

Alcester Academy WEEKLY BULLETIN



29th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Friday again!

Today, we successfully held the first fire practice of the academic year. The evacuation was smooth and well organised and I'm sure that it served the whole school community as a positive exercise. I'm grateful to the students for their co-operation and super behaviour. Hopefully, today's exercise reassured our year 7s with regard to what to do if we need to evacuate quickly.



The students were all wonderful yesterday as we were busy in school filming various areas for our new Academy promotional video and website shots. I'm grateful to Miss McKenzie for directing this and to the staff and students for coping with a busy schedule. Watch this space for a release date! Albi, our school CBT Counsellor's therapy dog was allowed to have several film takes before getting his walk into LSU just right!



This week has proven very busy for a number of year groups. We held two Super Learning Days for year 7 and 9 this week. Tuesday saw our *European Day of Languages* too. Wait until you see the Bake Off entries for this later on. Our year 10s had their Young Enterprise presentation launch this week. The standard was extremely high indeed. Well done everyone!



For year 11s, we launched their revision timetable and Super Six booklets outlining revision techniques. Thank you to AGS for leading year 11 assembly today as the first post 16 provider in a series of talks each week now.



Parking for after school pick up

Please see the letter attached to the bulletin today about this.

Home School Agreements

Thank you to those parents who have signed and returned Home School Agreements. If you haven't, please return these or reach out to school if you need a further discussion.

What's inside this week...

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Students will not be permitted on trips, visits or sports fixtures until these are all in place.

Parent Forum for Homework

Mr Cooke and Mr Hall led an informative session this week around homework and the use of Google Classroom. If you missed it, please see the link to the recording on the website.



www.alcesteracademy.org.uk/academy-information/parent-forum

Year 9 Parents

Thank you to those parents and carers who attended the Skern Lodge information evening yesterday. It won't be long now!

Good luck!

After a big year 10 game last night, we have two further football games next week with our year 7/8 girls in their National Cup, and year 10/11 boys in their local derby. I'm sending my good luck wishes to both teams. Go Alcester Academy!

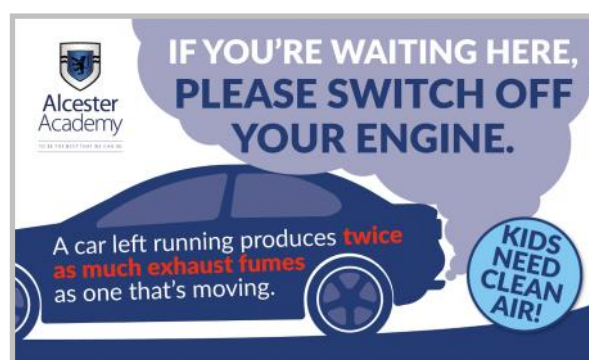
I'm sure that you will join me in sending our thoughts to Elianne's family, the 15 year old that was tragically stabbed on Wednesday morning on her way to school. Please seriously discuss this incident at home in order to raise awareness of knife crime with our youngsters. I absolutely do

not wish to frighten the students but I do think that a positive conversation about the circumstances of this situation is important. Naturally, we will continue to do work in school around this very important issue.

Wishing you a very restful weekend ahead.

Best wishes

Sarah Mellors
Headteacher



Year 8 - 11 Lost Property Drop-In Wednesday 4th October 2023

We have a number of coats and other items in lost property which were left at the end of the last academic year.

We will be holding a lost property drop-in next Wednesday, 4th October, and invite you to come and check for any lost items. The drop-in will be in the school hall between 3.30pm and 4.30pm.

All remaining items left at the end of the drop-in will be donated to charity.



**LOST
PROPERTY**

Alcester Academy Term Dates 2023-24

AUTUMN TERM 2023

School closed

Friday 27th October 2023

Teacher training day

Half term

Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November 2023

Back to school

Monday 6th November 2023

Autumn Term ends

Friday 22nd December 2023 at 12.40pm

SPRING TERM 2024

School closed

Monday 8th January 2024

Teacher training day

Spring Term begins

Tuesday 9th January 2024

Half Term

Monday 12th – Friday 16th February 2024

Back to school

Monday 19th February 2024

Spring Term ends (Easter)

Friday 22nd March 2024 at 12.40pm

SUMMER TERM 2024

Summer Term begins

Monday 8th April 2024

May Bank Holiday

Monday 6th May 2024

Half Term

Monday 27th – Friday 31st May 2024

Back to school

Monday 3rd June 2024

Summer Term ends

Friday 19th July 2024 at 12.40pm

Epraise Leaderboard—this week

Top Students—this week:

1	Harry	8TY	24 points
2	Chloe	7KO	19 points
3	Amelie	7KO	18 points
4	Hester	8TY	17 points
4	Eva	8SI	17 points
4	Lilia	8YA	17 points
7	Isabella	7RA	16 points
7	Mia	7WI	16 points
9	Lillie	7RA	15 points
9	Zachery	7KO	15 points

Top Staff—this week:

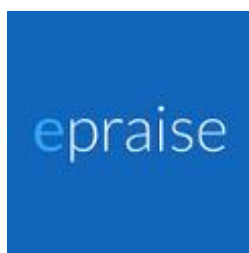
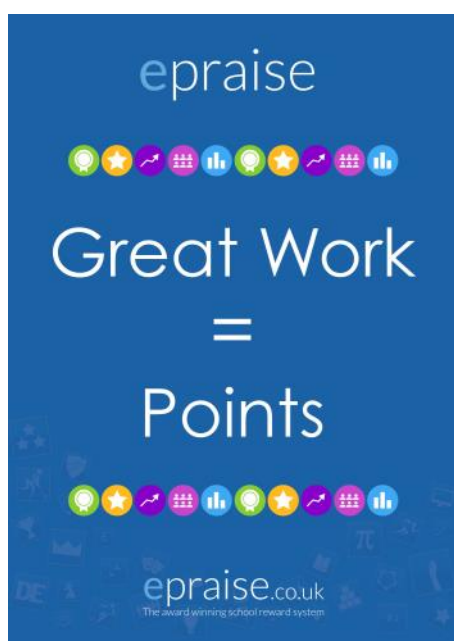
1	Mr Martin	371 points
2	Mr Yarrington	306 points
3	Mrs Weatherley	305 points
3	Miss Lewis	305 points
5	Mr Bowater	303 points
6	Miss Bishop	297 points
7	Mrs Marshall	251 points
8	Mr Rossiter	225 points
9	Mrs Kowal	186 points
10	Mrs Gorner	173 points

Top Tutor—this week:

1	7KO	268 points
2	11MR	266 points
3	7WI	236 points
4	8TY	235 points
5	7LX	233 points
6	7RA	230 points
7	8SI	208 points
8	7TN	198 points
9	8YA	185 points
10	8GA	182 points

Top Subjects—this week:

1	English	736 points
2	Maths	612 points
3	Science	486 points
4	History	471 points
5	Geography	420 points
6	Art	330 points
7	French	213 points
8	RE	186 points
9	IT	146 points
10	German	114 points



MFL European Day of Languages

On Tuesday 26th September, we celebrated *European Day of Languages* at Alcester Academy. Mrs Weatherley spoke to our year 7-10s about the importance of learning a foreign language and students took part in a treasure hunt around school to identify greetings in different languages, as well as a music quiz in tutor groups. The winners of these will be announced next week!

Students also had the chance to take part in a great *MFL Bake Off* and we were absolutely blown away by the results. We had decorated cakes, as well as traditional cakes from European countries.

The winners of this competition are:

Isabella, Amelie, Evie & Elsie, Harry, Chloe and Neve. Congratulations also to the runners up, who are Luisa, Isaac, Liv and Ranveer. All participants will receive prizes and certificates very soon.

Thank you to all students and staff for celebrating with us.

MFL department



Extra Curricular Clubs

<p>Monday</p> <p><u>LUNCH</u></p> <p>Science Club KS3 S3</p> <p>Acoustic Group Music Hut</p> <p><u>AFTER SCHOOL</u></p> <p>Ornithology T4</p>	<p>Tuesday</p> <p><u>MORNING</u></p> <p>Morning Sports Club Gym</p> <p><u>LUNCH</u></p> <p>Young Enterprise E6/5</p> <p>Pop Band Music Hut</p> <p>Game Design It</p> <p><u>AFTER SCHOOL</u></p> <p>School Show Hall</p>	<p>Wednesday</p> <p><u>LUNCH</u></p> <p>Chess/Board Game M4</p> <p>BBC Young Reporters E1</p> <p><u>AFTER SCHOOL</u></p> <p>Rock Academy Music</p> <p>LGBTQIA+ club E4</p>
<p>Thursday</p> <p><u>LUNCH</u></p> <p>Environment Club E2</p> <p>Rock Band Music Hut</p> <p>Humanities Film Club Top of the Tower</p> <p><u>AFTER SCHOOL</u></p> <p>School Show HALL</p> <p>Art Club Art</p>	<p>Friday</p> <p><u>LUNCH</u></p> <p>Chess/Board Game M4</p> <p>Guitar Orchestra Music Hut</p>	<p>Saturday</p> <p>Rock Academy 10am-11.30am</p> <p>School Show 10m-4pm</p> <p>7th October 21st October 11th November 18th November</p>







Advertise your business or sponsor the school show!

Place an advert for your business in our school show programme! £50 for **full page advert**, £30 for **half** and £10 for a **quarter of a page**. And, £100 to advertise on the **back page**!

Sponsor our wonderful school show! You will receive a **special thank you** in the programmes—please sponsor and contact to see if you will become a **gold**, **silver** or **bronze** sponsor!



 Please contact: sabrinasacco@alcesteracademy.org.uk

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court clarified 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 regulations regarding Leave of Absence (The Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) Regulations 2006 as amended by Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013.) advise:

- Head teachers **shall not** grant **any** Leave of Absence during term time **unless they consider** 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. When making an application for Leave of Absence in advance 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. It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is their 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 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.

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 and could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

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

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'. This may result in legal action against the parent, by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice. 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.

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

**Warwickshire School pupils recorded 96,366 half day sessions of absence
due to holiday in the Academic year 2021/22.**

Attendance News

Whole School Attendance: 93.5%

Top tutors this week:

7TN with 97.2% attendance

8GA with 99.6% attendance

9BI with 97.3% attendance

10RO with 97.3% attendance

11MO with 98% attendance

Congratulations on a great start to the year!

Top House this week:

Ragley with 94.6%

Reminder

Hello parents and carers—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.



Year 11 Revision

Please find attached the first part of our revision timetable for the rest of this half term (5 weeks).

Mr Cooke

Day	Option lunch	Option after school
Monday	French, Sport PE1/ Study room M5	
Tuesday	Study room S5	
Wednesday	ICT Creative iMedia/ Media Studies/Study room E2	Computer Science Hospitality and Catering DT coursework catch up
Thursday	German/Study room E2	Art & Photography
Friday	Geography	

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Year 11 Netball Tournament

The year 11 netball team took part in their final South Warwickshire netball tournament on Wednesday 27th September. It was a really enjoyable evening and the girls showed great team work and were incredibly supportive of each other. They have been a pleasure to take to fixtures over the years!



Year 8 Football v Kineton

This week saw the return to competitive football for our students in district league and cup competition. First up was our year team who experienced their first test of playing 11-a-side football on the larger pitch in the opening round of the South Warwickshire Cup v Kineton.

The first half was end to end with some positive football played at both ends of the pitch. Kineton finished the half strongly and some fine defending and saves from goalkeeper Dex kept the score to 0-0 at half-time. Alcester started the better of the teams in the second half and dominated the opening 10 minutes of play. Kineton managed to score a breakaway goal against the run of play which shifted the momentum of the match to lift the players. With a few injuries to Alcester players second half, Kineton were able to add another two goals in the remainder of the match to finish 0-3 for the away team.

A great first experience playing 11 a-side together with lots of positives to take into their next matches v Campion and St Benedict's next week.



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This week's sport roundup:

Year 10 Football v St Benedict's

Our year 10s returned to MSWSFA action against local rivals St Benedict's in the League this week. As ever the team were full of enthusiasm and spirit within the match.

This Thursday afternoon our year 10s took on St. Benedict's in the local Alcester derby. AA made a strong start to the match scoring 3 early goals, playing some excellent football and showing some great team chemistry despite the break following the end of the last school season. St. Benedict's battled on in the first half and scored 2 of their own to bring it to 3-2 at the half-time whistle and all to play for in the second half.

After the break Alcester started strongly again and added to their lead. The fresh legs coming on at half time really gave some energy to the team as AA looked to take control of the match. A further goal a piece in the closing stages kept the play competitive until the final whistle. Final score: 5-3

Well done to all who represented and a special thank you to the huge number of teachers and peers who cheered on from the sideline!



KS3 Girls Coaching - @wolfpackgirlsfootballacademy

We are incredibly excited to begin a partnership with Wolfpack Girls Football Academy to provide UEFA licensed coaching for our aspiring lionesses.

Our girls were incredibly excited to get underway this week with a well attended KS3 session this Tuesday. The next session will take place this Monday 2nd October after school. Be sure to register by email if you would like the opportunity to receive this specialist football coaching.



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Lunchtime Sport



LUNCHTIME SPORT



- Lunchtime sports clubs to start w/b Monday 11th September 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	MONDAY - PE	TUESDAY - MO	WEDNESDAY - PW
11/9/23	GIRLS BASKETBALL	KS ₃ BASKETBALL	KS ₄ BASKETBALL
18/9/23	GIRLS BASKETBALL	KS ₃ BASKETBALL	KS ₄ BASKETBALL
25/9/23	GIRLS BASKETBALL	KS ₃ BASKETBALL	KS ₄ BASKETBALL
2/10/23	GIRLS VOLLEYBALL	KS ₃ VOLLEYBALL	KS ₄ VOLLEYBALL
9/10/23	GIRLS VOLLEYBALL	KS ₃ VOLLEYBALL	KS ₄ VOLLEYBALL
16/10/23	GIRLS VOLLEYBALL	KS ₃ VOLLEYBALL	KS ₄ VOLLEYBALL

After School Sport

A huge number of fixtures next week across the year groups. Good luck to all taking part and particularly to our year 11 football and KS3 girls' teams who will be representing the school in cup competition on Tuesday.



THIS WEEKS SPORT: W/B 2/10/23



Day	Extra-Curricular Club & Staff	Location
Monday	Year 8 Football v Campion- PW	Top Field
Tuesday	KS ₄ Girls Football- External	School Field
	Year 11 Football v AGS- MO	AGS playing fields
Wednesday	U13 Girls National Cup Football Sibford- PW	AWAY
	Year 9 + 10 Netball- PE	Courts
	Year 9 Football v Studley- MO/PW	AWAY
Thursday	Year 7 + 8 Netball- PE/MR	Courts
	Year 8 Football v St Benedict's- MO	AWAY

Vacancy—Second i/c of maths



MPS/UPS + TLR Subject to experience

Closing date Friday 13th October at 12 noon

Interview date to be set

The School

In 2022, the Progress 8 score for the school was +0.46 The school has a new leadership team and we consider that the welfare of staff is of paramount importance.

GCSE HEADLINES 2022

English and Maths 4+ = 79% (national 70%)

English and Maths 5+ = 61% (national 50%)

English and Maths 7+= 25% (national 15%)

Total Attainment 8 = 53

Average grade: 5.3

Approximate P8: 0.5 (well above average)

Maths 4+ = 82% Maths 5+ = 70% Maths 7+ = 32%

The Post

This is an exciting opportunity for a strong middle leader with a proven track record of exemplary student outcomes. The successful applicant will be able to demonstrate experience of effective leadership and ambition towards future management in a Middle Leadership position, and a willingness to contribute to the whole staff team. Flexibility and the ability to innovate are desirable qualities, along with energy and capacity for hard work. The successful candidate will have a good understanding of what effective Teaching & Learning looks like for children of all abilities and be committed to enable all students to access the curriculum in order to fulfil their academic potential. They will be able to engage and enthuse students of all aptitudes. Resilience and drive are desirable qualities in order to ensure that students at Alcester Academy are provided with the very best life opportunities possible.

The deadline for applications is Friday 13th October at 12 noon

Interviews expected to take place WC 16th October 2023

Starting: January 2024

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.

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.

Please note that this school is committed to safeguarding, equality of opportunity, and promoting the welfare of children and young people. An enhanced DBS check will be required.

[ADVERT ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE](#)

Second i/c of English Whole School literacy lead

MPS/UPS + TLR Subject to experience

Closing date Friday 13th October at 12 noon

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Alcester Academy Lunchtime Supervisor

We are currently seeking reliable staff to join our team of lunchtime supervisors, working 7.5 hours a week, term time only. Times may vary according to Academy activities throughout the academic year. Post Level Band A £10.60 per hour

This post is temporary 12 months in the first instance.

Closing date for applications is 12 noon on Friday 13th October 2023

Interviews provisionally planned for Wednesday 18th October 2023

Starting: 6th November 2023

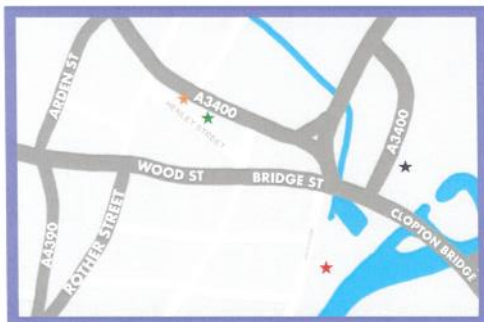


Alcester Academy Lunchtime Supervisor Advert

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. A DBS check is required for appointment to this post.

CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

How to find us



★
Stratford-upon-Avon Library
12 Henley Street, CV37 6PZ

★
Stratford Town Trust
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Bridgefoot, CV37 6YR

★
Royal Shakespeare Company
PACCAR Room, Level 2
Royal Shakespeare Theatre
Waterside, CV37 6BB

★
Shakespeare Birthplace Trust
Outside the Shakespeare Centre,
Henley Street, CV37 6QW

All activities are free, and take place from 10am - 3pm
Collect a voucher at any of the other locations to
receive free refreshments at the Crowne Plaza
For more detail see inside!

CREATE • MAKE • SHARE FUN PALACES

Saturday 7th October
10am - 3pm

A day of free activities celebrating community
and culture in Stratford-upon-Avon



Drop in to the library to
share your stories with us
through music and poetry.

10.15am start
Shakespeare for All
Community reading of "The
Two Gentleman of Verona".
Join in or just listen
(all ages)

Poetry on Demand
11am - 1pm
Tell your story to a poet
and have a custom poem
written on the spot
(all ages)

Let's Make Music
10am - 1pm
Digital music making
(ages 14+)

Children's Activities
10am - 3pm
Make a rainbow shaker or
musical "lolly-monica"
(ages 3+)
10am - 12pm
Lego Club (ages 4-11)
1pm - 2pm
Chess Club (ages 7-11)



Magical Story Writing

Join our storyteller
and writer at the
Royal Shakespeare
Theatre to create your
own story of magic,
inspired by our winter
shows, Box of
Delights and A
Midsummer Night's
Dream.

Drop-in anytime,
suitable for ages 5+.
Children must be
accompanied by an
adult.

10am - 3pm
PACCAR Room, Level
2, Royal Shakespeare
Theatre



Pop in to the Crowne
Plaza any time from
10am - 3pm

Join in, share your
skills, make friends,
learn how to handle
tools, beat a drum,
sing, create a harvest
rag wreath or a
spooky Halloween
decoration. Or just sit
back with a cuppa and
enjoy the company.

"Choose what you
want to do - or
watch someone else
doing it."

We have exciting
events happening
throughout the day
alongside stalls with
crafts, activities and
information, all run by
local groups.



Friendship and the Folio!

Discover how
Shakespeare's friends
brought his plays together
in a very special
publication.
Try your hand at print
making and writing with a
quill. Learn how to weave
Tudor-style and create your
own friendship bracelet to
take home.

Explore Global Street Arts
installation at 22 Henley
Street and watch live
performances of some of
Shakespeare's most well-
known sonnets.

Meet partners of the
Shakespeare Birthplace
Trust and discover their
secret skills!

Drop in anytime from
10am - 3pm
Outside the Shakespeare
Centre, Henley St


*"We believe in the genius in everyone, in everyone an artist and everyone a scientist, and that
creativity in community can change the world for the better"*
Fun Palaces Manifesto, www.funpalaces.co.uk

CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

WEDNESDAYS 3:45-4:45PM
BUDDING MUSICIANS AGE 7-12

ALCESTER CHILDREN'S ORCHESTRA

THE GREIG HALL



LED BY TORI RUSHTON, PROFESSIONAL MUSICIAN
CONTACT: ALCESTERCHILDRENSORCHESTRA@GMAIL.COM
TEL : 07717 121345
FOR BOOKING AND MORE INFORMATION



20th ANNIVERSARY
2003
Texan Peacocks
2023

Texan Peacocks will be playing a special gig to celebrate their 20th year on Friday 27th October from 7pm at the Greig Hall in Alcester!

Tickets are £10 each!

Original member Mr Badham will be playing!

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/47014>



STRATFORD TOWN ACADEMY

FULL TIME 16-19 FOOTBALL & EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

BOYS & GIRLS OPEN DAY

FRIDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2023
Sessions runs from 10:00am - 12:00 noon



SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER

STRATFORD TOWN FC
KNIGHTS LANE, TIDDINGTON, STRATFORD UPON AVON. CV37 7BZ

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