school show rehearsal  
- Drama Room

## Open Events by Post-16 Providers

Please find below the latest open events held by local Post-16 providers. This is not an exhaustive list and there is further information available on individual websites. Booking may be required but not yet available so please monitor individual websites closely.

This information has been posted on the CareerZone Google Classroom. *Miss Bartlett*



### Hartpury College

#### Pre-registration required

<https://www.hartpury.ac.uk/college/open-days/college-open-morning-booking-form/>

Saturday 20th September 2025

Saturday 11th October 2025

Saturday 15th November 2025

Saturday 13th December 2025



### Worcester, Malvern, Redditch and Bromsgrove Campuses

#### Pre-registration required

<https://www.howcollege.ac.uk/about/open-events/october-open-event-2025/>

Saturday 20th September 2025

Saturday 11th October 2025

Saturday 15th November 2025

Saturday 13th December 2025



### Stratford-Upon-Avon College

#### Pre-registration required

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/school-leaver-open-event-stratford-upon-avon-college-tickets-1659922215029>

Saturday 15th November 2025

Times: 10am to 2pm



### Royal Leamington, Warwick Trident, Pershore, Moreton Morrell, Rugby Campuses

#### Pre-registration required

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/open-days-at-wcg-colleges-2506519>

Saturday 4th October 2025

Saturday 29th November 2025

Saturday 24th January 2025

Times: 10am to 2pm



### King Edward VI School Stratford-Upon-Avon

#### Pre-registration may be required

<https://www.kes.net/>

Tuesday 11th November

Times: 6.15pm to 9pm





### Stratford Girls' Grammar School

**Pre-registration may be required**

<https://www.sggs.org.uk/sixth-form>

Wednesday 19th November 2025

Times: 5.45pm - 8pm



### Alcester Grammar School

**Pre-registration may be required**

<https://www.alcesterags.co.uk/page/?title=Admission+Arrangements&pid=279>

Thursday 13th November 2025

Times: 4.45pm to 8pm



### Prince Henry's High School

**Pre-registration may be required**

<https://www.princehenrys.worcs.sch.uk/>

Thursday 6th November 2025

Times: 5pm to 7pm

### Saint Augustine's Catholic School

<https://www.sta.magnificat.org.uk/sixth-form/welcome-to-our-sixth-form>

To be confirmed



### Stratford-Upon-Avon School and Sixth Form

**Pre-registration not required**

Wednesday 5th November 2025

Times: 5pm to 7pm



### Chipping Campden School

**Pre-registration may be required**

<https://sixthform.campden.school/>

Thursday 6th November 2025

6pm to 8.30pm



## LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

### UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court 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 law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request.

A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school.

When making an application for Leave of Absence 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. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate.

It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is the parents' 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 is expected 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. 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.

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'.

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings.

#### Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2024-25

The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.

- 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 – 4 in total).
  - First Leave of Absence offence: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.
  - Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount.
- Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28 day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.
- Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): A penalty notices will not be issued, and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.

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

## Attendance News

### Whole School Attendance this week is 94.9%

#### Top tutors this week:

7WI with 100% attendance  
8RW with 99.2% attendance  
9NA with 98.1% attendance  
10GA with 98.1% attendance  
11GO with 99.1% attendance

If your child is absent from school, please inform the Attendance Officer, Ms Louise Hatcher, of the reason, before 8.30am each day.

This can be done through SchoolComms, by calling 01789 762285, or by emailing [louisehatcher@alcesteracademy.org.uk](mailto:louisehatcher@alcesteracademy.org.uk)

Thank you, *Ms Hatcher*



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



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

## Notice for Parents

To comply with the School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024 and Data Protection expectations, it is vitally important that Alcester Academy keeps accurate and up to date information relating to every pupil on roll.

The information we are required to record includes:

- Pupil's full legal name (and if appropriate, their preferred name).
- The name, address and contact details of every person known to the school/academy who is a parent\* to the pupil with whom the pupil normally resides (this is the address that has been used to register with their GP).
- The name, address and contact details of any additional parent\*.
- Any other emergency contact details.

In order to gather this information, every year we send out data collection forms. Parents are asked to complete the form with as much information as possible and then return to the school, signed and dated. We would ask that even where there are no amendments to the data collection sheet, parents return the form, signed and dated.

Alcester Academy requests that if you change your contact number, move home or there are any other circumstances which may impact your child, the school is notified as a priority.

N.B. \*The Education Act 1996 defines a 'parent' as a). any natural parent, whether married or not, b). any parent who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility as defined in the Children Act (1989) for a child or young person c). any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person.



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## Examination Invigilators

**£13.68 per hour, claimed monthly**

**Closing date: 12 noon on Tuesday 30th September 2025**

**Interviews: TBC**

**Start date: Mid October for training, exams start in November 2025**

### ADVERT ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

#### **Broad Description**

The ability to work in a team, under direction, and to communicate effectively are essential. Invigilators will be required to conduct examinations in accordance with the JCQ and the Academy's regulations and will play a key role in upholding the integrity of the examination process. Alcester Academy runs a number of examination series during the academic year and would expect flexible availability during these times, dates available on request. Applicants must be available for at least 5 sessions (morning/afternoon) per week during internal and external exam seasons throughout the academic year.

#### **The Application Process**

This should be by completed application form emailed to [admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk](mailto:admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk) - we do not accept CVs.

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

We reserve the right to follow up references provided in person.

We do encourage interested candidates to come and visit the school before making an application.

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

*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.*



## Facilities Supervisor

**(to include out of hours lettings)**

**Scale G, scale point 11, £28,142**

**Closing Date: 12 noon, 26th September 2025**

**Starting: As soon as available**

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

Alcester Academy is a small, oversubscribed school in South Warwickshire meeting the needs of 640 students in years 7-11. The school is a standalone Academy providing education for children in the local priority area. Alcester Academy has enjoyed securing extremely positive student outcomes over the last four years. This has placed the school in the top five percent of schools nationally and in a most favourable position in comparison to selective schools. This is a very exciting time for the Academy. Under new leadership, the school is looking to secure future development opportunities, and we are looking for an experienced, proactive leader for our site team.

The Academy is looking to recruit a Facilities Supervisor. This is an exciting opportunity for an individual to gain experience in facilities management, whilst managing Health and Safety compliance in a school environment. We are looking for someone who is fully committed to working in a front-line service role and providing excellent customer service to support the Academy.

The successful candidate will have experience of managing Health and Safety and of working within a facilities team. The candidate will also be experienced in undertaking minor project works from concept to completion. The ability to communicate effectively and confidently is essential to the post. This post requires the successful candidate to be flexible in their working approach in order to facilitate school lettings.



## \* SPORTS NEWS \* SPORTS NEWS \*

### AA Sport—Fixtures return!

This week was a thrilling return to action for our school sports teams, as we dusted off our boots and got back on the pitch for a full slate of football fixtures. Following a restful summer for most, our players were eager to showcase their skills and teamwork against local rivals, with a number of teams competing across different age groups.

In addition to the excitement on the pitch, it was a monumental week for our dedicated distance runners, who kicked off the cross-country season in style by putting their endurance to the ultimate test at the South Warwickshire District Cross Country trial and season opener for cross-country in the area.

This challenging event, held over natural terrain, served as a crucial qualifier for the county championships, and our competitors gave it their all in a bid to secure a place on the next stage. They certainly showed everyone what our school is made of and congratulations to all who attended this event.

### \*\*\* Year 7 Sport \*\*\* A date for the diary! Monday 22nd September

A further reminder that we look forward to welcoming all year 7 footballers and netballers to a dedicated year 7 sports practise night on Monday 22nd September.

This is open for all year 7 students and will last for 1 hour after school. Please report to the PE changing rooms at the end of the school day and ensure you have your Alcester Academy PE kit to take part.

### This week's sport round up Year 8 Football v Henley



Our year 8 team enjoyed their first experience of 11 a-side school football against Henley in Arden School this week.

In a thrilling and hard-fought year 8 football match, Alcester Academy showcased incredible determination and effort against a very strong Henley side. Despite the final score of 6-3 in favor of Henley, Alcester's performance was filled with positives and valuable lessons that will undoubtedly serve them well in their upcoming cup match.

From the first whistle, Alcester demonstrated a resilient spirit, refusing to be intimidated by their opponents. They battled for every ball, displayed great teamwork, and created several scoring opportunities. The three goals they managed to put past Henley were a testament to their attacking prowess and never-say-die attitude.

While the result may not have gone their way, the Alcester team can hold their heads high. Their commitment and sheer grit were commendable throughout the entire match. The experience gained from playing against such a team with a number of high-calibre individuals will be invaluable for the rest of the season. The players learned important lessons about resilience, tactical awareness, and the importance of seizing key moments.



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Looking ahead, the team can carry this positive momentum into their next cup match. They have shown they can compete with strong opposition, and with the lessons learned from this game, they are well-equipped to face the challenges ahead. The future of Alcester Academy's year 8 football team looks bright, and they are sure to come back even stronger.



### **Year 10 Football v St Benedict's— Postponed**

Unfortunately, our year 10 cup match was postponed by St Benedict's during the week. The match will now take place next Wednesday 24th September 2025, with the same match details from this week.

### **South Warwickshire Cross Country District Trial**

Well done to all the students representing Alcester Academy in the South Warwickshire District Cross Country trials at Alcester Grammar School this week! The results from this event will be shared in next weeks bulletin.

*Mr Moffatt*

### **Year 9 Football v Henley 1—1**

Our year 9 team returned to action with a closely contested match against Henley. From the first whistle, both teams showed determination, and the game remained finely balanced throughout. Alcester created several good chances but were unable to convert, and it was Henley who eventually broke the deadlock in the second half. Despite falling behind, Alcester continued to push forward.

Their efforts were finally rewarded in dramatic fashion in the final moments of the game. With a last-minute corner, goalkeeper Ben came up to join the attack and made an unforgettable impact—rising highest to meet the ball and heading it superbly into the bottom corner to secure a well-earned equaliser.

A fantastic finish to a hard-fought game!

Looking ahead, the team will be looking carry this positive momentum into their next cup match.

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<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <h1 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">NEXT WEEK'S SPORT</h1> </div> <h2 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">W/B 22/9/25</h2>		
Day	Extra-Curricular Club & Staff	Location
Monday	<b>Year 8 Football v Oakley- MO</b> <b>Year 7 Football practise- NA</b> <b>Year 7 Netball practise- PE</b>	<b>Oakley</b> <b>Field</b> <b>Courts</b>
Tuesday	<b>Year 11 Football v Henley- MO</b> <b>External Archery coaching - NA</b>	<b>Henley</b> <b>Gym</b>
Wednesday	<b>Year 10 Football v St.Benedicts - NA</b> <b>Year 8/9/10 Girls Football- MO</b> <b>Year 11 SW Netball tournament- PE</b>	<b>Top field</b> <b>Field</b> <b>Stratford School</b>
Thursday	<b>No clubs – Open evening</b>	

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <h1 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">AUTUMN 1</h1> </div> <h2 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">LUNCHTIME SPORT</h2>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Starting <b>w/b Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b> on a Monday and Tuesday.</li> <li>• Follows the set timetable each half-term from <b>1.45-2.15pm (4:1) in the Gym</b></li> <li>• PE kit is <u>not required</u> to participate but you must have <u>suitable footwear</u></li> </ul>		
w/b	MON - MO	TUES - NA
15/9	Year 11 Indoor Football	KS3 Basketball
22/9	Year 11 Indoor Football	KS4 Basketball
6/10	Year 11 Indoor Football	KS3 Basketball
13/10	Year 11 Indoor Football	KS4 Basketball



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- Make friends
- Watch the bronze final

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Saturday  
27th September

1200-2000

Contact:  
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Cw.saunders@outlook.com

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### Alcester Level 3 Bikeability Holiday Course

The Level 3 holiday course is intended for children in school years 6 - 9 who have previously completed the Bikeability Level 1 & 2 course.

All courses are run by first aid and safeguarding trained National Standard Instructors.

Level 3 equips riders with the skills to tackle more complex roads and traffic situations such as roundabouts and junctions controlled by traffic lights. The training also includes guidance and practice on planning routes.

There is no charge for this course for residents of Warwickshire. Participants will need a roadworthy cycle and a helmet, please contact us if you would like to make use of WCC's fleet of cycles available for loan.

**Available places** 6

**Venue** Eric Payne Community Centre, Alcester  
Eric Payne Community Centre, Jubilee Fields, St Faith's Rd, Alcester B49 6AG  
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**Sessions** 31/10/2025 (09:00 - 12:00)  
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All ticket prices include  
a booking fee

**Please note:**

Adults are also expected to buy a ticket  
to events unless otherwise stated.

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct**

**Ursula Jeakins**  
**Craft Workshop:**  
**Stationery and Bookmaking**

**£16.04 | 2-4pm | Age 11+\***

Make your own  
stunning notebooks  
and stationery  
using bookbinding  
techniques under the  
expert guidance of  
Ursula Jeakins. There'll  
be take-home kits  
available for purchase.  
Please note: sharp  
craft knives are used at this workshop.  
Instruction will be given but participants  
use them at their own risk.



Ticket prices includes all materials



**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

**Gaming Event**

**£10.69 | 5pm-6.30pm | Age 11-16\***

Are you a budding young adventurer ready to slay? Come and play  
Dungeons & Dragons with our talented team of Dungeon Masters.  
Borrow some dice and a ready-made character from us and get stuck in!  
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