Alcester Academy WEEKLY BULLETIN

25th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Good afternoon. I hope that you all have had a good week.

I've been rather pre-occupied this week with our precautions around coronavirus again. Please refer to the detail in the separate school communication that was sent yesterday. Being more cautious right now again seems prudent in order to keep cases down and try to protect everyone's summer holiday. Schools around us locally are suffering again as a result of having to self-isolate large groups of children. I am asking for your support again with students wearing face coverings in class from Monday. Staffing has started to be affected as individual adults have to self-isolate, or their own children are at home again and have to be looked after. Your patience with this situation is appreciated.

As far as end of year reward trips are concerned, these are still permitted as our students have operated in bubbles up until now. If this changes, we will update you as soon as we hear anything. We continue to have to alter things in a very reactive way as guidance changes.

We sadly say farewell today to Mrs Sondh in science. We thank Mrs Sondh for her hard work and commitment to the school over the last few months. Miss Simpson starts with us on Monday in Art and Photography, and Miss Radbourne joins the science team as well. We hope that both teachers will be very happy with us at Alcester Academy.

Staff worked extremely hard to help us with the year 11 Teacher Assessed Grades this week. The sample selected for scrutiny fell to English with Literature and Language evidence being requested by AQA. I'm extremely grateful to the staff for turning this around by the deadline on Thursday.

Congratulations to the year 10s for completing their exam series this week. They approached

JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #15 - OUTDOOR PURSUITS MANAGER

JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #17 - RETAIL BUYER

these exams with diligence and hard work. Thank you to Mrs Kirby and the invigilators for organising and monitoring these officially should we need to use these as evidence for any future grades. Mrs Hale, Careers Advisor has organised a virtual careers day for them to be involved in on Monday and they have a Super Learning Day with the Army in school on Tuesday. This is timely as tomorrow marks the National Armed Forces day. Watch this space for more details next week.

I was extremely proud of year 9 this week with regard to the mature way that they behaved in their GL assessments. These will be extremely important to us in monitoring progress and guiding any interventions needed as a result of lockdown missed learning.

Huge congratulations to year 8s for getting their Options forms in on time. Thank you! Mr Hollis has begun the task now of making sure we fit your choices around the timetable.

In other news this week:

Price and Buckland—Uniform

P&B are about to launch the PE kit on their website if you have been waiting for this. Keep an eye out over the coming days. Thank you for your support with uniform. The students look very smart.

Bringing balls to school

I'm delighted that our students want to bring a ball to school for use on the field at lunchtime; this is a healthy use of their free time. If you could talk to the students however about keeping balls safe until then, I'd be grateful. It seems that as the balls get to school, they often end up in the road causing unnecessary distress to passing drivers. The police even visited me recently about this risk. Many thanks indeed.

Year 6

We're looking forward to seeing year 6s and their parents for a presentation on Wednesday 30th June via Microsoft Teams at 6pm. We will record this presentation and send our new parents this link. Thank you to the current year 7s who talked to Miss Hammond, Transition Co-ordinator, about their virtual experience last year. It has helped us massively to try and build improvements into the 2021 programme.

Year 6 Summer School

We're getting very excited now planning the Summer School for our year 6s. This will take place week of 26th July. We will discuss this in more detail on Wednesday evening with parents and further details will follow by letter. This will be subject to coronavirus allowing us to run this opportunity nearer the time of course.

Photographs

Thank you to the very smart year 7 and year 8s who helped us on Monday with the updated photographs for the website. We will be uploading these ready for September. Here are just a few to see as a sneaky preview:

Wishing you all a really lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Sarah Mellors
Headteacher

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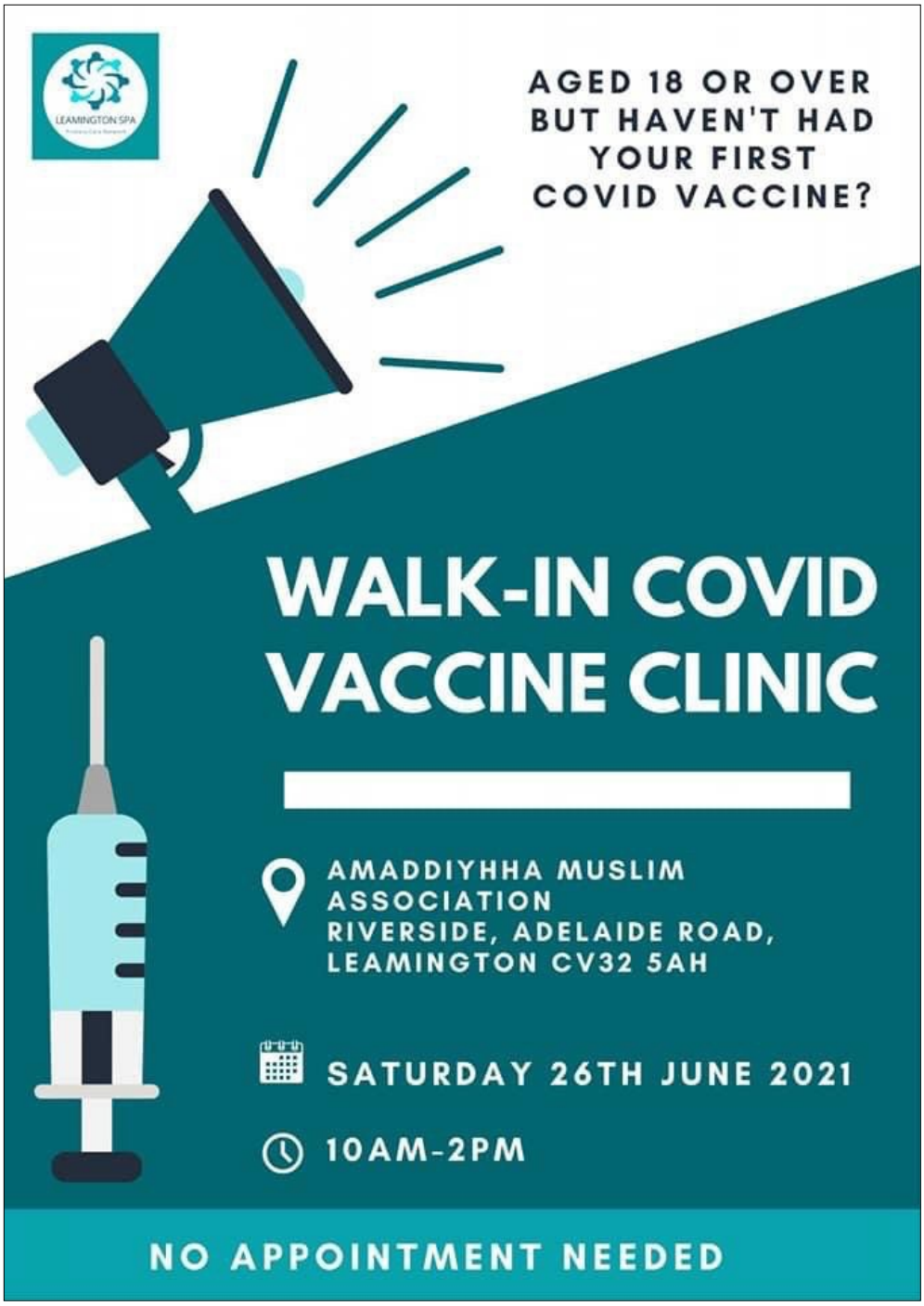
Thank you for supporting the Academy with donations. This week, we have received dress making patterns. These will be used in the Design Technology Department!

Miss Wincup



School Attendance — up to 24.6.21

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Whole School
95.8%	94.1%	93.1%	91.6%	91.5%

This week's top Tutor Groups

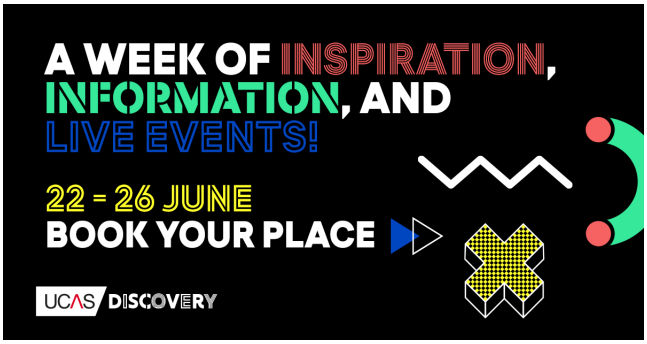
7HT– 98.9%, 8CA – 99.6%, 9SC – 98.1% and 10SH – 96.7%.

UCAS Discovery Week from 22 – 26 June 2021

A week full of inspiration, information, and live events!
Get ahead this summer... Explore the possibilities. Start making plans. And focus on you and your future.
This June, we're bringing you a whole lot of inspiration, information, and live events, with everything you need to get your future plans on track this summer – all packed into just one week, and online!

- Over 100 unis, colleges and employers
- Live application clinics and personal statement workshops
- Course taster sessions and virtual tours
- Uni life stories and student Q&As
- Apprentices talk apprenticeships
- Careers of the future
- Student finance made easy
- Cribs live ft. student accommodation
- ...And lots more!

So, whether you're looking for some inspiration. Need help with choosing the right path, course, uni, apprenticeship…
even accommodation. Or, are ready to take the next step this summer and make a start on your application. Sign up today to take part in what's set to be an unmissable week and join us live 22 – 26 June.



Student leadership elections

Congratulations to the girls and boys who made it through to staff short listing. Our next stage is for the short listed students now to begin their campaigns. We wish them all the very best for this.

Gabi	Tiago
Poppy	Will
Amelia	Louie
Freija	Aiden

Census Scams

Census Day 2021 happened in March earlier this year, and time is now running out for members of the general public to complete their census and avoid a £1,000 fine and a criminal record.

Scammers are taking advantage by threatening recipients of their messages with a £1000 fine for not completing the census, or for filling it in incorrectly.

We would like to remind all residents:

You will never be contacted by text from Census 2021 in relation to your census survey

The Census 2021 team will never issue a fine by text, phone call, email or social media

If you receive a suspected scam text message, please forward this to 7726 and report scam emails to report@phishing.gov.uk.

Artwork of the Week

WHAM BAM

**Year 7s are currently working on a Pop Art unit of work.
Isaac R has produced this outstanding example of onomatopoeia—
the formation of a word from a sound associated with what is named!**

Mr Yarrington

Dates for your diary

Year 6 New Parents' Evening	*Wednesday 30th June*
Year 9 Romeo and Juliet	***Thursday 1st July***
Mop up immunisations	*Monday 5th July*
Year 6 Virtual Induction Day	***Friday 9th July***
Year 7-10 End of term trips	
(Covid permitting)	*Tuesday 13th July*
Sports Day (students only)	***Thursday 15th July***
Break up 12.40pm	*Tuesday 20th July*

Warwickshire Libraries is on the lookout for budding young poets

The search for the next Young Poet Laureate (YPL) is on and applications are welcomed from budding young poets aged 13-17.

Warwickshire Libraries has launched the seventh YPL search in partnership with Poetry on Loan, an organisation supported by Arts Council England that aims to promote contemporary poetry throughout public libraries in the West Midlands.

The successful Poet Laureate will use their creative ideas to champion poetry as both a writer and performer and will share their work throughout the county to a wide audience. Previous YPLs have been commissioned to write and perform poetry at special events across the county. They have also worked with library staff to deliver poetry sessions to customers of many ages and taken part in local events such as festivals and open mic nights. Over the last year, this has also branched out into digital performance via social media and virtual events.

The deadline for applications is 6pm on Wednesday 8 September. Shortlisted candidates will then be invited to take part in a virtual workshop and interview. Applicants who successfully reach the final stage of the process will be asked to perform some of their work.

For further details about the YPL role, the application process and how to apply visit warwickshire.gov.uk/youngpoetlaureate

Term Dates

SUMMER TERM 2021

Summer Term ends	Tuesday 20th July 2021 at 12.40pm

AUTUMN TERM 2021

School closed	*Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September 2021* *Teacher training days*
Autumn Term begins	
Years 7 and 9 only	Monday 6th September 2021
Years 8, 10 and 11 only	Tuesday 7th September 2021
School closed	*Friday 22nd October 2021* *Teacher training day*
Half term	Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October 2021
Back to school	Monday 1st November 2021
Autumn Term ends	Friday 17th December 2021 at 12.40pm

2021/2022 TERM DATES ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

Epraise Updates—week ending 24.6.21

Congratulations to the Top Students this year:

1st	Harvey	7NE	Fifth week	279 points
2nd	Maya	7BW	Fifth week	272 points
3rd	Jack	7HT	Sixth week	245 points

Top Scorers this week:

1	Harvey	7NE	10 points
1	Michael	7HT	10 points
1	Sam	8BL	10 points
4	Tom	7HT	9 points
5	Sid	7TY	8 points
5	Kacper	7TY	8 points
5	Charlie	7TY	8 points
8	Adam	7HT	7 points
8	Brandon	7TY	7 points
8	Poppy	7HT	7 points

Top Staff this week:

1	Mr Yarrington	176 points
2	Miss Heitmuller	157 points
3	Miss McDowall	135 points
4	Miss Bayliss	134 points
5	Mr Bowater	128 points

Top Tutor Groups this week:

1	7TY	141 points
2	7HT	118 points
3	8BL	105 points
4	7BW	72 points
5	7NE	61 points

Top Subjects this week:

1	English	161 points
2	Art	158 points
3	Geography	149 points
4	Maths	75 points
5	German	72 points

MFL Idiom of the Week

English: A leopard can't change it's spots

French: Qui naît poule aime à caqueter

Literal meaning: One who was born a hen likes to cackle

German: Niemand kann aus seiner Haut heraus

Literal meaning: No one can be out of their skin

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PE Practices: week beginning 28.6.21

Monday 28th June:
Alcester Schools' Athletics Championships Day 2 (selection letters sent out already). 5.30pm finish - Pick up at AGS field.

Tuesday 29th June:
Year 7/8 Alcester Schools' Girls Tennis Tournament @AGS. 5.30pm finish - Pick up at AGS (main school).

Wednesday 30th June:
Year 7 Warwickshire Boys Rounders Tournament @AGS. 5.45-6.00pm finish - Pick up at AGS field.

Thursday 1st July:
Year 7/8 Kwik Cricket practice & Year 7 Rounders practice.

If your practice/fixture night is on a day when you don't have PE come to school in your PE kit and wait in your bubble areas for the PE staff to collect you at the end of the school day.

All practices will run until 4.30pm and are open to everyone in the specified year groups.

County Honours for Kobe

Congratulations to Kobe in year 7 who continued his county honours as he represented Warwickshire in cricket against Staffordshire.

Kobe opened the bowling against Staffordshire and bowled a total of 7 overs of which 3 were maiden overs and he took 2 wickets. When it was time for his bat, Kobe scored 24 runs and was eventually caught out.

Unfortunately the team lost by 6 runs but Kobe really did put in a great performance and we are very proud of his achievements at the academy.

Well done Kobe!

Warwickshire County Cricket Club