

Alcester Academy WEEKLY BULLETIN



28th June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Good afternoon. Following a recent rest from writing the bulletin, I'm very pleased to be back this week with lots of great news. Thanks to Mr Anderson for updating you last week on online safety. I hope that you found the sign-posted parental e-safety course useful. If you missed this, it can be found on the website [OSA's Online Safety Training Booklet](#).

As ever, it has been a very busy period of time in school mainly led by our conclusion with year 11, and the school community then adjusting to life without this group of students.

Today was *Feel Good Friday* and you may have been in receipt of some uplifting email messages from staff about your child. This should be accompanied by some nice epraise points too.



The students have responded magnificently during the warmer weather this week. I'll keep an eye on the conditions over the next few weeks and I'll adjust uniform as needed again. Year 10s have continued onwards with their exams during these conditions. Huge congratulations to all students with just MFL speaking exams left next week. Parents will get exam results in due course as part of the year 10 report. Mr Moffatt will write in more detail next week about the South Warwickshire Athletics competition that was held yesterday. I was extremely proud of all of the students involved.



In huge news this week, His Majesty, The King arrived at Alcester Academy! Yes! Every school was honoured with a new portrait in order to celebrate the Coronation. I'll be sure to point it out when you next visit us!



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Class of 2024



Year 11 prom and leavers' events

Last week, we concluded our time with year 11s with the infamous photo on the field, and then this was followed by a ruthless staff versus student netball game. Thanks to staff who joined this in very good spirits after a long working week. It was thrilling.

We then ventured to Wootton Park for our annual Prom. This was a wonderful celebration of our time together. The outfits and cars get more impressive each year for sure. For 2024 we saw arrivals by horse back, police car and tractor, to name just a few of the modes of transport. Thank you to students and parents for making such a tremendous effort for the evening.

General Election

We are covering the general election with students in school through tutor time teaching. Naturally, this will be unbiased and delivered in an impartial way. The students in years 7-10 will then complete a school-based ballot. We will update you as to the outcome of this with interest. Thanks to Miss Bishop for collating the resources for this.

Student Leadership Campaigns

Congratulations to Charlie, Finn, Darcie, Tom, Tom, Liv and Violet in year 10 for some outstanding campaign videos this year. I am so proud of each student. Good luck!

Welcome year 6s

As we say goodbye to our year 11s, that is a sure sign that it is year 6 season. Miss Bartlett welcomed over twenty year 6s to the Academy last week as part of their additional visits to the school. We are looking forward to induction day next, on 10th July. It was superb to see so many year 6 parents' for a brief catch up on School Cloud this week. We appreciate you all taking the time to do this. I hope that the St Nicholas children have returned from a great week on the PGL trip.

Thank you year 5 parents

We were grateful for the time that year 5 families took to tour the school this week as part of our summer Open Mornings. We welcomed over fifty families as part of our earlier offer for tours. The main Open Week is Monday 23rd September to Friday 27th September 2024.

Rock Academy World Tour

The Rock Academy tour continues. Thanks to Mr Badham and all students involved with this. Mr Badham has popped the application form for Rock Academy on an X link for you all.





Alcester Academy
TO BE THE BEST THAT WE CAN BE

ALCESTER ACADEMY OPEN EVENTS 2024

Open Evening—including headteacher address
Thursday 26th September—6.30pm to 8.30pm

Guided Open Mornings
Monday 23rd September to Friday 27th September—at 9.30am

Open Evening—guided evening tour with a student guide or
Guided Open Mornings—guided tour with a member of the leadership team.
All guided tours are pre-bookable only.

To book a guided tour at either our open evening, or an open morning, call the main office on 01789 762285 in 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



Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Auditions are being held on Tuesday 16th and Thursday 18th July and students should see Miss Sacco if they need any more details. A Google classroom has also been opened to share these with students.



Thank you messages

Thanks to Alan Cole for recently donating some photography equipment to school. We are extremely grateful.

Also to a year 9 parent for considering us in the huge donation of bananas this week.

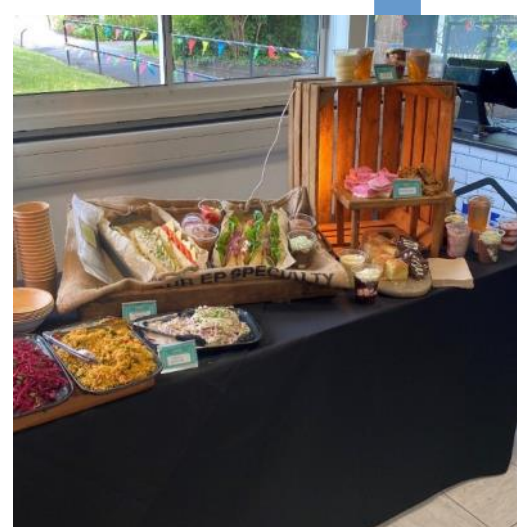
And finally, to year 11 leavers and their parents for the cards, messages and gifts. These are not expected ever but are always appreciated very much.

New catering tenders

Thanks to the students that helped us to look at potential new caterers last week. What a job! No surprise, this was equally very popular with staff! I appreciate the time put into this by Mrs Haynes, Mr Harrison and Mrs Gould. We will update you with more detail on the outcome as soon as we can.



Day 1—Stir Food



Day 2—Miquill

Year 11 Leavers Prom 2024 at Wootton Park



Class
of
2024





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Park by Tesco in Alcester

Tutors have spoken with tutees recently about glass found near to the slide at the local park. A local resident reached out to me last weekend when she was concerned for the safety of her young children playing there, under her supervision. I am not apportioning blame to our students at all. This is just for local awareness.



Music Mark

We're proud to be in receipt of the Music Mark from Warwickshire for 2023-24. Congratulations to the Music department.

End of term

The end of term is nigh, and time will elapse quite quickly now. Where did the year go? Please can you be in touch now if there are any unresolved matters or meetings needed, rather than leaving this communication to the last week of term, thank you.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at the Friends' Family Quiz later on. Doors open at 6.30pm and we start at 7pm sharp. You can still pay on the door; teams of no more than 6 people; £15 entrance fee. Why not join us? This is the last fund raiser of the year. Thanks to our PTA for all they have done this academic year. Equally, school will be full next Thursday evening as our annual Awards celebration takes place. If your child is involved in this, you will have received an invitation by now. All systems go for rehearsals next week!

Congratulations to Miss Nemeshanyi



On the safe birth (early) of your gorgeous baby girl, Pippa. We offer our sincere congratulations to your family at this joyous time.

Happy birthday from all of us to Miss Bishop this week on a very special occasion!

Wishing you a restful weekend ahead. Thanks for all you do to support us.

Best wishes

Sarah Mellors
Headteacher

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

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2023 - 2024

Bridget Whyte
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Date for Sports Day 2024

Note, there is a change of date for Sports Day. This is now Monday 15th July for years 7-10. For year 7 parents, with regret, this is not an open event and is for Academy staff and students only. A separate communication will be sent out soon by Mr Moffatt, Head of PE.

Educational Visit to the Big Bang Fair at the NEC

On Thursday, a group of enthusiastic year 8 students embarked on an inspiring journey to the Big Bang Fair at the NEC in Birmingham. This annual event, which is the UK's largest celebration of science, technology, engineering, and maths (STEM) for young people, proved to be a fantastic opportunity for our students to explore the fascinating world of STEM.

A Day of Discovery and Innovation

From the moment we arrived at the NEC, the excitement was palpable. The venue was buzzing with interactive exhibits, hands-on workshops, and engaging demonstrations, all designed to ignite the curiosity of young minds. Our students were thrilled to dive into activities ranging from coding robots and building structures to conducting chemistry experiments and exploring virtual reality.

Inspiration and Aspirations

The Big Bang Fair also featured a wide array of career stands, where professionals from leading STEM companies shared insights about their work and the various pathways available in their fields. Our students had the chance to ask questions, seek advice, and gather information on potential career opportunities. This direct interaction with industry experts was invaluable, providing a clearer picture of the exciting possibilities that lie ahead in the STEM fields.

Reflecting on the Experience

As we journeyed back to school, the bus was filled with animated discussions about the day's experiences. It was evident that the trip had not only broadened their understanding of STEM but also inspired many to think more deeply about their future careers.

We extend our thanks to the organizers of the Big Bang Fair for hosting such a fantastic event. It was a day filled with learning, inspiration, and endless possibilities.

Mrs Marshall



The Library!

The Library is open from **8:30 to 4:00**.

If you need to complete homework or just need a quiet place to quiz or read, the library is the best place to go. If you can't complete homework or quiz at home because you have no computer or resources, the library has:

Computers
information books
paper and pens

You always have what you need!



If you are cold, come to the library to warm up!

Jasmin - Y8



First News—Free Summer Reading!

First News is the leading source of news and news-based learning for children. It is age-appropriate (aimed at 7 to 14-year-olds but accessible for all ages), impartial and helps keep kids reading and developing their critical literacy skills.

We love using First News in the classroom and are thrilled to offer all Alcester Academy students a free First News digital subscription over the summer holidays. It's packed with fun and educational content that will keep minds active and entertained all summer long.

First News digital is available via an app and includes:

- ⇒ Daily news stories which children can read, listen and react to. These include

- ⇒ reports on the Euros, the Summer Olympics, and the upcoming general election.
- ⇒ The latest issue of the newspaper and many past issues
- ⇒ Weekly polls to vote on
- ⇒ The latest episodes of Sky Kids FYI weekly news show
- ⇒ Fun puzzles and games: great for improving vocabulary
- ⇒ Tips & Talking points for parents and carers to help you talk about tricky topics with your children

Click here for our school's unique access link:

<https://subscribe.firstnews.co.uk/summer-reading-2024/?fn=0CD47352>

Mrs Hands—LRC Manager



Key dates for July 2024

Thursday 4th July	Celebration Evening (by invitation)
Friday 5th July	Wimbledon Trip
Monday 8th July	New Parents' Evening for year 6 parents. Live in school.
Wednesday 10th July	Year 6 Induction Day
Saturday 13th July	Year 10 D of E Expedition
Monday 15th July	Alcester Academy Sports Day
Last week of term	School Show Auditions
Friday 19th July	School finishes for the summer at 12.40pm

"FRIENDS" OF ALCESTER ACADEMY

FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 28th June 2024

@ Alcester Academy

Cash Prizes!!

1st—£100 2nd—£50 3rd—£25

Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start

£15 per team
(maximum of SIX in any team)

Bar & Tuck Shop Available

Pre-booking recommended.
Book now on the School Gateway,
online or via the school office.
[Friends of Alcester Academy \(sumupstore.com\)](http://FriendsOfAlcesterAcademy.sumupstore.com)
Tables will be allocated per team.

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Alcester Academy Academic Terms and Holidays

SUMMER TERM 2024

Summer Term ends Friday 19th July 2024 at 12.40pm

AUTUMN TERM 2024

School closed Monday 2nd September—Teacher training day

Autumn Term begins

Years 7 and 11 only Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Years 8, 9 and 10 only Wednesday 4th September 2024

All students back Thursday 5th September 2024

Half term Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November 2024

Back to school Monday 4th November 2024

Autumn Term ends Friday 20th December 2024 at 12.40pm

We have organised another Bag2School collection for Wednesday 10th July 2024!

A letter has gone out via email with full details.

Please send any unwanted clothes, shoes and linens to school at any point after half term, in a bin bag, or other suitable bag.

Please feel free to contact Mrs Farnell for more information.



BAG 2 SCHOOL



Epraise Leaderboard—this week



Top Students—this week:

1	Ilani	8GA	16 points
1	Harley	8SI	16 points
3	Anthony	8GA	15 points
4	Jess	7TN	14 points
5	Ava	8YA	13 points
5	Immy	9SA	13 points
7	James	7RA	12 points
7	Georgia	9BW	12 points
7	Annabelle	8YA	12 points
10	Poppy	8SI	11 points

Top Staff—this week:

1	Mrs Gorner	214 points
2	Mrs Weatherley	206 points
3	Mr Martin	193 points
4	Mr Yarrington	175 points
5	Miss Pass	164 points

Top Subjects—this week:

1	English	441 points
2	Art	275 points
3	Maths	253 points
4	French	206 points
5	Science	188 points

Top Tutors—this week:

1	8TU	175 points
2	8GA	167 points
3	7TN	158 points
4	8SI	153 points
5	7RA	147 points
6	8YA	145 points
7	7WI	137 points
8	7LX	127 points
9	7KO	105 points
9	9MA	105 points



Clean Air Day—Friday June 20th

We felt very proud that The Sustainability Academy invited Alcester Academy to take part in their campaign to raise awareness for *Clean Air Day*.

As a school we have been piloting a new Sustainability Curriculum with year 7 pupils and teaching them all about The United Nations Sustainability Goals and how we can work together to combat climate change.

I have been incredibly impressed by how passionate the pupils have been about working towards a more sustainable future.

Sustainability is a worldwide focus and it will continue to be one of our school priorities to educate our young people about how we can all do more to make the planet a cleaner place to live.

Miss McKenzie



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Alcester Academy



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SUMMER

RAFFLE

LOTS OF FANTASTIC PRIZES

1st Prize: £150 Cash

2nd Prize: 2 Tickets to Classic Ibiza 2025

3rd Prize: 4x 18 Holes of Golf at Bidford Grange

Plus many more:

£50 Arrow Mill Voucher - Italian Afternoon Tea at Artari Touchwood -
 £50 Voucher for Johnsons Coach Trips - Paddleboarding for Two at Spot on Wake -
 Family Pass for 4 for a round of Frisbee Golf at Gillys - £20 Voucher for Alcester Butcher -
 £20 Voucher for The Nail Company - £20 Voucher for Mavericks -
 Cream Tea for Two at Hillers Tea Room - £10 Voucher for Cardamom

Tickets

1. Tickets available from the School Gateway (Wednesday 15th May) until Wednesday 26th June 2024.
2. The school office 8:30am until 4:00pm until Friday 28th June.
3. Tickets will be available at the Summer Quiz until 8.00pm.

Thank you to all the businesses who have donated prizes!

£2
Per Ticket

New Tab



2023-2024

Term: *Summer term*



Come along and try out a new club!

SUMMER Extra- Curricular Clubs

Monday

LUNCH

Acoustic Group
Music Hut

Art rooms
Available for all art students

AFTER SCHOOL

Ornithology
T4

Tuesday

LUNCH

Young Enterpsie
E6/5

Pop Band
Music Hut
2

Art rooms
Available for all art students

AFTER SCHOOL

Choir
Hall 4.15 finish

Polish club

Wednesday

LUNCH

Chess/Board Game
M4

Digital Fashion
T3

Language Ambassador Club
MFL

Y7 African Drumming
Music

Art rooms
Available for all art students

AFTER SCHOOL

Rock Academy
Music

Thursday

LUNCH

Environment Club
E2

LGQTQ+IA
E4

Rock Band

Humanities Film Club
Top of the Tower

Art rooms
Available for all art students

AFTER SCHOOL

Art Club
Starting 25th April- Sign up
with Mr Yarrington

Musical Theatre Club
Drama Studio

Friday

LUNCH

Chess/Board Game
M4

Dance club
Drama Studio

Guitar Orchestra
Music Hut

Art rooms
Available for all art students

Saturday

Rock Academy
10am-11.30am



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Attendance Updates

Whole School Attendance this week is 93.5%

Top tutors this week:

7KO with 98.3% attendance
8GA with 99.1% attendance
9BI with 93.3% attendance
10SO with 98.8% attendance

Top House this week:


Billesley! Congratulations!




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. Thank you, Mrs Hatcher

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Student Spotlight Will (Athletics)

This week we are proud to share news of Will's (year 9) continued success within athletics. Will took part in the Midland Schools Junior Boys Pentathlon last weekend and his outstanding participation has led to qualification to compete in the England Schools combined Championship.



Will put in some outstanding performances during the event with notable achievements reaching personal best results in the high jump, long jump and shot put. His efforts also helped the Warwickshire Junior Boys Team finish second overall at the event in another impressive accolade for Will and the rest of the Warwickshire representatives.

Well done and congratulations from us all at the Academy.

Darcie (Athletics)

Many congratulations go to Darcie in year 10 who has also qualified as part of the Warwickshire Team for the English School's combined events competition in September.

In other fantastic news Darcie is also a reserve for the sprint hurdles for the English School's Championships in July. A brilliant achievement as Darcie is currently competing in the inter girls age group, including competitors from both school years 10 and 11.



This weeks fixtures

U13 and U15 Girls and Boys Tennis v Warwick School/Kings High

This week we took four of our tennis teams to Warwick to compete against Warwick School and Kings High in end of season fixture. There were some fantastic battles on court had by all of our teams with some competitive and high level tennis played by all involved.

Congratulations to all students who were selected to represent the school in this fixture and well done for a fantastic season to our girls and boys U13 and U15 tennis teams.



Year 10 Rounders Tournament

The final South Warwickshire rounders tournament of the season ended up with our year 10s securing a hard earned second place. Great team work and tactical awareness from the whole squad, combined with some effective batting and fielding. Well done to our year 10 rounders team.



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Next Week's After School Clubs



THIS WEEK'S SPORT: W/B 1/7/24



Day	Extra-Curricular Club & Staff	Location
Monday	No clubs–Staff meeting	
Tuesday	Year 7 and 8 Cricket	Field
Wednesday		
Thursday	No clubs– Celebration Evening	

Next Week's Lunchtime Clubs

- Lunchtime sports clubs to start w/b Monday 15TH April 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	<u>MONDAY–MO</u>	TUESDAY - MO	WEDNESDAY –PW/PE	THURSDAY - MO
15/4	<u>Y11 Revision–PE1</u>	Year 11 Indoor Football	Y11 Sport Studies Assessment- Table Tennis	Year 11 Indoor Football
22/4	<u>Y11 Revision–PE1</u>	Year 11 Indoor Football	Y11 Sport Studies Assessment- Table Tennis	Year 11 Indoor Football
29/4	<u>Y11 Revision–PE1</u>	Year 11 Indoor Football	Y11 Sport Studies Assessment- Table Tennis	Year 11 Indoor Football
6/2	<u>Y11 Revision–PE1</u>	Year 11 Indoor Football	Y11 Sport Studies Assessment- Table Tennis	Year 11 Indoor Football
13/2	<u>Y11 Revision–PE1</u>	Year 11 Indoor Football	Y11 Sport Studies Assessment- Table Tennis	Year 11 Indoor Football

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Summer Sailing

Full details & booking online:
<https://bit.ly/DWSCSummerCourse>

Kit provided
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Small groups with qualified instructors

Safety & rescue staff

Ages 8 - 16

Suitable for beginners

VACANCY—Warwickshire County Council

Relief Group Leader based at St John's House,
Warwick

Closing Date: 8th July 2024

Salary: £14.91 to £16.26 per hour



Brief details:

Work with Heritage and Culture Warwickshire's (HCW) Learning and Community Engagement Team on a zero hours contract basis to deliver their school workshop programme. HCW is looking for individuals who enjoy working with people and are friendly and welcoming. Good organisational and time keeping skills will help you succeed in this role. Teamworking and communication is key to this role. Willingness to deliver workshops in schools around the county is key for this round of recruitment.

For more information please visit [Relief Group Leader job with Warwickshire County Council | 201326](#) (wmjobs.co.uk) or search for Relief Group Leader, ref 201326, on WM Jobs (wmjobs.co.uk)

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THE MYTON HOSPICES
ABSEIL
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This event is sure to give you an adrenaline rush and has quickly become one of our most popular challenges!

10AM - 5PM

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SEPT
2024**

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At The Depot

KIDS HOLIDAY LUNCHES

EVERY WED 12:30PM ONWARDS

Savour the flavours and share the laughter at our weekly kids holiday lunch club. Hot food, drinks, fruit and yummy treats!! every Wednesday during the summer holidays. Everyone welcome.

FREE TO ATTEND



Warwickshire County Council



spark Youth Music summer Band Programme

Ages 10-14

#haf2024

JOIN A BAND THIS SUMMER!

Purple Sun Studio, Bearley, Stratford upon Avon
Monday - Thursday, w/c 22nd & 29th July 2024

- No previous experience needed/instruments provided
- Learn Guitar, Drums, Bass, Keyboard or Sing!
- Design and keep band t shirt
- Take part in a band photo shoot
- Perform in a professional gig (free tickets for friends & family)
- Lunch provided each day
- Free for HAF code holders

@sparkyouthmusic

Band members must be able to attend all or most of the 8 rehearsals which will be held 12-3pm on Monday to Thursday of weeks commencing 22nd and 29th July, plus the gig at The Greig Hall, Alcester on the evening of Thursday 1st August

SPARK Youth Music is The Regional Winner for The Midlands and finalist for The Department for Education National HAF Provider of The Year Award for dedication and commitment to outstanding youth provision

To Book: ☎ 07711 372538 ✉ sparkmusicuk@gmail.com

ALCESTER COURT LEET



ALCESTER COURT LEET FAMILY FAIR DAY
SCOUT HUT FIELDS, ALCESTER on
Saturday 31st August from 12 noon
STALLS, CHILDRENS GAMES, FAMOUS JOUSTER,
STREET FOOD, BAR, LIVE MUSIC