Alcester Academy WEEKLY BULLETIN

26th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Good afternoon. It's great to catch up with you all properly after the half term break via the bulletin this week. We are really excited about the news on Monday that students can return to school and I'd ask you to refer to the separate letter in the bulletin regarding this. We have tried to anticipate the information that you might require. There are no major organisational changes to how the students arrive/depart from school or the bubbles that they function in once they are in school. The main information that you need to glean is with regard to the return dates and the lateral flow routines that we must adhere to.

I will be delivering very important assemblies to students next week about their return via TEAMS:

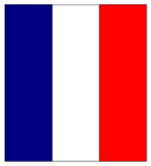
- **Wednesday 3rd March – Year 7 at 8.45am**
- **Thursday 4th March – Years 8, 9, and 10 at 8.45am**
  (Year 8 will; also have an assembly from Miss Elliot on Tuesday 2nd March about GCSE maths)
- **Friday 5th March – Year 11 at 8.45am**

We welcome to the academy this week Mrs P Riddle, the new School Business Manager. We hope that Mrs Riddle is very happy at Alcester Academy with us.

I am delighted to join such a lovely school where the staff have been so supportive and welcoming. Originally from Liverpool I have lived in the West Midlands for 32 years so now consider it home! I am a keen horse rider and enjoy reading and quizzes. I have worked in Education for 14 years, 6 of which as a Business Manager, I look forward to working as part of the team to achieve the best for all of our students.

Science Super Learning Day

Thank you to the science team for planning an exciting day today for years 7-10. I'm sure that students were grateful to look at learning in a very different way today. I was extremely proud to see the work coming in throughout the day. Well done everyone!



MFL Idiom of the Week

English: Better safe than sorry

French: Souris qui n'a qu'un trou est bientôt prise

Literal meaning: A mouse with only one hole is soon caught

German: Sicher ist sicher

Literal meaning: Better safe than sorry

Year 11 news

I will be writing separately to Y11 parents about Gavin Williamson's announcement yesterday regarding the summer grading but at least we finally have some guidance to begin to work towards.

Year 10 opportunity – University of Birmingham

Are you a Year 10 student curious about higher education? Our summer school offers students the opportunity to discover what it is like to study at university, in particular a research-led institution like Birmingham.

There are three broad academic streams: Health Careers, Sport and Health Careers, and Routes to My Future. All students are given support and guidance by our student ambassadors who are current undergraduates at the University. This event is free of charge and open to students in West Midlands state schools.

Applications for the 2021 summer school will open on 1 March 2021. This year's summer school will take place online so that students can take part in our engaging activities from the comfort of their own home. Subject to government guidelines, we may also host a campus event in autumn. Details will be provided to summer school participants. As a guide, have a look below to see rough details of how the programme usually runs. https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/teachers/years-7-11/year-10-summer-school.aspx

Year 8 Options

Each Tuesday, the core subject leaders are talking to year 8s via assembly about the requirements for each of their subject areas. Mr Cooke spoke this week. Miss Elliot will speak about maths on Tuesday 2nd March. These assemblies are recorded and available on the *Options* area of the website under *Quality of Education*.

Headteacher Challenge and La Chandeleur MFL activity

Thank you to those students who entered both challenges over the last two weeks. Mrs Weatherley and I were delighted with the standard.

Thank you

A big thank you to everyone that sent in a 'Thank you' message!

To see all the thank you messages please use the link below.

There's still time to add a message and say thank you to someone at school!

https://padlet.com/sdyer20/Alcester

Above: Two entries by Maya, year 7.

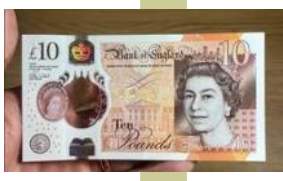
MFL Challenge

Left: Alcester Academy creation by Martha, year 8.

Congratulations to Ted in year 9 for winning the *MFL Challenge* and Martha in year 8 for winning the *Headteacher Challenge*. Both get entered into the lockdown prize £50 voucher draw. See the photos later on in the bulletin.

In this week's *Headteacher Challenge*, I'd like to see if our students can design a logo for our *Tenner for Tom* campaign please. Deadline as always is Thursday 4th March at 9am. Please email entries to head@alcesteracademy.org.uk.
Painted, drawn, art inspired or computer generated ideas will all be accepted.

A *Tenner For Tom*



I'd love to see the photographs of the jobs being done around the house for our *Tenner For Tom* campaign. Please send them to head@alcesteracademy.org.uk over the next few weeks.

My ideas include tidying bedrooms!, washing cars, cooking tea or making lunches, shopping (safely) for elderly relatives, ironing for you (safely again!), sweeping leaves at home or for neighbours, assisting with decorating, garden clearance, cleaning for you at home, supporting younger siblings with school work and so on. Obviously it would take a good few of these jobs to raise £10 over a matter of weeks. Our deadline is Easter please. Thank you to the 27 of you who have donated already raising £270.00. This means a great deal.

Two of our community raising funds here!

Term Dates

SPRING TERM 2021

Spring Term ends (Easter)	Thursday 1st April 2021

SUMMER TERM 2021

Summer Term begins	Monday 19th April 2021
May Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May 2021
Half Term	Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2021
Back to school	Monday 7th June 2021
Summer Term ends	Tuesday 20th July 2021 at 12.40pm
School closed	*Wednesday 21st July 2021*
	Teacher training day

Pearson National Teaching Awards

Pearson are inviting individuals to nominate family members or local heroes who have helped them during the Pandemic. This is not aimed at a shout out to Alcester Academy but you may well want to consider an individual who has helped you or your own family in some way over the last twelve months.

https://www.teachingawards.com/the-2021-lockdown-hero-award-for-outstanding-learner-and-community-support/

Price&Buckland Uniform Supplier

We are very close to launching the new look Price&Buckland uniform ordering service for Alcester Academy. After many years of trying to do this, I'm delighted to finally be offering parents and carers two uniform providers. I hope to bring you more news around Easter time ready for the new academic year ahead.

Alcester Town News

Congratulations to the Town Council who have recently achieved the prestigious Quality Council status in the Local Council Award Scheme.

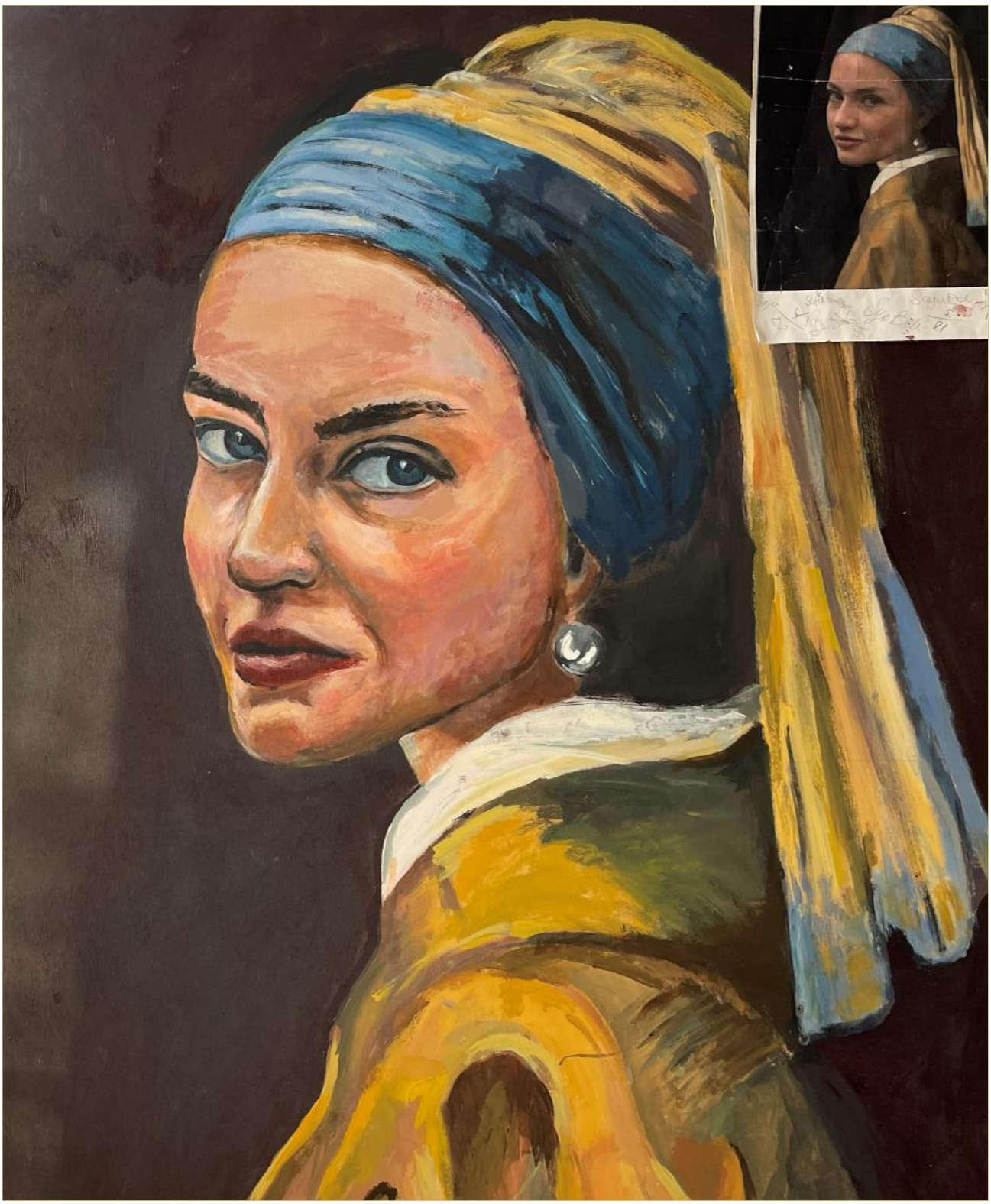
Wishing you all a very relaxing weekend. We're very nearly there now and we very much want to work with you as parents in order to prepare the students to come back to school and feel as safe and happy as possible.

As ever, thank you and especially the staff here for going the extra mile at this time.

Best wishes

Sarah Mellors
Headteacher

Artwork of the Week



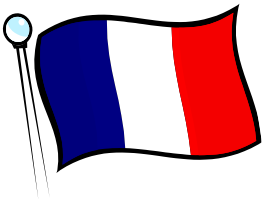
**A fabulous painting from Sofie in year 10,
using a Vermeer masterpiece and
her own photography as inspiration.**

Linguists of the Month

Bien fait

Gute Arbeit

Year	French	German
7	Kady	Poppy
8	Emily	Sam
9	Hannah	Josh
10	Grace	Amelia
11	Flo	Louisa



MFL Challenge—*La Chandeleur*

The MFL Faculty would like to thank all of the students who sent in photographs of their pancakes over half term. We had an amazing amount of entries.

Please can I congratulate Ted on being my overall winner who will now be entered into Mrs Mellors' prize draw.

A special thank you also to Hannah for her pancake video – wonderful!

All students will receive epraise points from me and the following students will receive a certificate for their efforts. Many thanks to all of you.

Mrs Weatherley
Head of MFL

Certificate winners – in no particular order

Ted—year 9
Hannah—year 8
Isobel—year 8
Emily—year 8
Alex— year 7
Ewan— year 7
Em— year 9
Chloe— year 9
Sophie— year 8
Ben— year 7

MFL Challenge

Ted is the overall winner of the MFL Challenge! Well done!

Maecie,
year 7

Max, year 7

Jacob, year 7

David, year 8

Fin, year 7

Fin, year 7

Oliver, year 7

Poppy, year 9

Hannah, year 9

Sophie, year 8

Isabel, year 8

Zac, year 8

Katherine, year 7

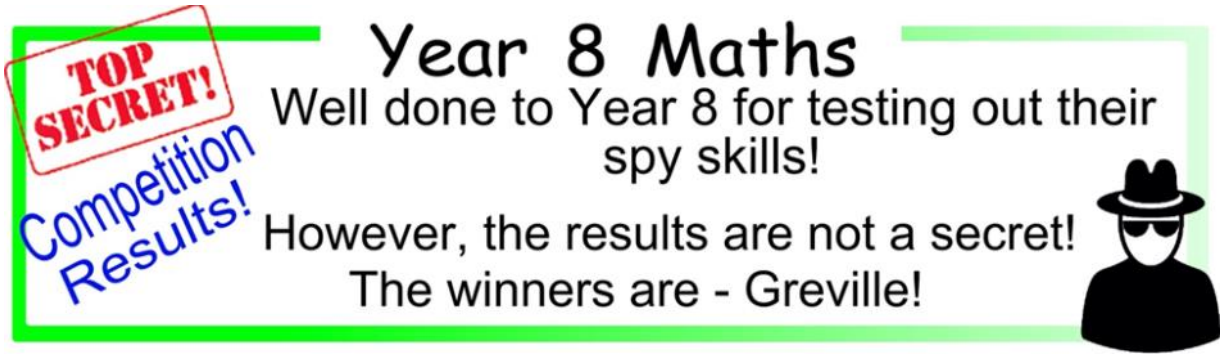
Ewan, year 7

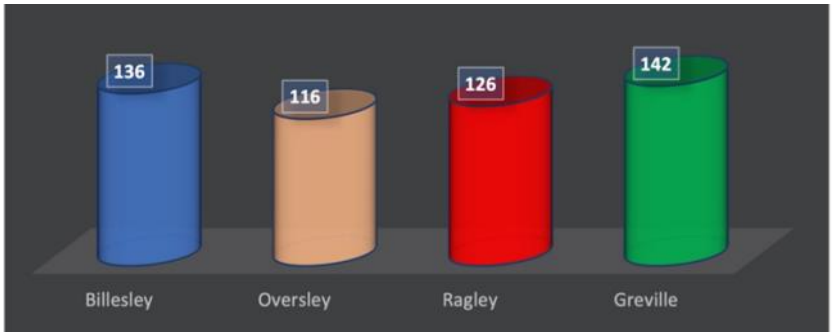
Onny, year 7

Headteacher Challenge

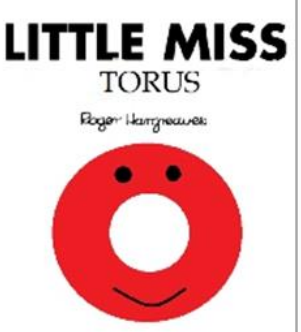
Martha is the overall winner of the Headteacher Challenge! Congratulations!

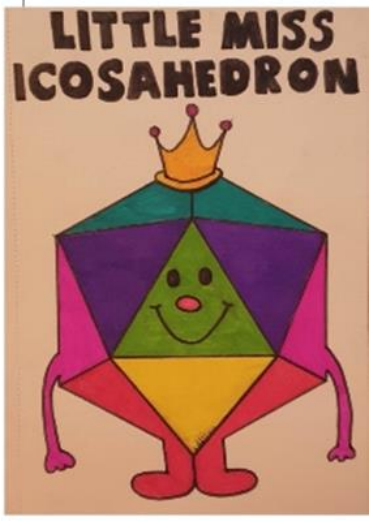
Maths Corner

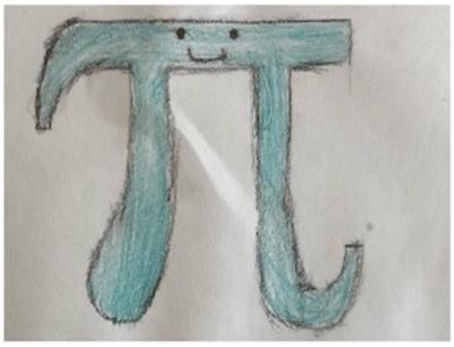




Maths Stars of the Week







Science SLD

Year 7 key worker students have been making musical instruments in the science SLD.

Food Technology Star of the Week

Homemade KFC

Garlic and rosemary focaccia, with philadelphia

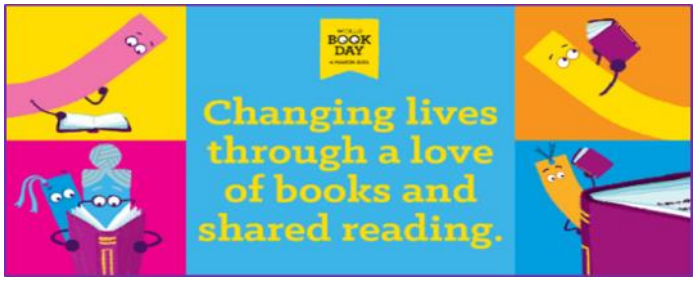
Roan in year 9 continually cooks up a feast at home impressing me each time he sends in photos of his work. Keep up the great work Roan.

Mrs Megee

Food Technology Stars of the Week

Year 8 have been very busy cooking Spaghetti Bolognaise this week. Outstanding results everyone!

Mrs Megee



World Book Day at Alcester Academy

***The masked reader* and other activities**

are coming your way on

4th March 2021

Please make sure you have joined the Google Classroom ready for Thursday — tafpzio

LRC Notice

Please don't forget to bring back any library books when you return to school.

epraise updates—week ending 25.2.21

Congratulations to the Top Students this year:

1st—Jack—Year 7 FIFTH WEEK
2nd—Maya—Year 7 FIFTH WEEK
3rd—Kaitlyn— Year 9 FOURTH WEEK

Top Students in other years:

Year 8—Josh STILL THERE!
Year 10—Bea—Year 10 NEW LEADER Well done!
Year 11—Archie STANDING FIRM—WELL DONE!

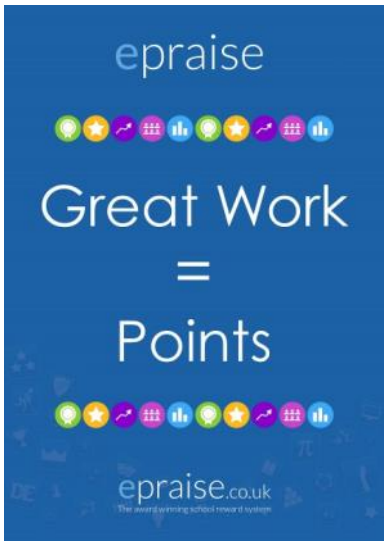
Archie B with just 4 points between you and Archie R!

Top Scorers this week:

Maya (Year 7) (17 points)
Kady (Year 7) (10 points)
Chloe (Year 9) (10 points
Oliver (Year 7) (9 points)
Martha (Year 8) (9 points)
Jack (Year 7) (8 points)
Joe (Year 7) (8 points)
Tyler (Year 7) (8 points)
Chloe (Year 7) (8 points)
Tiana (Year 9) (8 points)

Top Tutor Groups this week:

1st	7BW	112 points
2nd	7TY	96 points
3rd	7NE	95 points
4th	7HT	85 points
5th	9WA	76 points
6th	7WI	69 points
7th	9BI	65 points
8th	8CA	64 points
9th	9TN	63 points
10th	8ST	51 points



Top Subject and Staff:

Science leads as a subject again this week. Go science FANTASTIC!

Mr Bastock leads on the staff board with Mr Yarrington in second place.

You need to register before the event. To see what's on offer please go on https://cwcareershub.vfairs.com/ register now and put it in your calendar.

On the day of the event, a link will be emailed to you.

Insert your email address into the link to access the Virtual Careers Show.

National Careers Week

NCW

1ST – 6TH MARCH 2021

EMPOWERING POSITIVE CHANGE
THROUGH CAREERS EDUCATION AND EMPOWERING OUR STUDENTS

PLEASE VISIT CAREER ZONE ON GOOGLE CLASSROOM
CLASS CODE: a3hdvcr

WHERE YOU WILL FIND PLENTY OF ACTIVITIES AND RESOURCES AND INFORMATION ON CAREERS

https://nationalcareersweek.com/

Day	Activity	Careers in the curriculum
Monday 1st March	Careers in the Public Services NHS/ Army/Police Watch video clips	MFL History
Tuesday 2nd March	Careers Assemblies PPT presentations introducing NCW	MFL History
Wednesday 3rd March	Virtual Careers Fair	MFL / Maths / History
Thursday 4th March	Explore your Career opportunities	
Friday 5th March	Careers in the Creative Sector	Science

Elevate parent webinar

The webinar series is completely free for parents at Alcester Academy.

Tuesday 2nd March:
Preparing for Assessments

Tuesday 23rd March:
Managing Technology and Distractions

Parents will also be sent the replay link if they have registered so if they miss it live, they can still access it.

Registration link:
https://get.elevatecoaching.info/uk/register

Vacancy
Teacher of Art and Photography—Maternity Cover

Starting: September 2021 until May 2022 MPS/UPS

Interviews: Week commencing 22nd March 2021

Closing date: Friday 19th March 2021 at 12 noon

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.

ADVERT ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

Vacancy
Teacher of English—Maternity Cover

Starting September 2021 until July 2022 MPS/UPS

Interviews: Week commencing 22nd March 2021

Closing Date: Friday 19th March at 12 noon

A vacancy has arisen to become part of an outstanding English 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 who work in collaboration with a highly successful English department.

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 English department is proud of the progress that students make. A cohesive group of 6 teachers and one specialist teaching assistant and a team who have an established record of excellent results. 2019 results far exceeded National Averages and the department has a consistent and achievable target of 90%+ at grades 9-4, 70%+ at grades 9-5 and 40%+ at grades 9-7. The English 2018 and 2019 set of results placed us within the top 10% nationally - with an average P8 score of +0.9.

This is a temporary, yet exciting, post covering a maternity leave.

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CORONAVIRUS

STAY HOME SAVE LIVES

If you have to leave your home to exercise remember:

Find out more at gov.uk/coronavirus

STAY HOME ▸ PROTECT THE NHS ▸ SAVE LIVES