

# Alcester Academy WEEKLY BULLETIN



26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Good afternoon.

I hope that you have had a good week. Thank you to the staff team who took students to the West End last weekend; Ms Sacco, Mr Hall and Miss Lee. Instagram provided a real treat for followers to see the weekend unfold. There is a short report later on for you all.

## Well done year 11s

Week one of written mocks are now completed. Well done year 11! 3:2 days continue into next week.



Thank you to history and maths for putting on Saturday sessions tomorrow for our year 11s. For history, students need to arrive at 9am. For maths, this starts promptly at 11am.

## Road Safety

I picked up the comments this week on road safety written over Facebook on a forum. Please can you speak at home about road safety awareness especially in the area of Kinwarton Road. Thank you if you alerted me to these as parents. I'm very grateful. We have attempted to address this in school.



## Year 7 Transition Questionnaire Results

Thank you year 7 parents and carers for your recent feedback. There is a short report later on for you all.

## Meet the new staff:

### Mrs Lisa Steward— Administrator

Hi. I'm Lisa Steward. I was delighted to join Alcester Academy recently as an Administrator in the main office. I am enjoying the role and everyone is very friendly. I live in a village nearby with my husband. We have two grown up children, who both attended the school and were very happy here. Their positive experience is one of the reasons why I applied for the position. I enjoy walking, reading, gardening and travelling. Last year my husband and I went inter-railing around Europe for a month. It was an



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amazing adventure, that I would thoroughly recommend!

### **Mrs Vicki McCracken**

I am thrilled to have joined the English department at Alcester Academy. I am an experienced teacher of English having been Head of English and a Senior Leader in other schools across the West Midlands. Outside of the classroom, I enjoy watching musical theatre, live music and a range of sports. An interesting fact about me is that I qualified as a football referee back in 1993!



### **Mr Palmeiri**

Hi, I'm Mark Palmieri, a Maths teacher with a degree in Physics. I started Alcester Academy just after Christmas and find the school to be a fantastic place to learn, I look forward to teaching all my groups over the coming months. In my spare time I enjoy cooking and learning about different cuisines, and when not in the kitchen I love anything to do with science fiction.



### **Mrs Timofte**

Hi, my name is Mrs Timofte and I'm delighted to join the Lunchtime Supervisors team. I have lived in Alcester for a couple of years now. I'm qualified as Biochemical Engineer but I didn't have the chance to work in this field.



I am the mother of an almost 2-year-old boy, and in my spare time I like to explore nature, watch football and spend as much time as possible with my family.

I am honored to be part of this great team, Alcester Academy, and I promise I will do my best to do my job.

## **Good news stories**

Congratulations to Garan, year 7 for his good deed this week. This certainly showed Academy values in action.

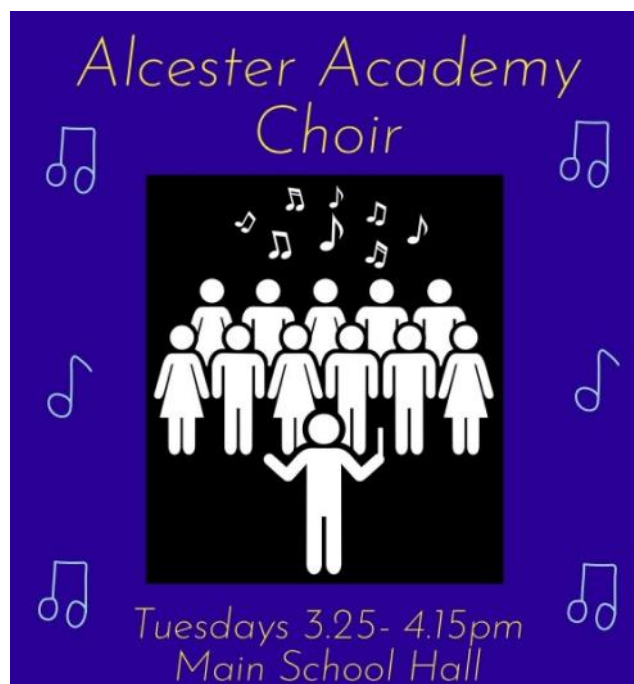
And finally, a closing focus on our year 10s. A staggering one hundred year 10 students will embark on their Work Experience placements next week. We wish them every success with this huge step and cannot wait to visit them and hear their stories. Good luck year 10. Thank you so much if you are an employer supporting us with this.



Wishing you a super weekend ahead.

Best wishes

*Sarah Mellors*  
Headteacher



## Year 7 Transition Questionnaire Results

Many thanks to our year 7 parents for completing our transition survey. As a school we are delighted by the results, and thank you for such positive comments and suggestions. We have taken these on board as we plan our transition this year.

- 97% of parents felt their child had settled in really well into year 7.
- 100% of you felt that the school had supported you and your child from primary transition through to starting year 7.
- 99% of you felt that the parents evening prior to induction day was informative about the routines of the school. There were some great comments about the communication you have received about the school, and in dealing with any issues that have arisen.
- 100% of those that attended our summer school felt that it helped their child prepare for their new school. This included meeting

the staff, getting to know their way around the school, making friends and also feeling less anxious about starting their new school.

The students also completed a survey about their transition. Again, comments were really positive. Students felt safe in school and felt that they would have someone to talk to if needed. Summer School had really helped to alleviate any nerves, and helped with making new friends for those that had attended, with lots of favourite activities.

The trip to Blackwell Adventure was a big hit and enjoyed by all. Students were enjoying the new subjects and looking forward to the opportunities that their new school will bring.

*Miss Buckthorp*



## Alcester Academy Term Dates

### SPRING TERM 2024

Half Term Monday 12th – Friday 16th February 2024

**Back to school Monday 19th February 2024**

Spring Term ends (Easter) Friday 22nd March 2024 at 12.40pm

### SUMMER TERM 2024

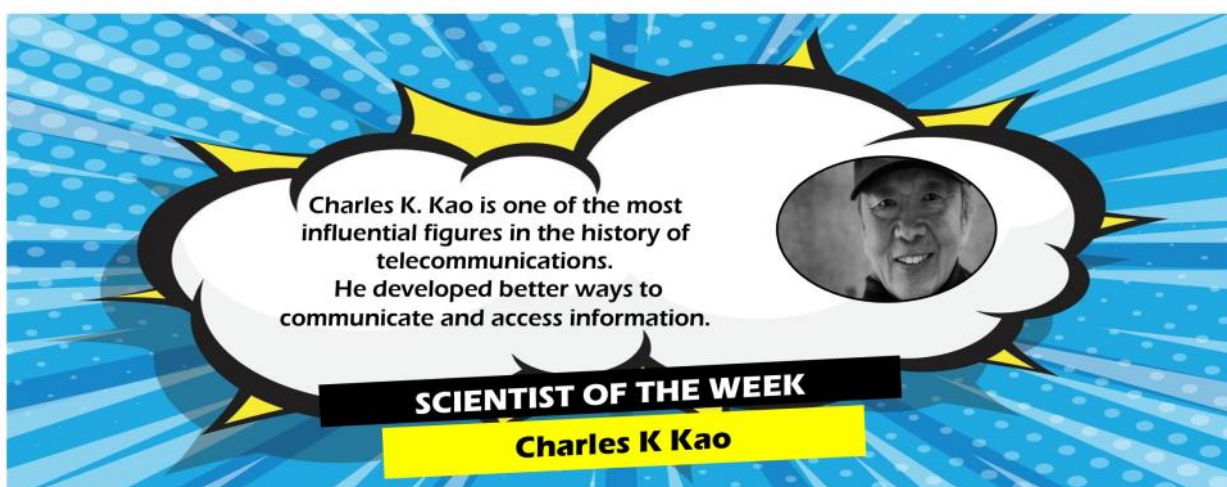
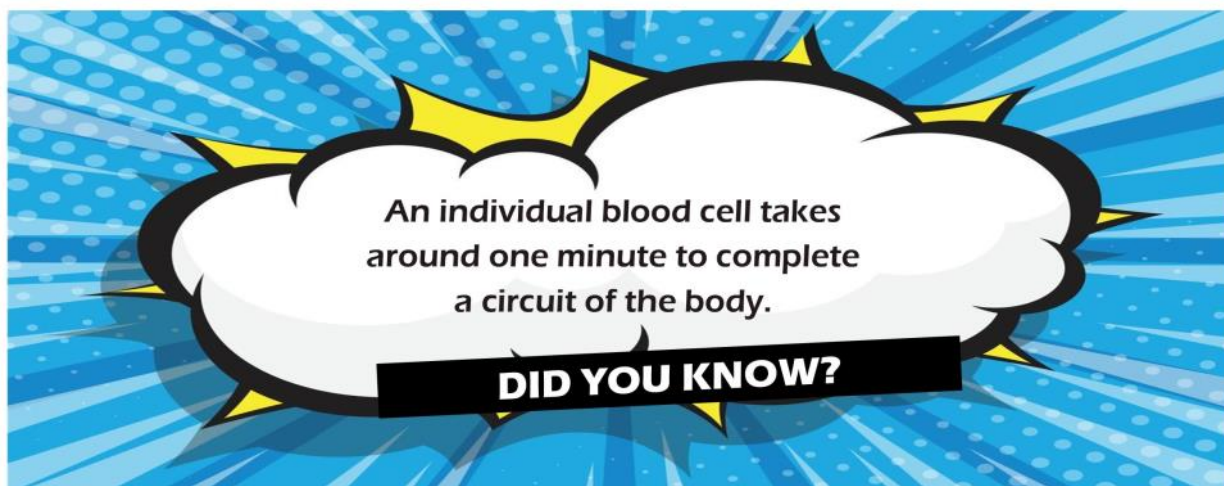
**Summer Term begins Monday 8th April 2024**

May Bank Holiday Monday 6th May 2024

Half Term Monday 27th – Friday 31st May 2024

**Back to school Monday 3rd June 2024**

Summer Term ends Friday 19th July 2024 at 12.40pm



## West End Theatre Visit

Our weekend in London started off with an early get up to be at Warwick Parkway for 7:20am to get the 7:40am train to Marylebone. We got to London at around 9:20am and made our way over to the National Theatre.



We were given time to look around and then had a tour. The group that I was in went off with a gentleman called George. Whilst on our backstage tour, we saw the Olivier Theatre and the Lyttelton Theatre. We also got to see a lot of the backstage area and it was really interesting to see all of the props, costumes and set.

We went and had lunch at Southbank and then walked back to the hotel and had a tour of London from our tour guide—Mr Hall. After some time to ourselves, we went for dinner at the hotel and then made it to the theatre. *Wicked the Musical* was amazing. The set and costumes were so clever. The show also had a really good plot.

On Sunday we left the hotel at around 9am. We made our way to our Stage Combat Workshop at Danceworks Studio and learnt all things stage fighting. It was super fascinating to see how big fights happen on stage and I will definitely be using some of the skills learnt from this in my Unit 3 Performing Arts.



After this, we went to Covent Garden and went shopping and also watched some of the street performers. Each performer was so unique and made their performance so interactive. We got the tube back to Marylebone and on our way to the tube station, some people met Gok Wan. We got on the 4pm train back to Marylebone, and got back to Warwick Parkway just after 5:30pm.

It was such an amazing weekend and it would not have been possible without Miss Sacco, Miss Lee and Mr Hall giving up their weekend to be able to take us on this trip.

*Jess—year 11*



## Court Leet Pancake Races on Shrove Tuesday

The Alcester Court Leet Pancake Races take place this year on Tuesday 13th February. The annual Shrove Tuesday event will be held in Alcester High Street. Please come along, join in and support the community event!

The road will be closed from 11:00am and races will start at 11:30am. Children's races will be run from 12 noon until 1pm.

As it is half term week in school, the races will include:

- ◇ Parent and Toddler
- ◇ Juniors
- ◇ Men's under 18
- ◇ Ladies under 18
- ◇ Men's Open over 18
- ◇ Ladies Open over 18
- ◇ Pub relay
- ◇ Works relay

Prizes may include chocolate eggs, lollies and certificates!

[www.alcestercourtleet.co.uk/activities/pancake-races-2/](http://www.alcestercourtleet.co.uk/activities/pancake-races-2/)




### Alcester Court Leet

#### *What is Pancake Day?*

Pancake Day, (also known as Shrove Tuesday), is the last day before the period which Christians call Lent. It is traditional on this day to eat pancakes.

#### *Why are Pancakes Eaten on Shrove Tuesday?*

Lent is a time of abstinence, of giving things up. So Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to indulge yourself, and to use up the foods that aren't allowed in Lent. Pancakes are eaten on this day because they contain fat, butter and eggs which were forbidden during Lent.



**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!**

## Attendance Updates

**Whole School Attendance: 92.7%**

**Top tutors this week:**

*7RA with 97.5% attendance*

*8YA with 98.8% attendance*

*9SA with 97% attendance*

*10PW with 96.9% attendance*

*11ES with 100% attendance—WOW!*

**Top House this week:**

*Greville with 95.3%*

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

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

Thank you, *Mrs Hatcher*



# TEXTACADEMY

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



**textacademy to  
07563130478  
with your  
message and  
one of the team  
will be  
in touch**

Alcester Academy

**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](mailto:textacademy@alcesteracademy.org.uk)**

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## Extra Curricular Clubs—Spring Term 2024

<b>Monday</b> <u>LUNCH</u> Science Club KS3 S3  Acoustic Group Music Hut  Art rooms Available for all art students  <u>AFTER SCHOOL</u> Ornithology T4	<b>Tuesday</b> <u>LUNCH</u> Young Enterpsie E6/5  Pop Band Music Hut  Mock Trial E2  Art rooms Available for all art students  <u>AFTER SCHOOL</u> Choir Hall 4.15 finsih	<b>Wednesday</b> <u>LUNCH</u> Chess/Board Game M4  BBC Young Reporters E1 ( KS3 only)  Digital Fashion T4  POKEMON club PE1  Art rooms Available for all art students  <u>AFTER SCHOOL</u> Rock Academy Music
<b>Thursday</b> <u>LUNCH</u> Environment Club E2  LGQTQ+IA E4  Rock Band  Humanities Film Club Top of the Tower  Art rooms Available for all art students  <u>AFTER SCHOOL</u> Art Club KS4 only	<b>Friday</b> <u>LUNCH</u> Chess/Board Game M4  Dance club Drama Studio  Guitar Orchestra Music Hut  Art rooms Available for all art students	<b>Saturday</b> Rock Academy 10am-11.30am



## Year 11 Revision

Please find attached our revision timetable for this half term. Pupils need to ensure that they have their prom/hoodie card signed by their teachers after completing a successful revision session. *Mr Cooke*

Day	Core LUNCH	Core AFTER SCHOOL
Monday	Study Room M5	
Tuesday	Study Room S5	English
Wednesday	Study Room E2 or Science	Science
Thursday	Study Room E2	Maths

## Epraise Facts & Figures

### Student Leader board:

1	Chloe	7KO	241 points
2	Maddie	7KO	233 points
3	Noah	7RA	230 points
4	Ethan	7KO	228 points
5	Phoebe	7KO	227 points
6	Alfie	7LX	226 points
7	Zachery	7KO	224 points
8	Bella	7KO	217 points
9	Anna	7KO	215 points
10	Amber	7WI	214 points

### Top Students—this week:

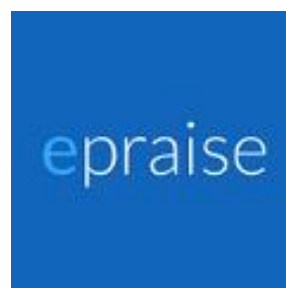
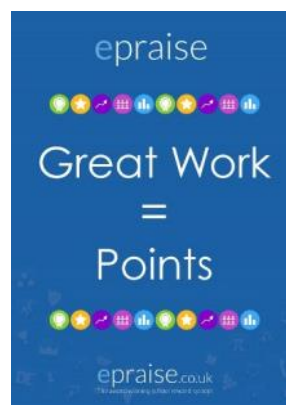
1	Ilani	8GA	19 points
2	Poppy	8SI	16 points
3	Ava	8YA	15 points
3	Tilly	8SI	15 points
5	Matilda	8YA	14 points
5	Traviss	7LX	14 points
5	Anthony	8GA	14 points
5	Maddie	7KO	14 points
5	Elsie	7LX	14 points
10	Luisa	7RA	13 points

### Top Tutor—this week:

1	8GA	200 points
2	8SI	195 points
2	7LX	195 points
4	8YA	191 points
5	7RA	176 points

### Top Staff—this week:

1	Miss Lewis	347 points
2	Mr Rossiter	310 points
3	Mr Yarrington	262 points
4	Mrs Gorner	212 points
4	Miss Home	212 points



## Coin Race

We are now up and running in our collection of coins in readiness for our house coin race on Friday 9th February. Please bring in any coins and collection will happen during tutor time.





ALCESTER ACADEMY PRESENTS

# Family



# Night

Friday 8th March

Doors Open 6.30pm — Eyes down 7.00pm

Bar  
Tuck Shop  
& Snacks  
available

Book (6 Games) - £2  
6 Books (6 Games) - £10

Pre-booking recommended.  
Book now online or via the school office.



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### Lunchtime Sport



## **\*\*SPRING 1 LUNCHTIME SPORT\*\***



- Lunchtime sports clubs to start w/b Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 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	THURSDAY - MO
15/1	Girls 'Just Dance'	Year 11 Indoor Football	All years Table Tennis	Year 11 Indoor Football
22/1	Girls 'Just Dance'	Year 11 Indoor Football	All years Table Tennis	Year 11 Indoor Football
29/1	Girls 'Just Dance'	Year 11 Indoor Football	All years Table Tennis	Year 11 Indoor Football
5/2	Girls 'Just Dance'	Year 11 Indoor Football	All years Table Tennis	Year 11 Indoor Football

### After School Sport



## **\*\*THIS WEEKS SPORT\*\*: W/B 29/1/24**



Day	Extra-Curricular Club & Staff	Location
Monday	Year 7 and 8 Girls Indoor Athletics Competition PE+PW Year 11 Football- MO	AGS Top Field
Tuesday	Archery (Selected)- PW / Bowmen of Alcester Year 7 + 8 Girls Football- External Coach	Gym Field
Wednesday	Year 7 + 8 Boys Basketball- MO Year 9, 10 + 11 Netball- PE	Gym Courts
Thursday	Year 7 + 8 Girls Football Tournament PE + MO Year 7 Netball- MR	Stratford School Courts

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### This week's sport roundup

#### Warwickshire School's X Country

We are unbelievably proud of our X Country runners who competed at the Warwickshire Schools championship this weekend.

Our team managed two astonishing 1st place finishes for Marijke and Will. Along with excellent performances from Ethan, Harry, Ed and Billy contributing to an incredibly successful afternoon at the championships for Alcester Academy.



#### Year 7 & 8 Boys Indoor Athletics

Two brilliant 2nd place finishes were achieved for our year 7 and year 8 athletes at the district indoor competition this week. Some fantastic determination shown from our young athletes. Good luck to our year 7 and year 8 girls who will compete in Indoor Athletics next week.



#### Year 7 & 8 Girls Basketball



Well done to our year 7 and 8 girls basketball teams who achieved third place finishes in the district tournament this week. Some fantastic progress being made on court by all. Well done!



## Teaching Assistant

**Working term time only (39 weeks including 5 Teacher Training days)**

**Scale F range 6-11 FTE £21,968 starting salary (Actual pro rata £18,811)**

**Starting: ASAP**

**Closing date: Thursday 22nd February 2024 at 12 noon**

**Interviews: week commencing 26th February 2024**

### [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 full time, term time only post working 39 weeks per year (incl. 5 teacher training days). We are particularly interested in hearing from applicants with experience of working with children with communication and interaction needs, including autism, though this is not essential.

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](mailto:admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk).

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.*



## Teacher of Science (Maternity Cover)

**Salary: TMS**

**Contract Type: Full Time**

**Contract Term: Temporary (maternity cover)**

**Required: From February 2024 (start date negotiable)**

### ADVERT ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

A vacancy has arisen to become part of an outstanding science department within a high performing and friendly school. Alcester Academy enjoys a strong reputation locally and nationally as a result of our caring ethos and excellent academic performance.

The successful applicant will join an ambitious and supportive science team as maternity cover. At Alcester Academy, teachers enjoy the freedom to deploy their individual skills, and talents, whilst conveying a passion for their subject and delivering excellent outcomes.

The science department is proud of the progress that students make. As a team, we have an established record of excellent results; in 2022 results far exceeded National Averages: P8 for the whole school was +0.46 and science achieved a VA of +0.55. In 2023 86% achieved a minimum of 2 grade 4s in science with 71% achieving at least 2 grade 5s. Applicants will be considered from all points of experience, including early career teachers. In Key Stage 3, teachers would have sole responsibility for a class and are expected to deliver all content. At Key Stage 4, teachers are given more opportunity to teach within their specialist area. As a small department, flexibility and teamwork is particularly important. An ability to teach physics at Key Stage 4 would be desirable, however not essential. At KS4 both combined and triple science is offered. We currently work with AQA.

If you feel that Alcester Academy could be for you, please feel free to arrange a conversation or a school tour with our Head of Science, Debbie Marshall or simply complete the application form. Email address—[admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk](mailto:admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk).

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## Teacher of Art and Photography - Maternity Cover

**Starting June 2024 until June 2025 MPS/UPS**

**Closing date: Friday 1st March 2024 at 12 noon**

**Interviews: Week commencing 4th March 2024**

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

A vacancy has arisen to become part of an outstanding art department within a high performing and friendly school. Alcester Academy enjoys a strong reputation locally and nationally as a result of our caring ethos and excellent academic performance.

The successful applicant will join an ambitious and thoroughly supportive teaching team which works within a highly successful art and design technology cluster. At Alcester Academy, teachers enjoy the freedom to deploy their individual skills, and talents, whilst conveying a passion for their subject and delivering excellent outcomes.

The art department is proud of the progress that students make. As a team, we have an established record of excellent results; last years' results far exceeded National Averages: the open block subjects achieved a P8 of +0.77 and the school was in the top 5% in the country for progress. This is a temporary 12-month post covering maternity leave.

Applicants will be considered from all points of experience, including newly qualified teachers. We are seeking applications from candidates with a specialism in photography, including digital aspects, but also a willingness to deliver KS3 Art. Experience of the external Set Task (examination) element of GCSE Photography would be beneficial, but not essential.

If you feel that Alcester Academy could be for you, please contact the Subject Leader, James Yarrington for informal discussion via email at: [jamesyarrington@alcesteracademy.org.uk](mailto:jamesyarrington@alcesteracademy.org.uk) or simply complete the application form.

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# CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY



## STARS NETBALL ACADEMY

Starting 1st March 2024  
at The Greig Leisure Centre, Alcester

- New to netball?
- Play for school team?
- Play for a club?

**LEARN**  
**BUILD**  
**MASTER**

Focus on skills, teamwork and most importantly have FUN!

Little Stars (School Yr 4-6) - Friday 5-6pm	16 SPACES
Stars (School Yr 7-8) - Friday 6-7pm	20 SPACES
Stars (School Yr 9+) - Friday 7-8pm	20 SPACES

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07789 554448



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