

Alcester Academy WEEKLY BULLETIN



27th May 2022

Dear parents and carers,

We have had a superb week in school as we begin preparations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Thank you to staff who have rallied around to make yet another memorable time in school for the students. I am looking forward to my own Street Party next week with friends and neighbours as many of us are I'm sure.



Thursday – The Royal Fact Quiz continued and LSU had their Jubilee Party. The canteen pulled out all of the stops with Eton Mess and Royal Cup Cakes too.

To give you a flavour of things in school, events for this week have included:

Monday—Mrs Bennett decorated the front of school with our Jubilee bunting.



Tuesday—Our midday supervisors put out the red, white and blue balloons to welcome visitors. The students looked at the Jubilee as a topic in tutor time

Wednesday—We launched our '70 facts about the Queen' quiz. Questions were dotted around the school. Mrs Jones in LSU has a fantastic knowledge of Her Royal Highness! The canteen bunting went up in readiness for roast dinner day!

Mess and Royal Cup Cakes too.

Friday – Today students went around the site finding laminated pictures of royal crowns. They were then able to trade these in for a chocolate bar. Students that found a picture of the Queen, won a huge Platinum Jubilee Dairy Milk bar! Just a bit of fun again for the end of a busy half term.



42. The Queens official title is Queen Elizabeth II by the Grace of God, of the UK, of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and her other realms and territories. Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.



Finally, today, we close the race for the top 70 EPRAISERS who will enter a draw on the first Monday back to win a £70 royal rewards voucher! Wow! Massive thanks to Miss Buckthorp who creates and organises these events, and does all of the shopping herself for our students to have these treats.



Thank you to those parents who joined Mrs Stedman, Mr Bowater, Miss Knowles, Mr Martin and Miss Buckthorp for the Blencathra pre-trip meeting on Monday. This is such a useful experience for those students studying GCSE Geography. Not long to go now!



Alcester Academy
Year 6 Summer School

MONDAY 25TH JULY TO FRIDAY 29TH JULY

Following on from the success of last year's summer school we are planning to deliver *Alcester Academy Summer School 2022*.

Students from last year experienced a wide programme of activities that has enabled them to quickly settle into Alcester Academy and prepare them for their studies.

We would like to offer a similar programme so that our new cohort for 2022 are well prepared in advance and settle any pre-secondary school nerves.

Our plan includes:

*** TEAM BUILDING GAMES * CONFIDENCE BUILDERS * SCIENCE, MATHS & ENGLISH * OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES * SURPRISE EVENTS ***

There will be a charge of £160 for the week which includes costs for lunch, refreshments and all activities for the week.

The planned week for summer school is Monday 25th July to Friday 29th July with each daily session running from 09:00 to 15:00.

If you would like further information please complete:
[Register your interest form](#)

Performing Arts day

Thank you to the Performing Arts team for organising the year 9/10 *School Of Theatre Excellence* Super Learning Day last Friday.

<https://www.sote.co.uk/>

Miss Sacco has written about this further on in the bulletin.

Non uniform

Thank you for your contributions to the non uniform day today for the Community Fridge project. At the time of this going to be published, the amount raised is £910.



One of our next fund raisers will be on Thursday 23rd June (year 11 Leavers Day). This is for another cause very dear to our hearts called *Heartlink Children's Charity*. We have been waiting five years to support this charity. *Heartlink* massively supported one of our year 11 students in the early stages of his life and we are paying tribute to this exceptional care.

HeartLink Children's Charity is a small charity set up to raise funds to support children with congenital heart defects (CHD), their families and to help purchase life saving equipment for the East Midlands Congenital Heart Centre based at Leicester Royal Infirmary.



In the case of our year 11 student, Heartlink provided the equipment used to transport him from Warwick where he was born, to Leicester. They paid for the equipment used during his surgery, the hot bed he slept in and the new technology that gave him the best chance of survival. They also built and furnished rooms to enable parents to stay onsite with their babies, and that was where mum stayed with him until he was allowed home.

They continue to support CHD patients and families as well as the hospital and have, through

donations, been able to purchase a phenomenal amount of equipment for the hospital.

You can find more here:

<https://www.heartlinkchildrenscharity.co.uk/>

Although the charity is based in the East Midlands, children from all over the UK are flown in for the expert cardiac care there.

DfE Numeracy Quiz for adults

The DfE have published a numeracy quiz for adults if you want to give it a go?

[Take a quick numeracy quiz \(riddle.com\)](https://www.getin.org.uk/quiz)

Fully-funded maths courses are available for adults. Please visit [Essential Skills - Numeracy - Skills for Life \(campaign.gov.uk\)](https://www.getin.org.uk/courses)

Warwickshire County Scout Camp—Ragley

Congratulations to all of our scouts who camped out at Ragley last weekend at *Get In*. What an event to be part of.



Mrs O Shea – St Nicholas School

The *good wishes* comment book for Mrs O Shea's early retirement will be available for students after half term. It will be situated in LSU to sign. Please send any parent and carer comments to admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk. Remember that this is top secret!

Year 7 exams

Year 7 exams take place in lesson time week beginning 13th June. Mr Cooke has written to year 7 parents separately about this.

Year 11 holiday sessions for exams

Monday 30th May 10-11.30am for English, online Google Meet

Tuesday 31st May 9.30am for Maths with Miss Kavanagh online Google Meet

Saturday 4th June 10-12 noon for Child Development online Google Meet

Sunday 5th June 9.30am for Maths with Mr Bastock online Google Meet



Bring the family to the
Kids Lunch Club
at the Depot, Eric Payne Community
Centre, Alcester
on Wednesday 1st June 2022
from 12.30pm



A Festival of Flowers for her Majesty
St Nicholas Church
Alcester
3rd-5th June 2022



Church open each day
With teas on the green
Saturday 4th June
2pm-4.00pm
Coronation
Film Show in Church



Service for Sunday
5th June
11.00 am
Holy Communion
All Welcome



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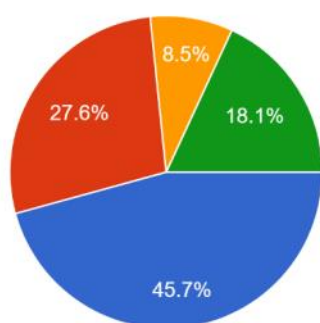


Feedback on homework

We appreciate those parents who fed back to us on homework..
Here is just a sample of some of the responses.

Which of these statements best describes your experience of homework at Alcester Academy?

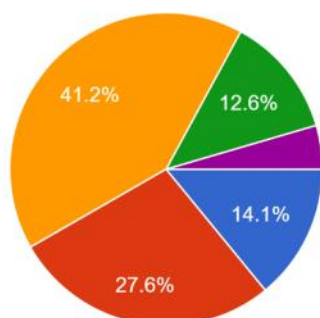
199 responses



- I think my child receives enough homework, on a regular basis
- My child receives regular homework in some subjects but not all
- My child does not receive enough homework
- I am unsure of what homework my child receives

How much time does your child spend on homework on a typical week?

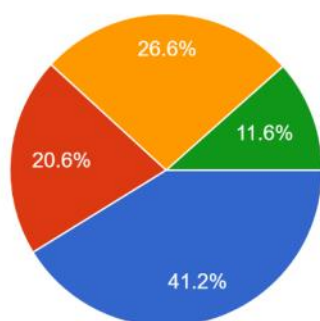
199 responses



- More than 4 hours
- 3-4 hours
- 1-2 hours
- I don't see them do homework
- They tell me they have no homework

Which of these statements best describes your own view on homework?

199 responses



- I am a firm believer that homework helps to create a positive routine and ethos
- My child needs extra work at home to consolidate learning completed at school
- If my child works hard enough at school, there should be no need for homework
- Homework just causes me additional stress at evenings and weekends that I don't need

Your feedback has been shared with the staff and will be invaluable to decisions around the development of homework. I will update you about this before the end of the summer term. Governors will also be consulted and involved in decisions moving forward.

Maths sessions for year 11

To support students in preparation for the maths Paper 2, Mr Bastock and Miss Kavanagh are putting on two google classroom sessions. These will be live sessions where students will be able logon to the Google classroom to access the sessions.

These are going to be held at 9.30am on Tuesday 31st May (with BA) and Sunday 5th June (with KA). On Tuesdays session, Mr Bastock will cover all aspects related to algebra and shape for the paper 2. On Sundays session, Miss Kavanagh will cover all aspects of number, ratio, proportion and rates of change. **A reminder of the classroom code, just in case they have forgotten or lost access: 7ivifgf**

New Governor

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Jane Clarke to the governing body. Jane has recently been appointed as staff governor. I would like to thank Mrs Karen Evason for her years of service to the school in her former role as staff governor. This is an unpaid role that takes up hours of dedication and commitment. I am very grateful to all of our governors for this.



Swimming in open water

Is it worth considering whether you have discussed the risks of swimming in open water at home recently? As the warm weather creeps in, this might be a prudent time to chat to children about this topic. For more detail see: [Open Water Safety Tips | Royal Life Saving Society UK \(RLSS UK\)](#)



Please consider:

- The shock of cold water can make swimming difficult and increase the difficulty in getting out of the water
- Lack of safety equipment and increased difficulty for rescue
- The height of the fall or jump if tombstoning

- The depth of the water – this changes and is unpredictable
- Underwater objects and hazards may not be visible
- Obstacles or other people in the water
- Strong currents can rapidly sweep people away
- Uneven banks and river beds
- Water quality, e.g. toxic algal blooms and industrial/agricultural pollution

Mrs Woodman—Deputy Head

Mrs Woodman is making steady progress after her recent fall. She is still not in school however. Please direct any concerns to other members of SLT as needed.

Attendance push

We will be on an appropriate attendance push starting next half term. In light of Covid-19 cases calming right down, we are aiming to use next half term to really promote positive attendance. Thank you in advance for your support.

We are still overwhelmed with the number of holiday requests in term time. It is with regret that fixed penalty notices have been issued as a result of these. To avoid this, please do not take holiday outside of the allocated thirteen weeks available.

Parent warning

We have been made aware that vapes are now sadly also sold in disguise as inhalers, watches and highlighters: Not only am I alerting you to be vigilant at home therefore but as a school, we will clearly not allow these products to be in school, or to be used in school. We consider these to be the same as cigarettes. Thank you. I am sure you will agree and support us as always. What a world our children are growing up in that there is a need to disguise products such as these.



Well done Luke, year 10

It was so lovely to hear about the accomplishments of Luke in year 10 recently. Last weekend, Luke represented his *Air Cadets* at an athletics event where he won Gold at his javelin event. He will now represent the squadron at a regional event in June.

He also supported the newly appointed Mayor's cadet by carrying his sword, in a very proud moment. He then spent the afternoon at the town hall with the newly appointed Mayor.



Covid-19 statistics today

The identified cases today are:

- Year 7—2 cases
- Year 8—no cases
- Year 9—no cases
- Year 10—no cases
- Year 11—no cases

I realise that we are no longer needing to test for Covid-19 and I remain grateful for your vigilance.

I hope that you all had a super day at the Food Festival last weekend. I heard how busy it was; such great news for Alcester. I am looking forward to DogFest this weekend at Ragley Hall. I am sure that I'll see some of you there! I'll have Chewie Mellors in tow although he looks far less like his namesake 'Chewbacca' after his summer shave!

The Mellors' family members are huge Star Wars fans! I have also sponsored my feathered friends ready for the annual Duck Race in town! Have you? <https://alcesterduck.elygin.co.uk/>

I am wishing our year 11s a good rest break over half term as they prepare for the busiest time of exams when they return to school in June. They have been a credit during the start of the GCSE season. I once again thank the rest of the school for accommodating the exam preparation going on so earnestly by staff. I recognise that there aren't many schools that go to the lengths that the staff here do.

And so, now to wish you all a lovely half term break and a super, and very special royal bank holiday weekend. I continue to be very grateful for your support of the school. The students are an absolute credit to us. I consider that I am extremely lucky to come to work each day and be surrounded by such dedicated colleagues and fantastic young people! Let's all take a moment to consider the catastrophic shooting in a Texas primary school this week and consider how lucky we are to live in this community.

With best wishes
Sarah Mellors
 Headteacher



Epraise—past 7 days



Top Students past 7 days:

1	Ellie-Anne	11BR	18 points
1	Molly	7HT	18 points
3	Mason	7HT	15 points
4	Rosie	7SI	14 points
5	Isabelle	10AN	13 points
5	Harry	7TY	13 points
5	Tom	7WI	13 points
5	Reuben	7RA	13 points
5	Alice	7HT	13 points
10	Lilia	10MA	12 points

Top Staff past 7 days:

1	Mr Bastock	431 points
2	Miss Home	258 points
3	Miss Burgess	236 points
4	Mr Yarrington	225 points
5	Miss Taylor	205 points
6	Miss Lewis	199 points
7	Mrs Stedman	191 points
8	Mr Jones	179 points
9	Mr Rossiter	108 points
10	Miss Kavanagh	98 points

Top Tutor Groups past 7 days:

1	7HT	202 points
2	11BR	195 points
3	7SI	175 points
4	7WI	164 points
5	7RA	162 points
6	7TY	158 points
7	10AN	147 points
8	8SO	146 points
9	8PK	136 points
10	8PW	131 points

Top Subjects past 7 days:

1	Maths	763 points
2	Science	581 points
3	Geography	351 points
4	English	298 points
5	Art	191 points
6	History	142 points
7	German	63 points
8	PE	60 points
9	Design Technology	55 points
10	French	48 points



School Attendance — up to 26.5.22

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Whole School
90.6%	92.1%	92.7%	90.2%	89.3%	91.0%

This week's top tutor groups

7TY, 8RO, 9YA, 10AN and 11HO

Well done! Mrs Hodges

Term Dates

SUMMER TERM 2022

Half term Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June 2022
Back to school Monday 6th June 2022

Summer Term ends Tuesday 19th July 2022 at 3.25pm

AUTUMN TERM 2022

Monday 5th September School closed. Staff Training Day
Tuesday 6th September School closed. Staff Training Day
Wednesday 7th September Phased return for students. Details to follow.

Exam, Reporting & Parents' Evening Timetable

Year 11

GCSE Examinations — Monday 16th May — Tuesday 28th June 2022
GCSE Contingency Day — Wednesday 29th June 2022 — all students must be available

Year 10

Internal MFL Speaking Exams — week commencing Monday 20th June 2022
Data Report published to parents/carers — Monday 20th June 2022

Year 9

Data Report published to parents/carers — Monday 18th July 2022

Year 8

Data Report published to parents/carers — Monday 20th June 2022

Year 7

In-class Exams — week commencing Monday 13th June 2022
Full Report published to parents/carers — Tuesday 19th July 2022

Dates for your diary – next half term

Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th June	Year 10 Geography Field Trip
Week beginning 13th June	Year 7 exams in class
Thursday 23rd June	Year 11 prom
Friday 24th June	Year 9 geography trip to Bristol
Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th June	KS4 West End Trip
Thursday 30th June	Celebration Evening. Invited students.
Tuesday 5th July	New Parents' Evening
Wednesday 6th July	Year 6 Induction Day
Thursday 14th July	Sports Day year 7-10
Monday 18th July	Rewards Trips
Tuesday 19th July	Finish for the summer holidays at 3.25pm
Thursday 25th August	GCSE results in school from 8.30am. More detail to follow

D of E dates to be sent separately.
We will be celebrating PRIDE at school in June.





Stratford Food Bank is very *Hungry*

Stratford Food Bank are asking for the following items if you have any spare to drop to them:

Rice Pudding

Custard

Angel delight

Whole UHT milk

Small jars coffee

Fruit juice

Fruit squash

Peanut butter

Jam

Honey

Tinned ham

Spaghetti Bolognese

Chicken casserole

Tinned fruit

Carrots

Pasta sauce

Tinned tomatoes

Curry sauce

Milk powder

Foodbank Warehouse & Distribution Centre
Fred Winter Centre
41 Guild Street
Stratford upon Avon
CV37 6QY



Parking is very limited a car may pull in to pick up a parcel, but cars cannot be parked at the Fred Winter Centre. The closest free parking is Bridgeway Car Park, where you can park free for up to one hour.

Stratford-upon-Avon
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EMERGENCY





Stratford Food Bank is very **HUNGRY**

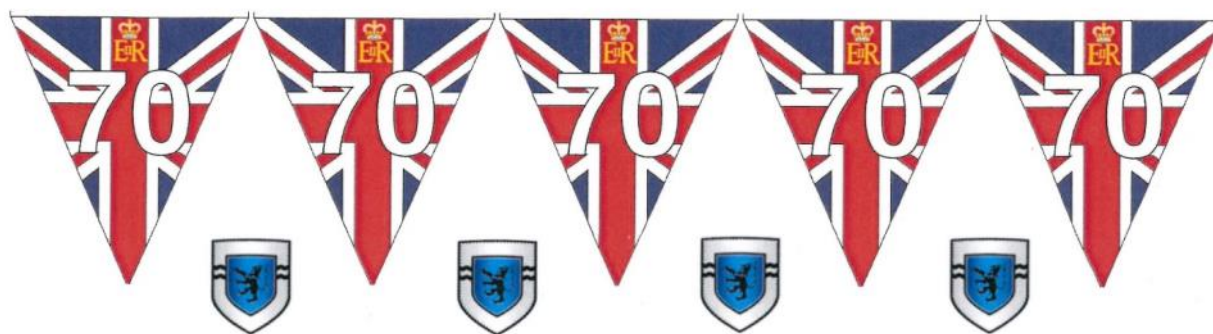
WE NEED YOUR HELP



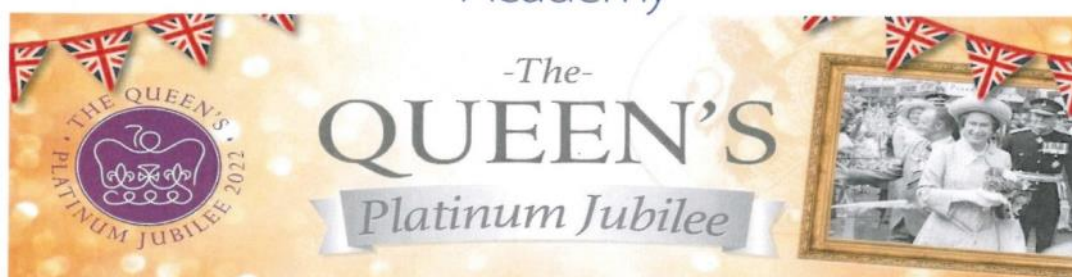
We are feeding more people and receiving less food.

Please Donate

Warehouse open Monday and Wednesday 2-4pm. Baskets for drop-offs, even when we are not open, inside front door of our Fred Winter Centre.
Baskets in all major supermarkets – Tesco, Morrisons, Waitrose, Aldi, Lidl



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The Jubilee Challenge

*How many of the following challenges
can you complete to win prizes?*

The more you complete, the more chance of winning!

*There will be prizes for each category
and then overall prizes to be won*

1. Design a platinum Jubilee coin – can be drawn, painted or made
2. Design a dog outfit for a corgi
3. Decorate and make a crown
4. Dress up as the Queen
5. Perform God save the Queen
6. Design your own Jubilee bunting
7. Make a Jubilee plant pot garden
8. A menu for a Jubilee lunch
9. Take part in a Jubilee street party
10. If I were Queen/King for the day...
11. Cook your version of the official Platinum Jubilee pudding –
Lemon Swiss Roll Amaretti Trifle



**Upload all your photos to the Google Classroom PLATINUM JUBILEE
by Sunday 5th June**

Google Classroom code: odlzvmg or

<https://classroom.google.com/c/NTlwODAyMzgyMzg5?cjc=odlzvmg>



Alcester Academy
THE GREAT
BAKE OFF



Natasha 7RA

For this wonderfully decorated tray bake perfect for a street party!



Many thanks for all the wonderful photos you have sent in,
and enjoy your celebrations. *Mrs Megee*





Hannah, year 9!





Rosie, year 10!



Design Technology Work of the Week

One of our design technology students has been very busy! Megan has made these fabulous cushions at home from old T-shirts whilst recovering from an operation. Well done! *Miss Wincup*



Warwickshire Safeguarding Children

For support with safeguarding issues over half term, please visit:

<https://www.safeguardingwarwickshire.co.uk/safeguarding-children>

To contact the Front Door services please call 01926 414144.

Lines are open Monday to Thursday 8.30am - 5.30pm, Friday 8.30am - 5.00pm. If you need to get in touch out of usual office hours, please contact the Emergency Duty Team immediately by calling 01926 886922.

As always, in an emergency, the headteacher, Mrs Sarah Mellors will respond to you. Please email head@alcesteracademy.org.uk.



Warwickshire
Safeguarding
Children

We would be grateful to receive any used uniform donations, in good condition, at the end of the summer term. THANK YOU!



WARWICKSHIRE PARENT CARER VOICE

JOIN YOUR LOCAL PARENT CARER FORUM

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person aged 0-25 with special educational needs and/or disability (SEND)?



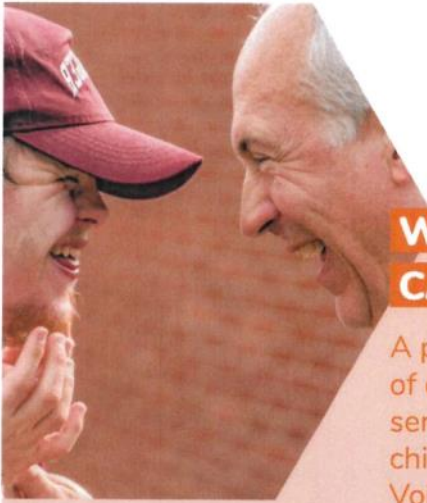
YOUR VIEWS AND EXPERIENCES MATTER

Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice is a **parent carer led organisation** working to ensure that every parent carer in Warwickshire feels that their views and experiences matter, and gets their voice heard to develop and improve services for children and young people with special educational needs and/or SEND.

We welcome any parent carer who lives (or uses services) in Warwickshire, with a child or young person (aged 0-25) regardless of their disabilities (no diagnosis necessary) to join us.

Tell us your experiences | Fill in our surveys | Join our meetings
Spread the word | Join us as a Member

Visit our website: www.warwickshireparentcarerveice.org
or email hello@warwickshireparentcarerveice.org for more information



WARWICKSHIRE PARENT CARER VOICE

WHAT IS A PARENT CARER FORUM?


A parent carer forum is a group of parents and carers of disabled children. Their aim is to make sure the services in their area meet the needs of disabled children and their families. Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice is the recognised forum for Warwickshire. We are completely independent of Warwickshire County Council and the local health services.

WHAT DO PARENT CARER FORUMS DO?

We work with organisations that provide services for our families. We gather the views of local families and then work in partnership with local authorities, education settings, health providers and other providers to highlight where local services, processes and commissioners are working well, or challenge when changes or improvements need to be made.



Follow us on social media!

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GET INVOLVED - YOUR VOICE IS KEY TO OUR SUCCESS!

Visit our website: www.warwickshireparentcarer voice.org
or email hello@warwickshireparentcarer voice.org for more information

SEND Feedback for Children, Young People, Families and other agencies - add your voice



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www.warwickshire.gov.uk/sendfamilyfeedback



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Alcester & District Friends of CRUK
30TH ALCESTER GARDEN WALKABOUT
Sunday 26th June 2022
ADMISSION from 12.00 to 5.00pm

Around 20 gardens large and small will be open for viewing behind the ancient houses in the centre of this historic town. Also open the award-winning Malt Mill Lane area and St Nicholas Church.

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENTS
TEAS, REFRESHMENTS AND ICE-CREAMS
PLANTS FOR SALE AT BARGAIN PRICES!

TICKETS £5 EACH
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I'm being bullied - I don't know what to do -
textacademy to 07563130478
with your message
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email your message to:
textacademy@alcesteracademy.org.uk

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Uniform at Alcester Academy

Economical Buys

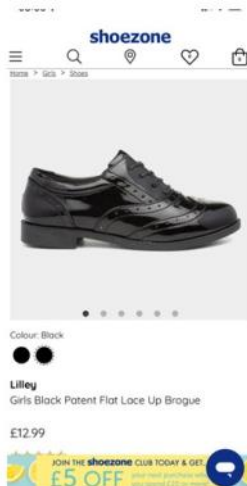
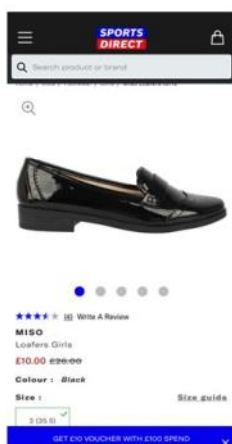
I spent last weekend searching for the most economical buys for you as parents/carers when considering school uniform. The supermarkets tend to have the best financial deals around but here are a few others to consider. Don't forget that students identifying as female can also wear trousers as alternative to a branded skirt. This should help to reduce uniform costs for you.

Better Buys...

Sports Direct, Sainsburys and George at Asda featured:
Shirts are available for both girls and boys



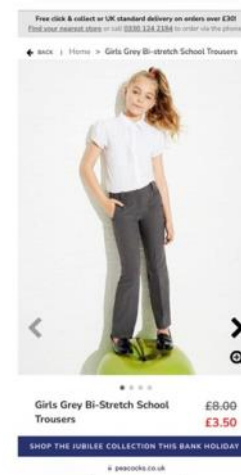
Sports Direct, ShoeZone, Peacocks and New Look options:



£14.99 New Look

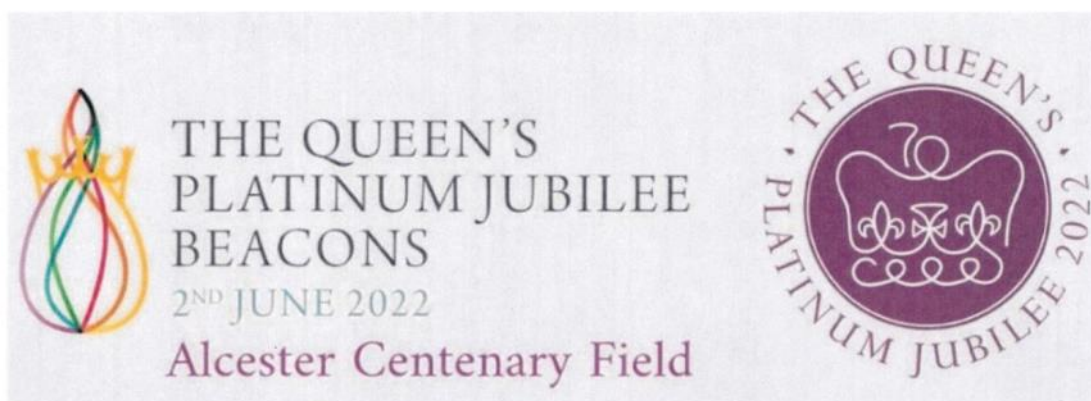


'V' Nike Air Force
£99.99



Just a reminder that uniform can be obtained from NSC Alcester at 3-4 Bulls Head Yard, Alcester, and [Price & Buckland](http://www.priceandbuckland.co.uk), an online school uniform supplier.

If girls wish to wear mid grey trousers, please can these be tailored and not stretchy or drain pipe skinny trousers.
Thank you—Mrs Mellors



The Platinum Jubilee celebrations start with an invitation to the Town to 'Come for a Picnic' at The Centenary Field from 6pm.

- 6:00pm – 6:30pm – Fancy dress competition and parade for all ages plus a pet dog section. The theme, loosely, will be "Jubilee". Prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places plus a small gift to all those taking part
- 6:00pm – Complimentary special Jubilee cakes, soft drinks, hot dogs and popcorn will be available on a 'first come first served' basis
- 6:00pm – Pimm's and cider will be on sale at a very special celebration price
- 8:15pm – Alcester Victoria Silver Band will provide a musical interlude
- 8:50pm – Alcester Town Crier will make The Royal Proclamation, followed by Alcester Town combined choirs performing "The Jubilee Anthem"
- 9:10pm – Prayer and thanks to Her Majesty the Queen
- 9:15pm – The church bells will ring; The National Anthem will be sung and the Beacon lit



The picnic theme continues on Sunday. Bring your own tables and chairs and enjoy an Alcester Street Party with local entertainment provided. Programme of events:

- 10:00am – Road closure in place
- 11:00am – Jubilee Celebration Church service followed by a quarter peal of the church bells
- 1:00pm – Alcester Town Crier to open the party
- 1:05pm – Reverend Cross to conduct Grace and Prayers for the Queen
- 1:10pm – Toast to the Queen given by Mike Gittus BEM followed by The National Anthem
- 1:15pm – Tarantara Choir
- 2:00pm – Sally Rose Duo
- 2:45pm – The Emma Skipp Band
- 3:30pm – Euphoria Dance Group
- 4:00pm – Closing comments from the Mayor, Councillor Kathryn Cargill
- 7:00pm - Road re-opens

Performing Arts workshop day

On Friday 20th May, year 9 and 10 performing arts students took part in a workshop day *With SOTE*—a musical theatre of excellence school.

During their day they took part in a dance workshop, acting workshop and 1 to 1 singing lessons. This was all part of their musical theatre component.

Our students could not have spoken more highly about the day and great progress was made on their personal performances and knowledge of musical theatre. A day our students will definitely remember.

Miss Sacco



HAVE A GREAT
BANK HOLIDAY
WEEKEND!



LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of Platt v Isle of Wight Council which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. 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.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required 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, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council

It is important to note, Fixed 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 in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

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Warwickshire School pupils recorded 31,196 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Autumn term 2019.



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No one ever said being a parent or carer was easy! There are lots of support services available in Warwickshire to support you and your family...

THE FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE

Get in touch with Warwickshire's Family Information Service for advice and guidance on a wide range of subjects including:

- Housing
- Finance
- Childcare
- Parental conflict and contact
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

01926 742274
 fis@warwickshire.gov.uk
 @WarwickshireFIS @WarksFIS

Available Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. All enquiries will be responded to during this time.

FAMILY SUPPORT

Get in touch with a Family Support Worker for advice and guidance on parenting and all aspects of family life.

Support can be offered through telephone calls, video calls, text messages or email to suit your needs.

01926 412412

Available Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm. All enquiries will be responded to during this time.

To contact your local district or borough family support team via email please visit: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/familysupport for more information.



SCAN THE QR CODE

Scan the QR Code to sign up to the Family Information Service newsletter for regular updates to support you and your family!

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/parentupdates



For more information and advice for families including parenting courses, workshops and other support services go to: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies

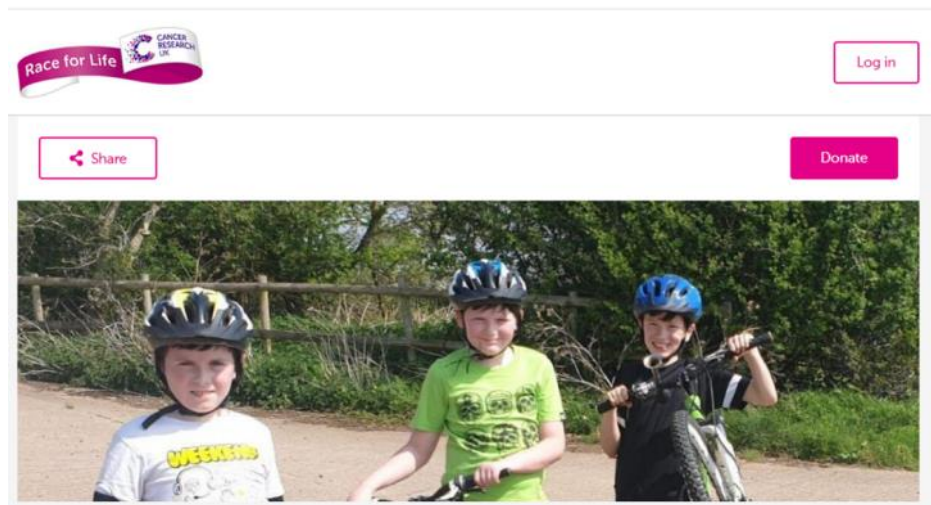


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Good luck to Jacob (year 7) on June 5th as he undertakes the Redditch 10k *Race for Life* in support of Cancer Research along with his mother and two brothers. This is, obviously, a very worthy cause and if you'd like to support his endeavour, the link is shown below.



<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/woodfield-family-team>





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PE Practices/Fixtures: week beginning 6.6.22:

Tuesday 7th June:

Year 8 Archery (invitation letters issued)
Tennis Club (All years)

Wednesday 8th June:

Athletics club (All years)
Year 7/8 Rounders (Girls) Squad practice.

Thursday 9th June:

Year 7&8 Rounders (h) v AGS (selection letters issued)
Cricket Club (All years)

At the end of the school day come down to the gym and get changed as soon as possible.
Normal school PE kit is required.

All practices will run until 4.30pm and are open to everyone in the specified year groups.
For Fixtures a separate team sheet including all the necessary details will be sent out via parentmail.



Alcester Academy

'Pupils are proud to attend Alcester Academy.'

'Behaviour in school is exemplary, both in and out of lessons.'

'Staff have high expectations of all pupils and pupils are keen to meet these expectations.' *Ofsted 2022*

Open Events 2022

Thursday 22nd September - 6.30pm to 8.30pm

The Staff and Governors of Alcester Academy warmly invite you to our:

Open Evening

Thursday 22nd September - 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Guided Open Mornings

Monday 19th September to Friday 23rd September
9.30am to include a SLT Q&A session

Respectfully we ask families to book just one guided open morning at their convenience during this week.

Please call the main office on 01789 762285 in September or alternatively email admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk anytime.

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