

Alcester Academy Weekly BULLETIN



27th June 2025

Good afternoon everyone,

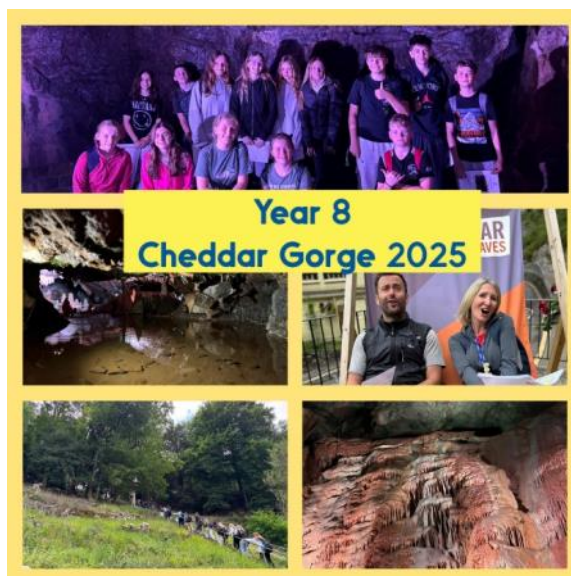
We're certainly feeling the busy schedule of just a four day student week in school. Year 10 exams have continued in earnest and the students have worked very hard towards these. The last two exams are next Monday for our students studying German and Media with MFL speaking exams continuing throughout the week.

Thank you invigilators

Can I take this opportunity to thank Mrs Kirby and our wonderful team of exam invigilators for their superb work across this academic year. We are very lucky indeed to have such an exceptional team who support and reassure our students during some anxious exams times.

During this week our year 8s have enjoyed a geography trip to Cheddar Gorge, we celebrated *World Music Day* with a group of year 9 drummers attending an Alliance salsa drumming experience at KES, and the *World Tour of Rock Academy* continued.

Our year 7 STEM finalists went off to Corby to compete in the next round of their dynamic car design, we held year 5 Open Mornings and 54 of our athletes went off to the South Warwickshire competition. Mr Moffatt will update you on this in due course.



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Year 11 Leavers Prom 2025 at Crown Plaza Hotel, Stratford-upon-Avon!

And last night, we shared a wonderful celebration with our departing cohort at the Crowne Plaza in Stratford at the year 11 Prom. The evening was just amazing, and the students danced the night

away with staff making memories that I hope will last a lifetime for them all. Thank you to parents for such support too. The outfits and cars were out of this world!







Class
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Year 11 Leavers Netball

Our phenomenal year 11 netballers took to the court against staff on Monday in what is proving to be a new tradition for our leavers each year. Great fun was had.





Alcester Academy
TO BE THE BEST THAT WE CAN BE

ALCESTER ACADEMY

OPEN EVENTS 2025

Open Evening—including headteacher address & tours with a student guide
Thursday 25th September—6.30pm to 8.30pm

Guided Open Mornings with a member of the leadership team
Monday 22nd September to Friday 26th September—at 9.30am

To reserve a place on a Guided Open Morning please call the main office on 01789 762285 from September, or alternatively email admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk anytime.

Prospective students and their parents will have a unique opportunity to gain a real insight into Academy life



Motivational Monday

It was our *Motivational Monday* this week. I hope that many of you enjoyed receiving some positive messages via email.

New PE Kit

It was super to see a few students already in the new PE kit this week. Whilst this was aimed at new year 7s for September, many of you have already pre-ordered from Price & Buckland to replace garments needed. The students look so smart. We will be holding a pre-loved sale before term ends. I have written to you separately about what the students should wear to school next week as the hotter temperatures continue.

With regret...

It is with sadness that I am updating you that the following staff are leaving us at the end of term: Mrs Kowal, Lead teacher of Religious Studies, Mrs Scott, teacher of English and media, and Mr Martin, teacher of ICT, computing and maths.

These staff are progressing on to exciting new opportunities and I'm sure that you'll join with me in thanking them for their hard work and commitment to the students, and wish them all the very best for the future.

Neurodiversity Alcester

You might be interested to watch the link outlining Alcester Town's commitment to our neurodiverse community [A Town For All](#), starring some of our own fabulous students!



Visit [Health and Wellbeing | Alcester Town Council](#) for more information.



Health and Safety—Sports Concussions

Parents are obliged to let school know if their child has incurred a concussion over the weekend. This helps us to remain vigilant regarding any concerns that staff might raise in school following this. Thank you.

Today, in training, the staff have taken time to share some school wide strategies in order to support our students effectively regarding their mental health. This seemed timely as it is *World Well Being Week*. Warwickshire have put together a short video to remind us all of a few tips to stay healthy alongside their five recommended strategies:

[Tips to boost health and wellbeing](#) by Warwickshire County Council.



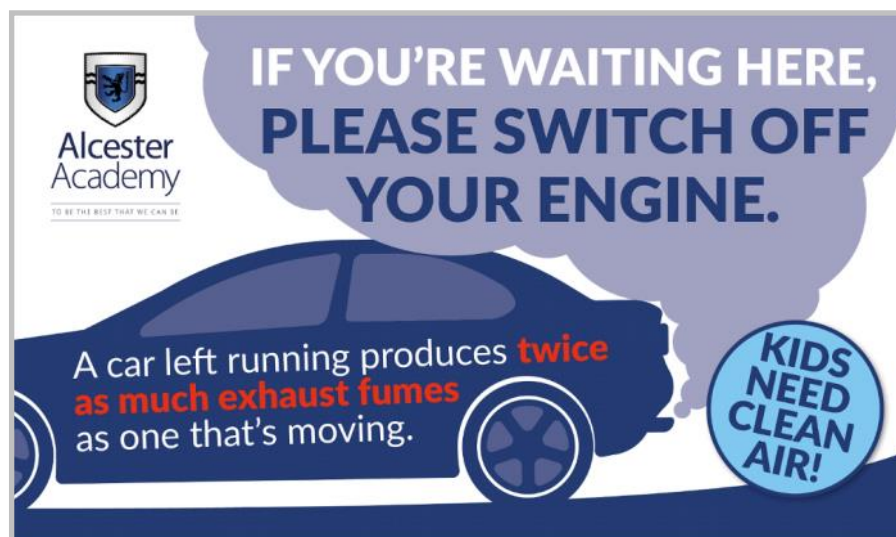
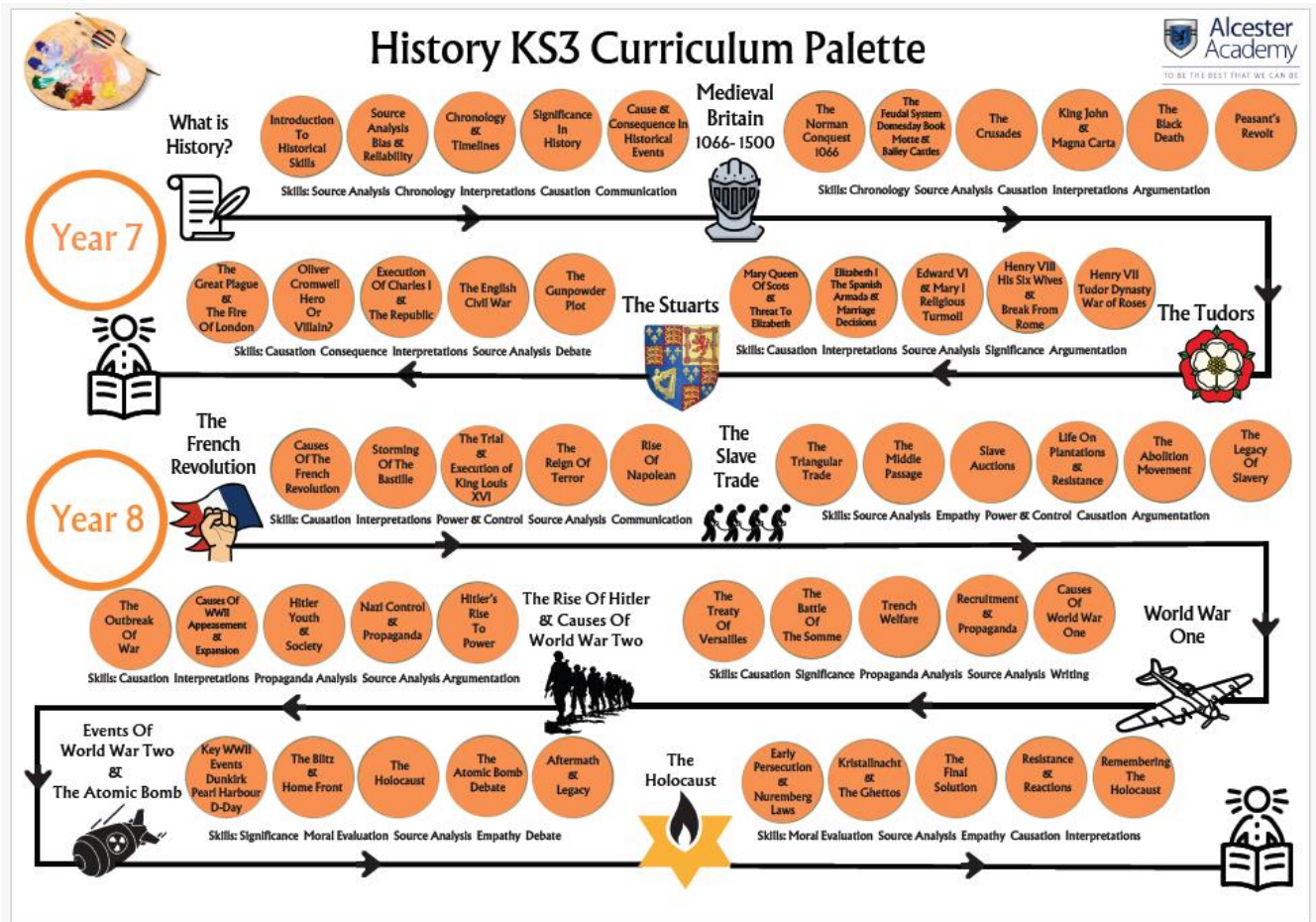
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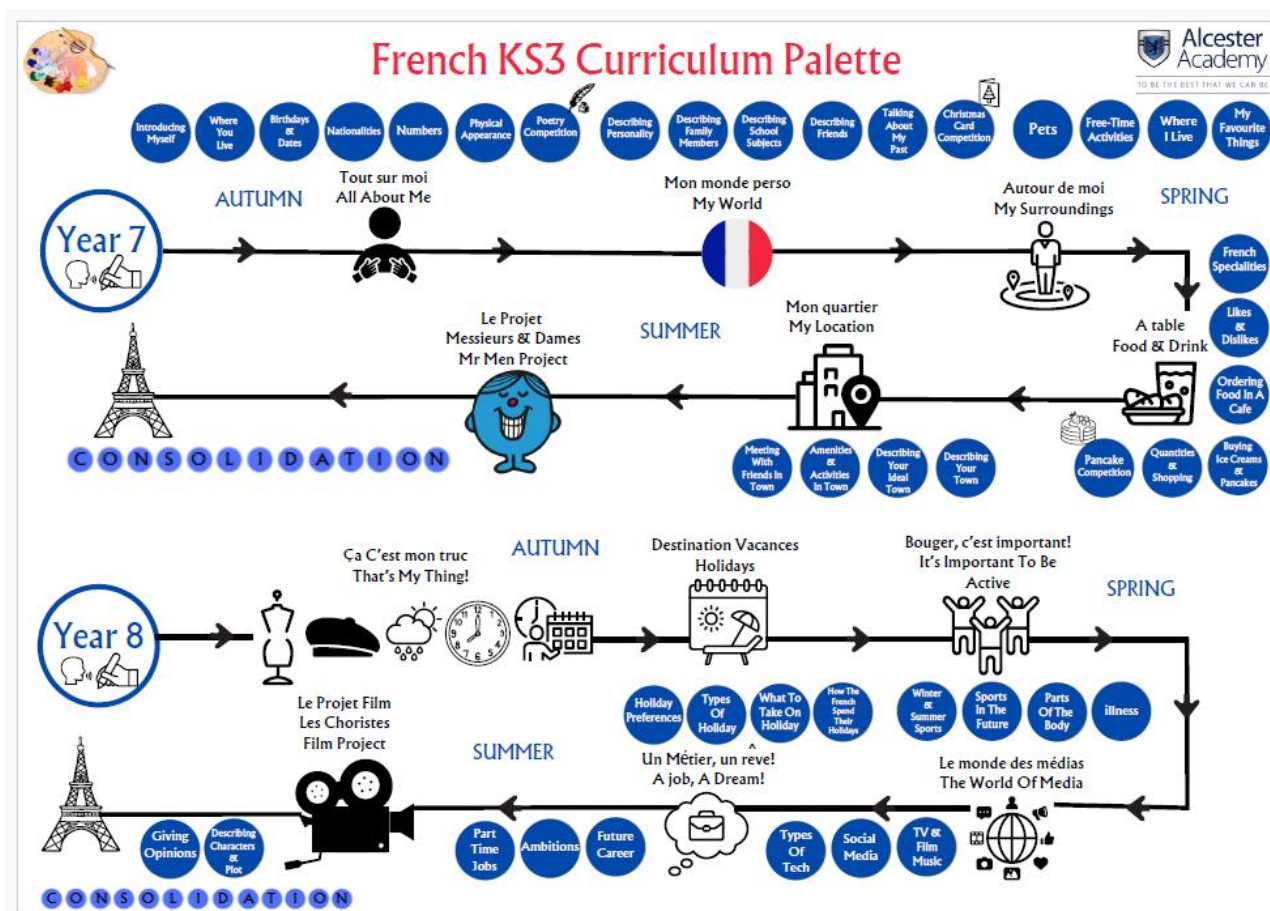


What is World Well Being Week?

Now in its fifth year, World Well Being Week returns to provide the opportunity for participants worldwide to celebrate the many aspects of wellbeing. Wellbeing has never been so important to our lives and livelihoods.

As a staff, we then also spent some time continuing to review our curriculum. The staff have been working hard on this over the entire academic year. Our long term plans will soon be replaced with our revised Curriculum Palettes. We hope that parents and students will be able to see the sequence of learning in a visual and clear format. This is an example:





The term dates and training days for 2025-26 are on the school website for your reference if needed:

www.alcesteracademy.org.uk/life-at-alcester-academy/term-dates

You might be interested in the week ahead at school to include:

- Auditions for *Grease* beginning in performing arts.
- We have Sports Day on Thursday (weather pending) and Mr Moffatt has sent out a separate communication about this to parents. Reserve Day is Monday 14th July if needed.
- Miss Buckthorp has launched the Student Leader campaigns with year 10 students. The deadline for applications was today.
- Rock Academy continues with their *World Tour of Primary Schools*.
- We have New Parents' Evening and year 6 Induction Day next week. This is always an exciting time.
- And, the Wimbledon trip takes place.

Can I take this opportunity to thank Mrs Savery for her support of the many trips that go out each year. And the organisation of the year 11 Prom. She speaks to lots of you throughout the year in order to answer your queries. Our fabulous finance team then work behind the scenes in order to make all of these happen for the students. It is such an important part of their education and life at school.

Wishing you all a restful weekend ahead.
Please take care in the extreme heat forecast.

Regards,
Sarah Mellors—Headteacher

Alcester Academy

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TUESDAY 15TH JULY
FROM 3.30PM TO 4.30PM
IN THE SCHOOL HALL



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• Please note there is minimal PE kit available. Thank you. ✦

Dates for your diary

June 2025	Pride Month at Alcester Academy
Monday 30th June 2025	Auditions for the school production of Grease!
Tuesday 1st July 2025	KS2 Literature and Numeracy morning
Wednesday 2nd July 2025	Year 6 Induction Day
Thursday 3rd July 2025	Sports Day
Friday 4th July 2025	Wimbledon trip
Monday 7th July 2025	Geography department trip to Bristol
Thursday 10th July 2025	Celebration Evening
Friday 11th July 2025	D of E Bronze assessed expedition
July 2025	Planning of September 2025 Reward Trips

These diary dates are subject to change.



End of Term Early Finish

The summer term will once again finish at 12.45pm on Friday 18th July 2025.

In order to support the safe dismissal of all children, we would like parents to use the one-way system along Gerard Road. Please enter Gerard Road via Captain's Hill and exit via Gerard Road leading into Throckmorton Road. Alternatively, parents can make arrangements to collect children from Captain's Hill.

Unfortunately, none of our transport companies are able to change their schedules to accommodate this early finish so you will need to make alternative arrangements to collect your child.

If your child travels by a public service bus, please ensure you either check the timetable for an earlier service or make alternative travel arrangements for their journey home.

Kind regards
School Office



Alcester Academy Term Dates

SUMMER TERM 2025

School closed Friday 27th June 2025—Teacher training day
 Summer Term ends Friday 18th July 2025 at 12.40pm

AUTUMN TERM 2025

School closed Monday 1st September
 Teacher training day

Autumn Term begins

Years 7 and 11 only Tuesday 2nd September 2025
 Years 8, 9 and 10 only Wednesday 3rd September 2025
 All students back Thursday 4th September 2025

Half term Monday 27th – Friday 31st October 2025
Back to school Monday 3rd November 2025

Autumn Term ends Friday 19th December at 12.40pm

SPRING TERM 2026

School closed Monday 5th January 2026
 Teacher training day

Spring Term begins Tuesday 6th January 2026

Half Term Monday 16th – Friday 20th February 2026
Back to school Monday 23rd February 2026

Spring Term ends (Easter) Friday 27th March at 12.40pm

SUMMER TERM 2026

Summer Term begins Monday 13th April 2026

School closed Friday 1st May 2026
 Teacher training day

May Bank Holiday Monday 4th May 2026

Half Term Monday 25th – Friday 29th May 2026
Back to school Monday 1st June 2026

Summer Term ends Friday 17th July 2026 at 12.40pm

School closed Monday 20th July 2026
 Teacher training day

A STEM Day to Remember— Our Students Take 3rd Place!



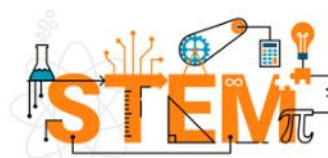
This week, we travelled to Corby for the regional finals of the Race to the Line challenge—and what a day it was! We took two teams to represent our school and were thrilled to come away with 3rd place! Huge congratulations to our winning year 7 team: Will, Dyl, Charlie, Oli, and Theo—a fantastic achievement!

The event was hosted at the RS Group Headquarters, a global supplier of electronic components and tools. Our students had the exciting opportunity to tour the workshop, where they observed a range of products being calibrated. They learned about the crucial role calibration and tolerances play across various industries.

The STEM challenge involved designing and building a rocket-powered car, drawing on their classroom knowledge of materials and aerodynamics. All of our teams collaborated brilliantly and created some impressive vehicles.

We're already looking forward to taking part in next year's challenge!

Miss Wincup



The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is urging people to stay vigilant when in, on or around water this summer. With 141 children known to have drowned from England, Scotland and Wales in the last three years alone, ensuring your family knows what to do in an emergency is vital. RLSS UK is urging everyone to learn the Water Safety Code through its video animation.

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/listing/category/the-water-safety-code>

Examinations, Data and Administration Manager

Salary Scale NJC G Scale Point 11-17

Pro-rated for 40 working weeks/year

£24,827 Actual Salary

Closing date Friday 11th July 2025

Interviews Week Beginning 14th July 2025

Start date End of September 2025

ADVERT ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

Board Description

- The post holder is responsible for the administration and organisation of all aspects of external examinations in accordance with the regulations laid down by JCQ and the awarding bodies and for whole school reporting and data assessment system (Bromcom).
- To work with the Deputy Headteacher in order to ensure the effective use of the school's MIS (Bromcom) in collecting data relating to student performance, behaviour and attitudes to learning in a format that allows for analysis and in the analysis of Year 11 data relating to external exams.
- To organise and manage the whole Academy Examination procedure.
- Responsible for all the Academy administration needs.
- Contribute to the school's statutory duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

The Application Process

This should be by letter addressed to the headteacher, along with a completed application form. Please be succinct and concise using Arial 12 font. A written statement in support of your application will be accepted but we do not consider CVs.

The deadline for applications is Friday 11th July 2025

Interviews week beginning Monday 14th July 2025

Starting: End of September 2025

Alcester Academy reserve the right to appoint before the deadline for a suitable candidate. We reserve the right to follow up references provided in person. We do encourage interested candidates to come and visit the school before making an application.

If you have any questions with regard to this vacancy, please contact head@alcesteracademy.org.uk. We look forward to receiving your application.

Alcester Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Enhanced DBS disclosure is required for appointment to this post. For shortlisted candidates, please be aware that online searches may be done as part of due diligence check.



Epraise Leaderboard—for the past 7 days

Top Students—past 7 days:

1	Ffion	10MA Oversley	30 points
2	Bill	8NA Oversley	29 points
3	Leo	7LX Ragley	19 points
3	Ashlyn	10BW Ragley	19 points
5	Lottie	10MA Billesley	18 points
6	Arturo	10SA Billesley	17 points
6	Aaron	9PA Oversley	17 points
6	Luca	9GA Ragley	17 points
6	Aaron	9PA Greville	17 points
10	Arthur	8AN Oversley	16 points

Top House—past 7 days:

1	Ragley	1071 points
2	Oversley	1067 points
3	Greville	1064 points
4	Billesley	1045 points

Top Subjects—past 7 days:

1	Maths	534 points
2	English	443 points
3	Art	314 points
4	History	223 points
5	Science	200 points

Top Staff—past 7 days:

1	Mr Yarrington	281 points
2	Mr Rossiter	212 points
3	Mr Dallow	182 points
4	Mrs Gorner	173 points
5	Miss Home	172 points

Top Tutors—past 7 days:

1	7RA	259 points
2	9GA	253 points
3	9PA	249 points
4	8NA	239 points
5	8AN	238 points



Attendance Notices

Whole School Attendance this week is 94.4%

Top tutors this week:

7RA with 98% attendance

8AN with 98.7% attendance

9TU with 97.9% attendance

10MO with 97.6% attendance

If your child is absent from school, please inform the Attendance Officer, Ms Louise Hatcher, of the reason before 8.30am each day.

This can be done through SchoolComms, by calling 01789 762285, or by emailing louisehatcher@alcesteracademy.org.uk.
Thank you, *Ms Hatcher*



If a pupil is ten minutes late to school or lessons each day, they will miss seven days of learning over a year.



DfE data shows that pupils with more than 95% attendance achieve better GCSE results!

Notice for Parents

To comply with the School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024 and Data Protection expectations, it is vitally important that Alcester Academy keeps accurate and up to date information relating to every pupil on roll.

The information we are required to record includes:

- Pupil's full legal name (and if appropriate, their preferred name).
- The name, address and contact details of every person known to the school/academy who is a parent* to the pupil with whom the pupil normally resides (this is the address that has been used to register with their GP).
- The name, address and contact details of any additional parent*.
- Any other emergency contact details.

In order to gather this information, every year we send out data collection forms. Parents are asked to complete the form with as much information as possible and then return to the school, signed and dated. We would ask that even where there are no amendments to the data collection sheet, parents return the form, signed and dated.

Alcester Academy requests that if you change your contact number, move home or there are any other circumstances which may impact your child, the school is notified as a priority.

N.B. *The Education Act 1996 defines a 'parent' as a). any natural parent, whether married or not, b). any parent who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility as defined in the Children Act (1989) for a child or young person c). any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person.



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LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). 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.

The law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request.

A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school.

When making an application for Leave of Absence parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate.

It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is the parents' responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent ie the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child is expected 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. Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'.

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings.

Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2024-25

The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.

- 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 – 4 in total).
 - First Leave of Absence offence: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.
 - Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount.
- Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28 day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.
- Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): A penalty notices will not be issued, and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority.

* SPORTS NEWS * SPORTS NEWS *

Student Spotlights

Will, year 10, Oversley

Athletics

We were beyond proud to learn the news this week that Will has made selection as one of the 32 athletes who will be competing at the English Schools Track and Field Championship held in Birmingham next month.

Will has been selected for the Warwickshire team to compete in the Inter Boys 400m hurdles. This is a particularly impressive achievement for Will as it is his first year of competing within the event and he is at the younger end of the age group going up against both year 10 and year 11 athletes. Wishing you the very best of luck with your preparation towards the English School's competition Will.



Year 11 Netballers farewell

It was time to say farewell to our year 11 netball team as they ran out on the Alcester Academy courts for the final time this week. Lots of fun was had by all as we put on a staff v student netball match. Our year 11 leavers have been outstanding role models during their five years of study at the Academy showing incredible commitment to Alcester Academy sport. We wish you all the very best of luck for the future and your future participation in netball!



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This week's sport round up

U14 Rounders v AGS

Our year 9 rounders team played out an entertaining match against AGS this week. The final score was 37.5-29.5 to AGS. Our girls really grew in confidence after a slow start and went on to win the second innings. Well done to all girls representing year 9 in this fixture.



U13 and U15 Tennis v AGS

Two of our tennis teams were also in action this week as they also competed against AGS. I was particularly proud of our year 7 girls who stepped up to play the U13s at AGS due to our year 8s being out on a trip. The team really grew in confidence throughout with some impressive tennis on display. Our U15 team battled back after a slow start in the singles matches to win both doubles games to take the fixture to a championship tie-break. Poppy and Harriett held their nerve to take victory for the team in the U15 fixture.



Alcester Academy Sports Day 2025


You should have received a letter outlining the details for our 2025 Sports Day to be held on Thursday 3rd July. Please do go through the information with your child in advance so that they are fully prepared to enjoy one of our highlights of the school year!

Next week's sport timetable

Next week there will be no after school clubs or fixtures as PE staff prepare for Sports Day on Thursday.

Mr Moffatt

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**GIRL'S BASKETBALL
DEVELOPMENT SESSION**

TUESDAYS
6 - 7.30pm
Starts 9th September 2025
Oakley School, Leamington

For Girl's in School
Year 7 - 11
Beginners welcome

For more information, contact
louise.whiteley@warwickshirehawks.co.uk



Evesham Biathlon
Sunday 13th July 2025

 Run:
From 9.30am at Sandfield Farm WR11 7QS

 Swim:
From 12.30pm at Evesham Leisure Centre WR11 4SU

Individual OR Duo Entries
(Duo Entries - one person swims, one runs)

Open to the public so a great opportunity
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Age from 8-88!

£12 Per Duo/Individual Entry

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<https://eveshamswimmingclub.eventrac.co.uk/e/evesham-biathlon-11692>



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Saturday 28 June 2025

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FREE
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Free activities & food for children - hot dogs, burgers and ice creams
 Free Indian vegetarian food (Sikh Langar)*
 Paid food & drink vendors including coffee, pizza and a bar
 Music from Ruby Ann Slings | Military reenactors & vehicles
 Military heritage village | Tri-Service competition
 Find out more about a career in the military
 Flypast from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight - Avro Lancaster*

Saturday 28 June, 11am to 3pm
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*While stocks last

For further information visit: warwickdc.gov.uk/armedforcesday



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