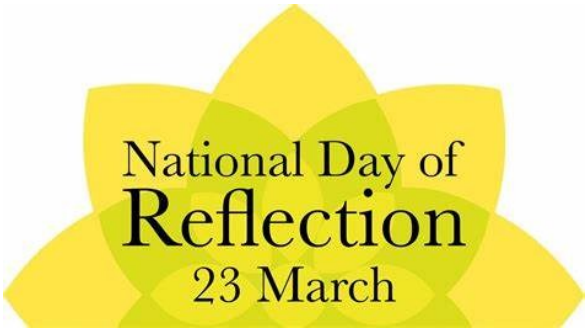
Alcester Academy WEEKLY BULLETIN

26th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Good afternoon. I hope that you have had a great week. Spring seems to have sprung and I'm sure that we are all feeling a bit more uplifted as a result of this!

On Tuesday, we commemorated the National Reflection Day by holding a one minute silence at noon in order to think about those affected by coronavirus over the last year. I felt that it was so important for the students to be part of this if only to consider quite how lucky the majority of them have been by being untouched by this. I extend my thoughts to those of our families who have not been quite so fortunate. We continue to offer our support to all of you at this time. Like you, I'm sure that many of us watched the Kate Garraway documentary this week too that brought home to me the reality of the last twelve months without any doubt.' Just so tragic.



Year 11s began assessments towards the final stages of their key stage four education this week starting with science and DT. This fairly intensive period continues for them after Easter with our schedule mapped out clearly day by day then for the following six weeks. I'm extremely proud of the way that this year group have adapted to such key changes for them at this point.

We were successful in appointing exceptional teachers to cover our forthcoming maternity leaves in English and art this week. These teachers join us in September 2021 and I'm very excited about this. Our students always help us with interviews either by being a live class for teaching observation purposes, or by supporting the student voice sessions with candidates. Some of their questions can be rather interesting! Their opinion really matters to us throughout the whole process. I'd like to thank those students involved this week.

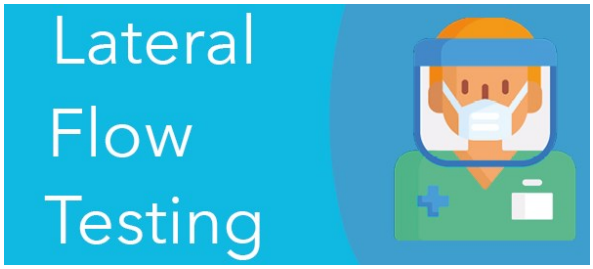
MFL Idiom of the Week

English: Nothing ventured, nothing gained
French: Qui ne risqué rien n'a rien
Literal meaning: He who risks nothing has nothing
German: Wer nicht wagt, der nicht gewinnt
Literal meaning: Who does not dare, doesn't win

I always feel extreme pride watching how they conduct themselves and represent the academy community with our visitors. All candidates spoke very highly of the students that they met.

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you that we are expecting any uniform issues to be resolved when we return after Easter please. It is the one area of school life that has been out of our control during lockdown. With stores reopening again on 12th April, I hope that Easter will give you some opportunity to address this. We will send out a useful reminder to check against next week. Price-Buckland have just finalised the last garment with me in their range and I'm desperate to announce when you can begin ordering from them online. It won't be long! The NSC in Alcester will also still be available for you.

Lateral test kits



Just to remind you that we are expecting you to ensure that the students do test at home twice a week please. Any positive lateral flow results must be reported to school and followed up by a full PCR test at a national test centre please. Thank you so much for helping us with this aspect of safety right now. As we receive more test boxes, we will distribute these to the students.

A good proportion of staff time was spent on Monday morning testing those students who had not done this over the weekend. For you to test one or two children at home is far easier than us attempting to continue to test children. The test centre in school is now dismantled and therefore we lack the facilities to continue to mass test. Thank you to those parents who did do this, we appreciate this such a lot. Please continue to do this regularly.

POSITIVE PCR RESULTS must be reported to school at the earliest opportunity please head@alcesteracademy.org.uk

Easter

I have been asked to encourage all parents to continue to insist that the lateral flow kits are used over the Easter holiday period too. Thank you.

As a reminder we break up for Easter on Thursday 1st April next week at the normal time.

We are allowing students to wear their own clothes on Thursday 1st April. There is no charity charge for this at all. This is just intended to be a nice treat for the students at the end of term after another tricky time for them. They have been a credit to us all. If you could ensure that garments are 'school appropriate', we would be very grateful. This especially refers to no spaghetti strap tops or t shirts that are so short, we can see exposed flesh!

Bus travel

Wearing face coverings on the bus still continues to be an essential requirement at this time for safety.

Year 10 Parents' Evening

Thank you to staff, parents and students for their time last night via Schoolcloud. We hope that you found this productive. We will be asking parents for their views around continuing parents' evening via this platform in the future. Whilst I would very much miss seeing you in person, general feedback is indicating that you like the convenience of this system. If this was a majority view, I would seek to create other opportunities to invite you in to school physically so that we don't miss those important conversations. I thoroughly enjoyed seeing many of you last night too. To reassure those of you who asked, we will spend some time directly after Easter preparing the year 10s for their forthcoming exams and the *how to revise* aspect of these. The exams will begin on 7th June.

Huge thanks for everything that you are still doing to support us. I extend this to the staff as well. I'm very grateful for this every day.
Have a super weekend.
Best wishes

Mrs Mellors—Headteacher

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*

2021/2022 TERM DATES ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

PE Practices week beginning 29th March 2021

Monday 29th March	Year 7 Netball and Football (Mixed) practices
Tuesday 30th March	Year 8 Basketball (Mixed) practice
Wednesday 31st March	Year 9 Basketball (Mixed) practice

All practices run from 3.25 - 4.30pm.
Come to school in PE kit if you don't have PE on your practice day.
At the end of the day remain in your classrooms and *we will collect you from there.*
Normal school PE kit (footballers bring boots and shin pads too).
You will need to arrange pick up for 4.30pm. No charge. All welcome.
Mr Powell

A Tenner for Tom

We're have now raised £540 for local NHS causes. Thank you to those students who have managed to raise their £10s already! I'm so proud.

Last call now for our *Tenner for Tom* campaign please. The deadline is Easter.

The fundraiser is on the School Gateway when the students have completed this. Don't forget to send in your photos showing how you raised the money to head@alcesteracademy.org.uk.

Thank you
Mrs Mellors

epraise updates - week ending 25.3.21

Congratulations to the Top Students this year:

1st	Maya - Year 7	FIRST WEEK
2nd	Jack - Year 7	FIRST WEEK
3rd	Isabelle - Year 9	SECOND WEEK

Top Scorers this week:

1	Emily	8MA	15 points
2	Emily	7TY	13 points
3	Michael	7HT	12 points
3	Tom	7TY	12 points
3	Charlie	7TY	12 points
3	Aimee-Louise	7HT	12 points
3	Toby	7HT	12 points
3	Jonas	7HT	12 points
3	Violet	7HT	12 points
3	Liv	7WI	12 points

Top Staff this week:

1	Mr Rowberry
2	Mr Bowater
3	Miss Heitmuller
4	Mr Yarrington
5	Miss Cooper

Top Tutor Groups this week:

1	7TY	235 points
2	7HT	203 points
3	7BW	173 points
4	7NE	165 points
5	8YA	150 points
6	7WI	144 points
6	8CA	144 points
8	9WA	143 points
9	9BI	142 points
10	8ST	139 points

Top Subjects:

1	Science	11980 points
2	Maths	8197 points
3	English	4473 points
4	Art	3544 points
5	German	2593 points

Artwork of the Week

A beautiful piece by year 11 student Callum, investigating the impact of the pandemic upon different generations.

Pencil and ballpoint pen on cartridge paper.

Careers Information

JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #03 - CARDIOLOGIST

JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #04 - DISASTER MANAGER

THE DEPOT YOUTH CLUB

We are looking forward to reopening on
Tuesday 20th April 6pm – 9pm.
We will be opening on Tuesday evenings

Please like our Facebook page
to get updates and make suggestions!

Depot Alcester

We also need volunteers - are you aged 17+?
Are you in sixth form or doing DofE and need some volunteering hours?
Can you offer 3 hours of your time either once a week or once a fortnight on a Tuesday evening?

Please contact us on Facebook or email

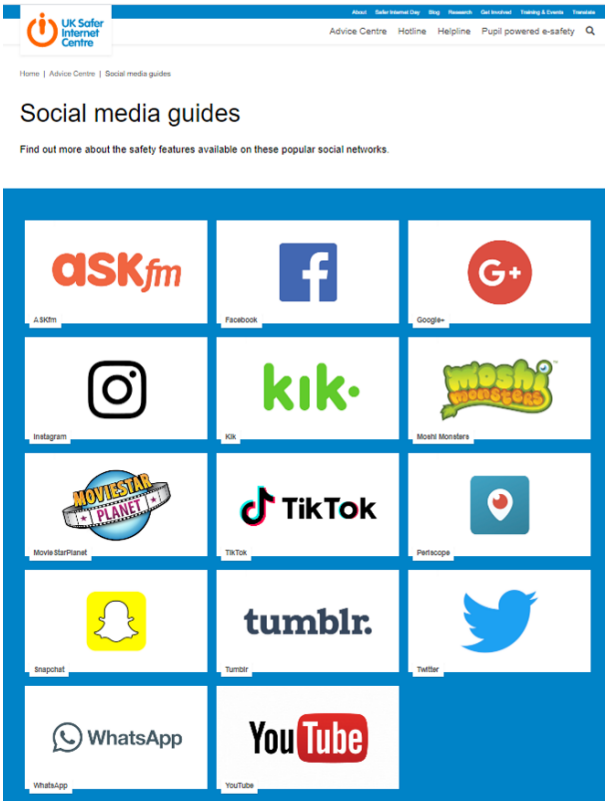
mailto:clerk@alcester-tc.gov.uk

Social Media Guides

Find out more about the safety features available

Use these social media guides, provided by the safer internet centre, to discover more useful information about safety settings on social media sites such as WhatsApp, Instagram & TikTok.

https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/social-media-guides



School Attendance — up to 25.3.21

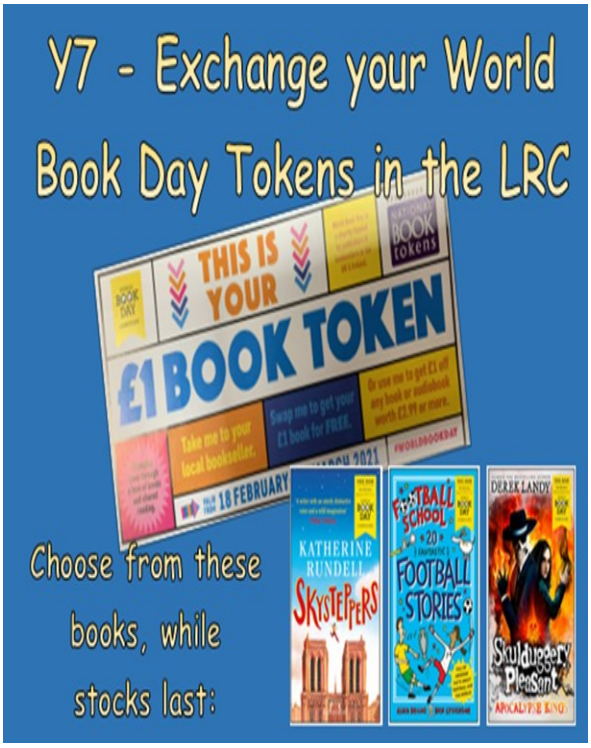
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Whole School
95.7%	93.3%	92.3%	90.5%	91.6%	92.8%

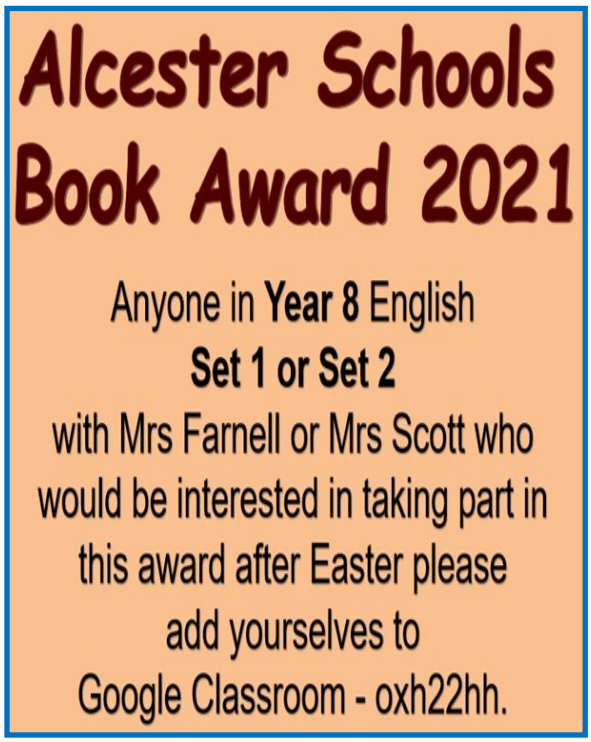
Top Tutors — well done this week!

7HT, 8ST, 9AN, 10RO and 11BR

Holiday
Lunch Club
FREE lunches for kids!!!
First Come First Served!
Don't miss out!
@The Depot - Eric Payne Community Centre
Everyday from the
6th - 16th April: 12:30 - 1:30 PM
@Alcestertowncouncil

escape | arts
creating community wellbeing
The Secret Knitted Garden
As lockdown continues our Stratford In Stitches group invite you to help us create a SECRET KNITTED GARDEN, out of WOOL. We would like you to knit or crochet flowers, vegetables, fruit, birds, bugs, and wildlife creatures to contribute to an undercover installation at the Escape Arts & Heritage Centre. Let your imagination run free!!! Items can be dropped off or posted to us. For more information or access to patterns please contact: info@escapearts.org.uk
COMMUNITY FUND
ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND
building communities
escapearts.org.uk


Y7 - Exchange your World Book Day Tokens in the LRC
THIS IS YOUR £1 BOOK TOKEN
Choose from these books, while stocks last:


Alcester Schools Book Award 2021
Anyone in Year 8 English Set 1 or Set 2 with Mrs Farnell or Mrs Scott who would be interested in taking part in this award after Easter please add yourselves to Google Classroom - oxh22hh.

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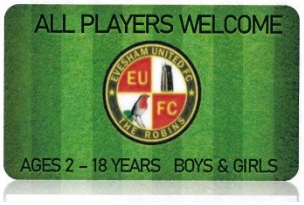
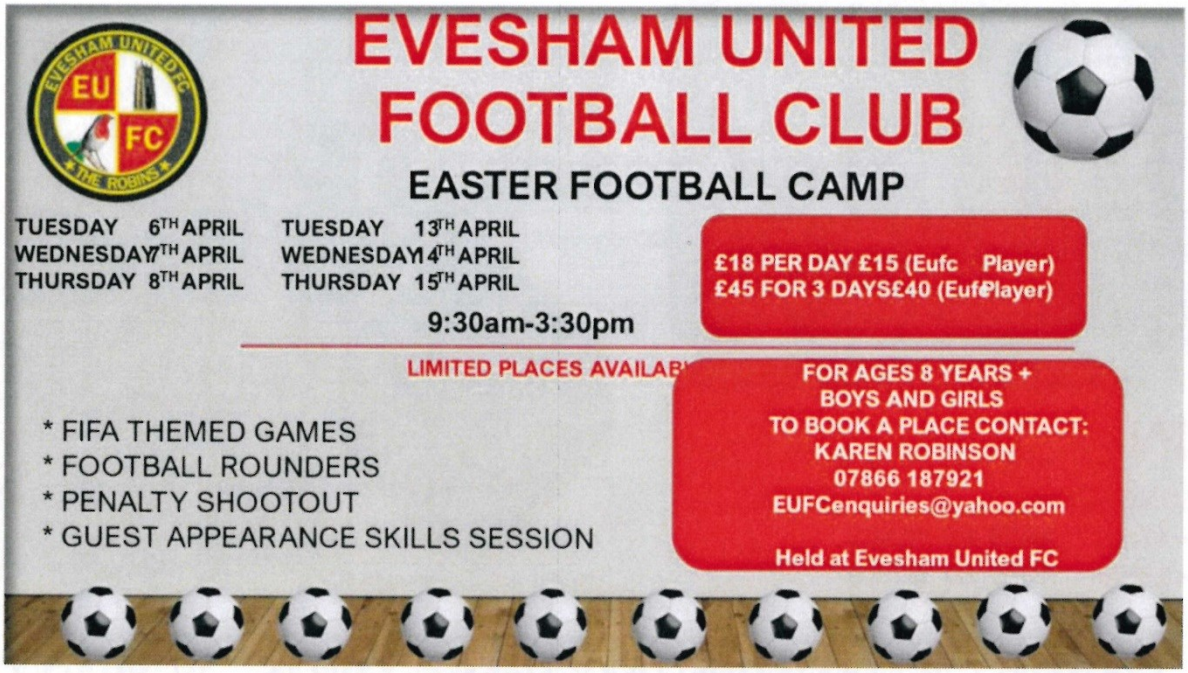
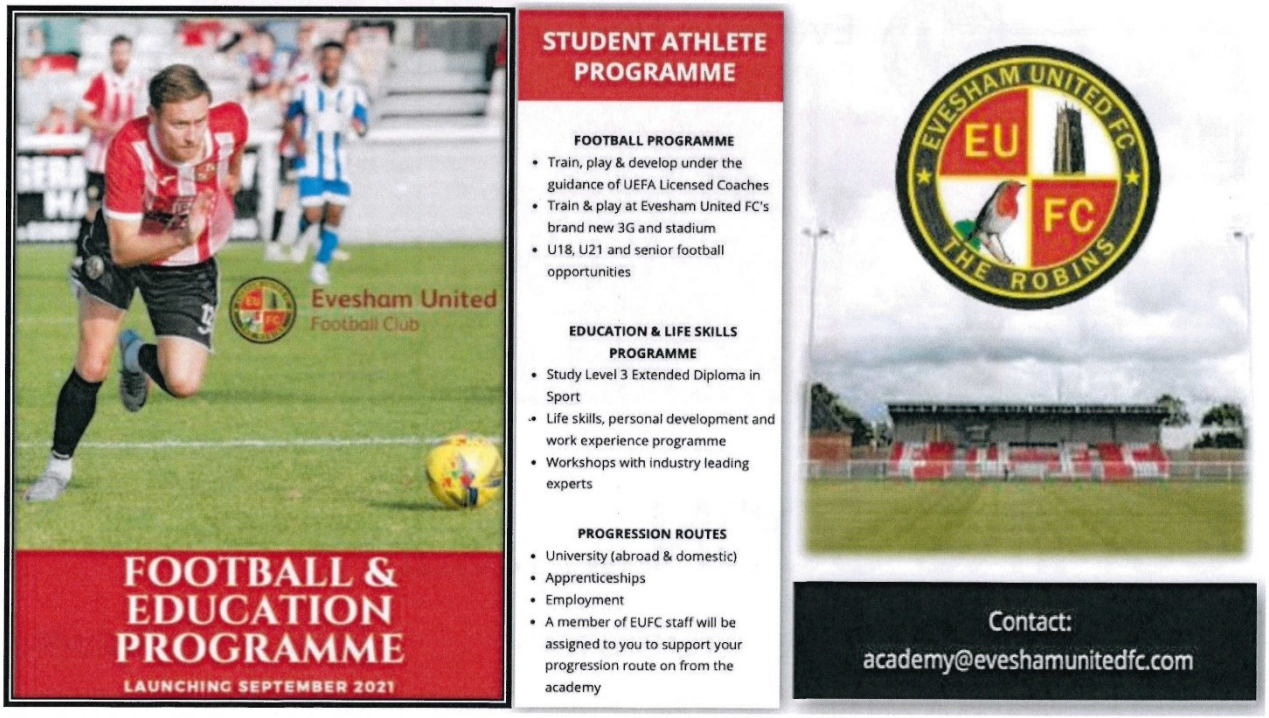
Evesham United Football Club
Club news and events





FOOTBALL & EDUCATION PROGRAMME FOR 16 – 18-YEAR-OLDS



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