Alcester Academy WEEKLY BULLETIN

29th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've entered this week on the back of the euphoria of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory translating into the same energy shown at our Brit Pop night with Rock Academy on Tuesday.

Our performing artists are on fire right now! What a fabulous evening! Our incredible bands were on top form as they cruised through some well-known hits for us all. Thanks to the staff team for making this happen. It was such an enjoyable evening. And, it was wonderful to see the staff and former students performing. It is certainly proving to be a busy lead up to Christmas now in school.

Remember, you can donate to our Rock Academy refurb fund raiser, if you would like to.

ALCESTER ROCK ACADEMY

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There was also an exceptional sports trip to Gloucester Rugby Club last Friday, where our students got to experience some fantastic opportunities. Mr Moffatt has written about this later on for you. I was extremely proud indeed of the students who represented us as flag bearers at the start of the game. Thank you all!

Stars in our Schools

Today we celebrated the work of our support staff in school. We are extremely grateful for all they do each day. Students were encouraged to write a brief message to any one who has supported their wellbeing, or time in school recently.

Save the date

We are collecting Christmas donations for Arden Food Bank on Friday 6th December in school. This is a non-uniform day for all students. This is a House competition and points will be awarded to the House.

Year 12s

It was wonderful to see our year 12s return on Wednesday evening to celebrate their summer success and collect their GCSE certificates. We were thrilled to hear about how well they had settled into year 12, or other various avenues. Good luck to you all!

Year 11s

Congratulations to year 11s who continued with the mock examinations this week. The conduct of the year group has been exemplary. I'm very grateful to them for an amazing turn out last Saturday, for history and religious studies revision sessions. And thank you to staff who were in over their weekend for this.

Year 10 Parents' Evening

We are looking forward to seeing year 10 parents next Thursday 5th December online for parents' evening.

In sad news

The whole school community is currently sending their thoughts and condolences to Mrs Bennett and her family after we learned of the sad news of the passing of her husband, Clive Bennett recently. This happened very suddenly indeed. Clive was a popular, respected and well known member of our wonderful Alcester community, who contributed his own time so positively to many aspects of the town. We were all shocked by this news and we send our love and strength to the family at this very difficult time.

Mrs Bennett cannot be contacted through school emails currently whilst we all respect the time and space that she and her family need.

Looking ahead

Looking ahead to next week, our year 7s are visiting St Nicholas Church on Monday for

performance and interactive workshops that explore the birth narratives of Jesus, in preparation for their classwork comparing the birth stories of different religious leaders and founders. Year 7 will have the chance to question the characters in the nativity story and we're looking forward to some thought-provoking responses.

This leads really nicely into St Nicholas Night on Friday 6th December in Alcester, and then look out for the staff on the Round Table Santa Route on Saturday! Some of the staff will be travelling around the Conway Estate with Santa. The PTA do benefit from donations made on this date as a school and we thank the Round Table in advance for this.

Finally, Mr Anderson, Head of IT will take over news next week for you all in the termly safety circular. I'll be back with some updates the week after that.

Have a good weekend everyone and thank you all for your continued support.

Sarah Mellors—Headteacher

Some key dates for this half term

Friday 6th December 2024
St Nicholas' Night, Alcester

Thursday 12th December 2024
Friends meeting online at 7pm

Tuesday 17th December 2024
Christmas Concert at St Nicholas Church, Alcester

Wednesday/Thursday 18/19th December 2024
Reward Trip Days

Friday 20th December 2024
Break up 12.40pm. This will be our fundraiser for Save the Children, with the annual Christmas Jumper Day. Donations will be via the School Gateway.

This is not necessarily a complete and final list of half term activities.

Parents' Evenings 2024-25

Thursday 5th December 2024	Year 10 Parents' Evening SchoolCloud
Thursday 9th January 2025	Year 11 second Parents' Evening. Live in school
Thursday 6th February 2025	Year 8 Parents' Evening SchoolCloud
Thursday 3rd April 2025	Year 9 Parents' Evening SchoolCloud
Thursday 1st May 2025	Year 8 Options Evening. Live in school
Thursday 12th June 2025	Year 7 Parents' Evening SchoolCloud

SchoolCloud is an online video service

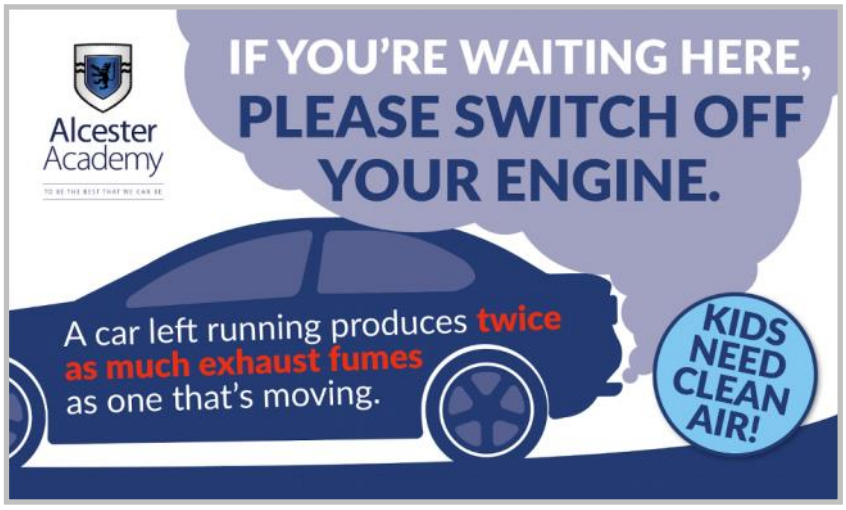
Exploring Careers in Firefighting:
A Visit to Alcester Fire Station with Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service

Our sincere thanks go to the Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service for allowing us to visit Alcester Fire Station last week.

Instead of our usual 'drop-in session' we decided to take students interested in this as a career, to visit a working station. The students learnt so much about the various roles within the service, as well as having the opportunity to look at the equipment required for fighting fires, or rescuing people trapped under vehicles. They even completed a practice rescue blindfolded to simulate being in a smoke-filled building.

Unfortunately, the visit was cut short when the alarms all activated due to an emergency call out! We evacuated the station and watched as the fire engine sped off with full lights and sirens. The students found the whole situation very exciting!

Later that afternoon we were very grateful to the firefighters who popped up to the Academy so that the students had chance to take some photos in the engine. A fabulous experience all round.
Miss Bartlett



Attendance Updates

Whole School Attendance this week is 92.5%

Years this week:

Year 7 with 92.1% attendance

Year 8 with 93.1% attendance

Year 9 with 87.8% attendance

Year 10 with 91.6% attendance

Year 11 with 98% attendance

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

Administrator

Part Time – 8 hours per week
Working Term Time Only (39 weeks including 3 Teacher Training days)
Scale B FTE £3,656 starting salary (Actual pro rata for 8 hours per week £4,380)
Closing Date: 12 noon on Friday 13th December 2024
Interviews: Week beginning 16th December 2024
Starting: January 2025

ADVERT ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

Purpose of the Role

To provide effective administrative support to the academy, maintain academy management information systems related to the pastoral team.

Main duties and responsibilities include:

- Student filing to include the creation of high profile or vulnerable cases
- Referrals to external agencies; calls or documents to be completed
- Support as needed with Subject Access Requests
- Support for the administration of Super Learning Days
- Minute taking at high profile meetings such as permanent exclusion panels
- Creation of student voice surveys and evaluations using Google Forms or similar
- Liaising with external agencies
- Health and Safety
  To ensure the school meets its Health and Safety responsibilities regarding Data Protection guidance and legal requirements.
- Ensuring all visitors comply with safeguarding requirements.

This job description is intended to be a broad outline of duties and is not intended to be exhaustive. The post holder will be expected to take on other duties and responsibilities commensurate with the grade of the post as reasonably directed by the Headteacher.

The Application Process

Please complete an Alcester Academy application form which can be found on the school website. A written statement in support of your application will be accepted but we do not consider CVs. The application deadline is 12 noon on Friday 13th December 2024.
Interviews will take place during week beginning 16th December 2024
If you have any questions with regard to this vacancy or wish to visit the school, please contact: admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk.
We look forward to receiving your application.

Alcester Academy

Epraise Leaderboard—past 7 days

Top Students—past 7 days:

1	Ffion	10MA	Oversley	55 points
2	Aiden	9CR	Billesley	53 points
3	Fleur	10PL	Greville	41 points
4	Zara	9GA	Oversley	37 points
5	Lucy	8RO	Billesley	33 points
5	Georgia	8AN	Ragley	33 points
5	Tegan	8SO	Greville	33 points
8	Jessica	8SO	Billesley	32 points
8	Lola	7TN	Billesley	32 points
8	Alina	7RA	Greville	32 points

Top House—past 7 days:

1	Oversley	2022 points
2	Ragley	1889 points
3	Billesley	1870 points
4	Greville	1844 points

Top Subjects—past 7 days:

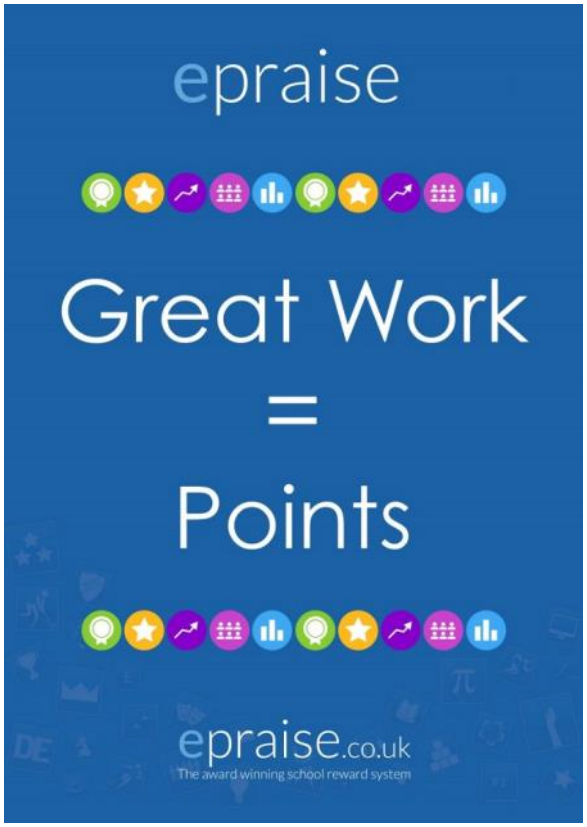
1	Performing Arts	1095 points
2	English	814 points
3	IT	523 points
4	Art	471 points
5	Science	419 points

Top Staff—past 7 days:

1	Miss Sacco	1095 points
2	Mr Martin	515 points
3	Mr Yarrington	373 points
4	Mrs Gorner	348 points
5	Mr Rossiter	326 points

Top Tutors—past 7 days:

1	8AN	417 points
2	9PA	399 points
3	9GA	390 points
4	8DA	386 points
5	7TN	379 points



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Fixture round up for the week

Year 9 District football tournament

Our year 9 football team travelled over to Kineton this week to participate in the South Warwickshire 7-a-side tournament.

The team put in some outstanding performances throughout and worked together brilliantly as a team from start to finish. After finishing the group stage undefeated, we progressed to the final as the top placed school and went on to defeat the home team Kineton 1-0 in a closely contested match.

Congratulations to the team on a first tournament win in the boys competitions for football, a brilliant achievement.

U13 Rugby v Shipston High School

Our U13 Rugby team made up of year 7 and 8 Alcester Academy students travelled over to Shipston Rugby Club this week to take on Shipston school in a fixture.

It was the first time our students joined together for a full sided match, following the small sided tournament earlier in the year. All students very much enjoyed the fixture building on their progress from earlier this year.

The team showed incredible commitment and teamwork throughout the match and came away with a 4-2 victory. Well done to Oli (year 8) who scored 3 and assisted one try in an outstanding individual performance!

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Gloucester Rugby Trip

Last week 26 of Alcester Academy's rugby players attended a fantastic trip to Kingsholm Stadium in Gloucester. The trip included pre-match coaching clinics on the pitch led by Gloucester RFC coaches. The students were split into three groups and received coaching focused around handling skills and decision making within the sport.

The group were then lucky enough to have a VIP experience, meeting and interviewing first team Gloucester Rugby player, Kirill Gotovstev who gave up his time to take on a question and answer session with our students. It was inspiring to hear from Kirill and even more so for our students to find out he did not make it to the sport of rugby until the age of 27! Following the Q & A with Kirill, our students next were treated to a pitch parade, before kick off under the lights of the Kingsholm Stadium. This followed with bearing the Gloucester Rugby flag prior to kick off in the centre of the pitch as the team walked out to roars from all sides of the stadium.

An unforgettable experience was had by all during this trip. A huge thank you to Gloucester Rugby for providing us with this magnificent opportunity.

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Next Week's After School Clubs

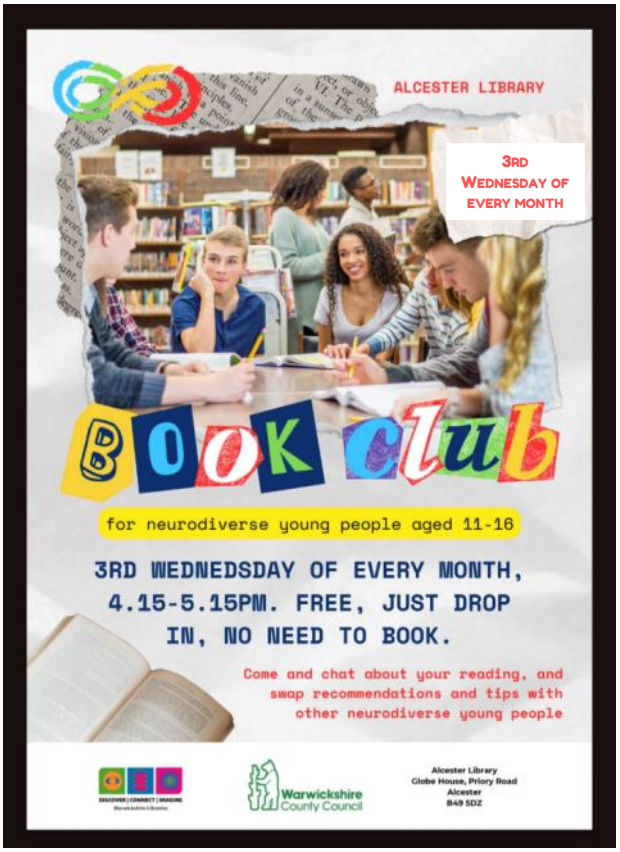
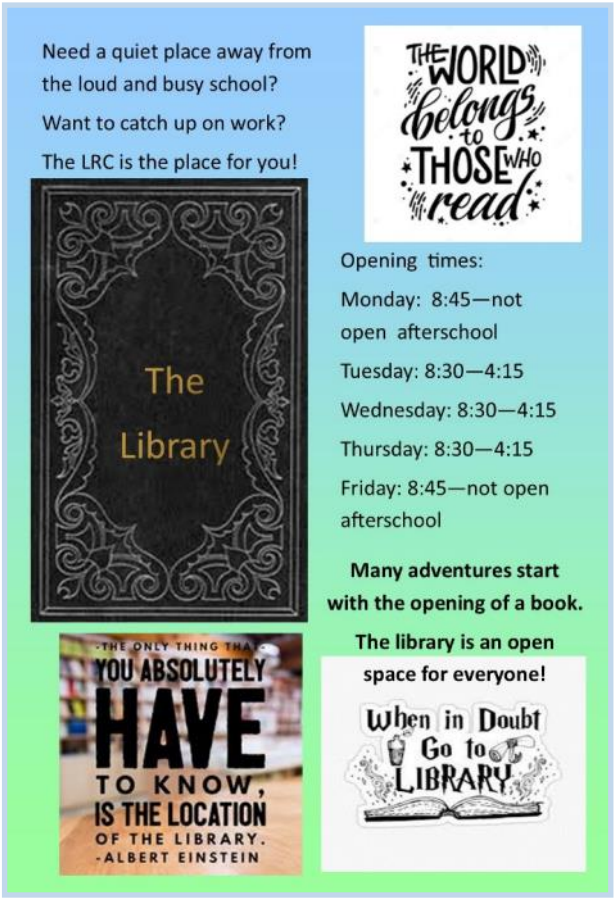
****THIS WEEKS SPORT**: W/B 2/12/24**

Day	Extra-Curricular Club & Staff	Location
Monday	Year 11 Football v Kenilworth Year 7 + 8 Netball	Away Courts
Tuesday	Year 8 Boys 7 a-side Football tournament Year 10 + 11 Basketball	Kineton Gym
Wednesday	U14 Girls 7 a-side Football tournament	Stratford
Thursday	Year 8 Netball friendly v AGS Year 10 Parents Evening	AGS

Next Week's Lunchtime Clubs

AUTUMN 2 LUNCHTIME SPORT + INTERVENTION

- Lunchtime sports clubs to start w/b Monday 4th November on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Lunchtime sport and intervention 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	MON- NA	MON - MO	WED - PE	FRI - TU
4/11	BOYS BASKETBALL (KS4)	SPORT STUDIES INTERVENTION–ICT3	GIRLS BASKETBALL (KS4)	YEAR 8 TABLE TENNIS
11/11	BOYS BASKETBALL (KS3)	SPORT STUDIES INTERVENTION–ICT3	GIRLS BASKETBALL (KS3)	YEAR 8 TABLE TENNIS
18/11	BOYS BASKETBALL (KS4)	SPORT STUDIES INTERVENTION–ICT3	GIRLS BASKETBALL (KS4)	YEAR 8 TABLE TENNIS
25/11	BOYS BASKETBALL (KS3)	SPORT STUDIES INTERVENTION–ICT3	GIRLS BASKETBALL (KS3)	YEAR 8 TABLE TENNIS
2/12	BOYS BASKETBALL (KS4)	SPORT STUDIES INTERVENTION–ICT3	GIRLS BASKETBALL (KS4)	YEAR 8 TABLE TENNIS
9/12	BOYS BASKETBALL (KS3)	SPORT STUDIES INTERVENTION–ICT3	GIRLS BASKETBALL (KS3)	YEAR 8 TABLE TENNIS

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