

Alcester Academy

WEEKLY BULLETIN



Friday 3rd July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we arrive at the end of week 15, I am sure like me you must be starting to reminisce about how the last few months have evolved! We did say that our children would talk about this period of time in years to come and how right we all were, back in March.



No doubt you all saw the news yesterday regarding the return to school plans for September. Please give us a few days to organise our thoughts around the announcement. We intend to liaise with Governors and we will update you as to the draft plan for September. I say, 'draft' in the hope that we won't return to a lockdown over the summer holidays locally, like Leicester have experienced. I can confirm that training days at the start of term are

Tuesday 1st September 2020 and Wednesday 2nd September 2020. We will have a phased return for students in order to provide the necessary guidance to stay safe around the building. New year 7s will experience some additional time with tutors

in light of them missing their traditional induction day this term.

Updates

- Thank you to art, DT, performing arts and MFL for contributing to an amazing Super Learning Day on Monday. The work produced by students was just superb again. The remaining SLDs are:



Word of the Week



English: Plastic French: Plastique German: Plastik



English: Plastic Bag Free Day is an opportunity to spread the word that a plastic bag free world is possible.

French: Un jour sans utiliser des sacs en plastique est une occasion de communiquer qu'un monde sans plastique serait possible.

German: Plastiktütenfreier Tag ist eine Möglichkeit, die Nachricht zu verbreiten, dass eine plastikfreie Welt möglich ist.

3rd July 2020 — <https://zerowasteurope.eu/products/plastic-bag-free-day/>

- **Wednesday 8th July - Shakespeare through the ages**
- **Monday 13th July - Around the world in 7 hours: A celebration of diversity and multi-culturalism** from the Geography and RE departments or **Hands-on History, exploring your local area**
- I hope that you have had time to sit and watch the virtual Sports Day footage compiled by Mr Powell. This is just an amazing sample of the work by our fabulous students during this event. <https://youtu.be/Rq23SYaducE>
- Tutors thoroughly enjoyed their time with tutees this morning in year 7-9. The classroom codes for these are later in the bulletin. SLT then met with year 10s for an assembly in order to review their 'in school' experiences and prepare students for the next bubbles in. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the staff who are running the live sessions. Students have responded so very positively to their time with us so far. We can't wait to see more students next week again.
- We are very much looking forward to seeing our year 6 students next Wednesday morning for our virtual induction morning. Please continue to keep an eye on the website area for updates regarding year 6. <https://www.alcesteracademy.org.uk/life-at-alcester-academy/year-6-to-7-transition>

HEADTEACHER CHALLENGE

Headteacher Challenge

In the last bulletin of the summer term, I would like to capture some of your favourite parts of learning at home. If you can send these in to me,

I would be grateful. Just a line is fine. If you have a picture, please also send in that. We can then produce a lockdown issue for students to keep to look back on in years to come. As always, send in to head@alcesteracademy.org.uk. Parent or student entries are welcome. I have also asked the staff for their ideas.

Please help spread the word to young people about COVID-19 safety and prevention messages by sharing this fantastic rap video by up-and-coming Coventry rapper Aaron Woodhouse, commissioned by Warwickshire County Council on behalf of the Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire's COVID-19 response and Test and Trace programme. We felt that our students might want to hear this.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=oxJ9Lz6MFho>



I am delighted to be welcoming staff back in to the Academy on Wednesday 15th July. There will be no students in school on this date therefore in order to facilitate this. Teachers will leave work on Google Classrooms for students and we will invite the whole school to watch the Celebration Event (recording) during lesson 1 and 2 on this date. A link will be published nearer the time.

END OF TERM ASSEMBLY

On Thursday 16th July, we will celebrate an end of term assembly with years 7, 8 and 9, with year 10 having their assembly then on Friday 17th July. Further details will be sent out to you. During assemblies we will remind the students about

expectations for September. These will also be shared with you. There are a few early updates to help you as follows:

- In light of uniform not being worn for several months, please check sizes for any replacement garments needed now in readiness for September, thank you. The School Wear Centre in Alcester has reopened in order to support you all.
- Hair colours must be natural with no shaved in styles or holiday braids.
- Piercings are limited to one stud in each ear only.
- Shoes must be black and 'polish-able' with no different colour logos on. Suede or canvas shoes or pumps are not permitted. Boots or heeled shoes are not allowed.

We have found a good many of our year 10s struggling to make it in during the mornings recently in light of not being in their usual routine. As the holiday elapses it would be deemed good practice to try and move bed times and morning times back into the school routine in order to help yourselves ready for the start back to school. Easier said than done I know though!



I think that's everything for this week. The support and help channels remain open for you all as always. Do continue to use these as required.

Once again I'd like to thank everyone within the school community for that last push towards summer. We are still actively helping to make student progress together. Every lesson counts!

Wishing you a peaceful and relaxing weekend.

Kindest regards

Sarah Mellors

Headteacher



Mental Health Support for young people

24/7 Crisis Line Number for Children and Young People.

For urgent calls for children and young people who are experiencing a mental health crisis contact the Rise Crisis team between 8am-8pm on 02476 641799 or call 0300 200 0011 outside of these hours.

During the COVID response, this service is available 24-hours a day, 7-days a week, with an advice-only service outside the core hours of 8am-8pm.





Performing Art Stars of the Week

The story so far...

We have really enjoyed seeing the work from the Performing Arts SLD this week.
Here are some recreations of iconic posters. Superb work everyone! *Mr Hall & Miss Sacco*







Super Learning Day—RE/Geography

Monday 13th July



Travel Today Magazine seeks budding new reporters for an exciting global journalism internship!

Build unique experience that will help you stand out.

As one of our interns you will not be paid but will receive free coaching, travel, and accommodation.

You will travel around the world and report on global cultural differences, take photographs, meet new cultures and try new languages.

To experience the multicultural environment and become an internationally recognised journalist, join us on the RE/Geography SLD on **Monday 13th July**.

Super Learning Day—English

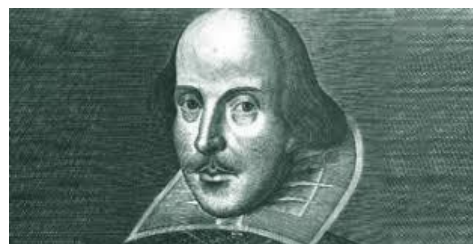
Wednesday 8th July

Shakespeare through the ages

These are the two codes for the English SLD next week.

KS3 - **vzlzagb**

KS4 - **wyoyr2l**





Art Stars of the Week

Following the *We Love our Environment* SLD, the Art and DT department would like to showcase the fabulous work of the students who selected the photography task:

Research the photographer Emily Blincoe and create a piece (s) based on her use of:
CONTRAST | REPITITION | ALIGNMENT | PROXIMITY



Ollie



Layla



Megan



Danny



Ella



Emily



Henry



Matt



Olivia



Lucas



Alex



Dan



Max



Jess



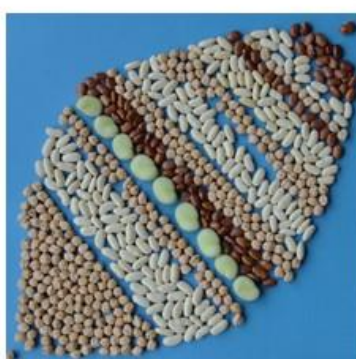
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Lily



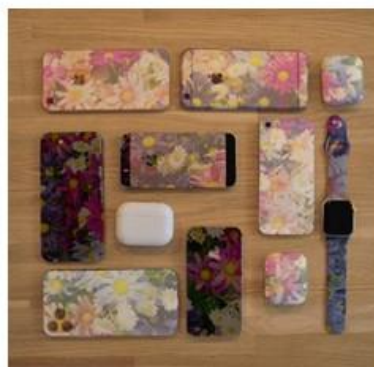
Matty



Owen



Tom



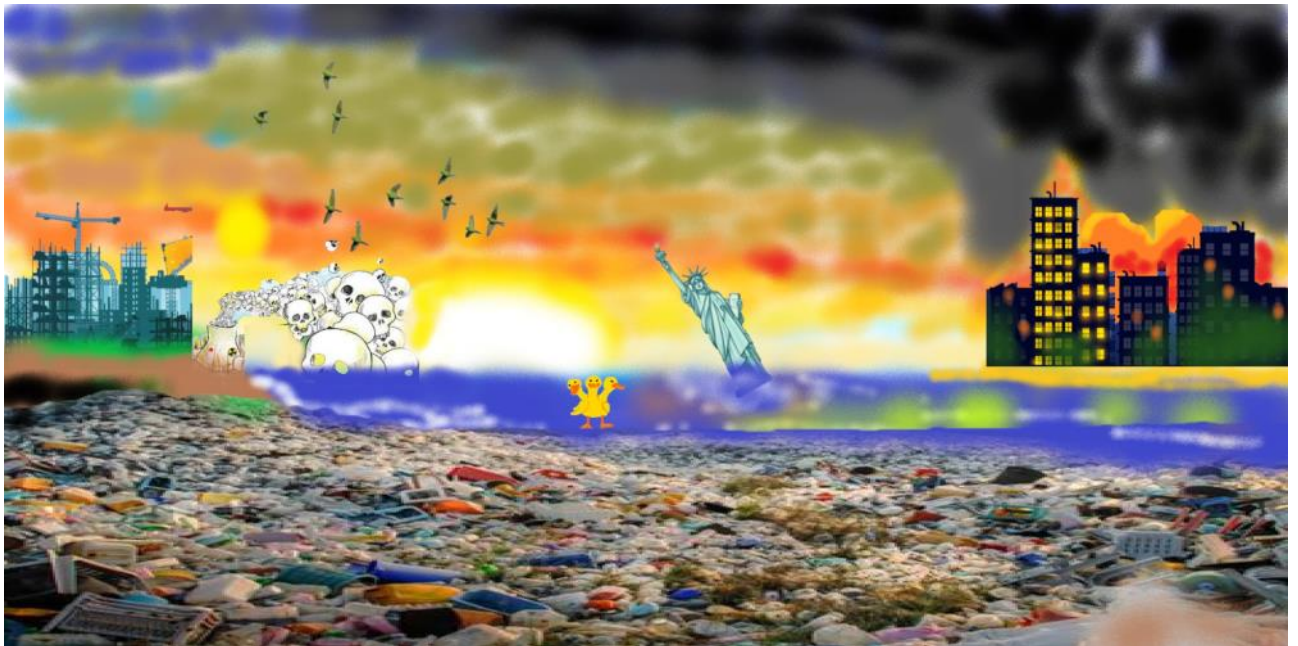
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Artworks of the Week

The Art and DT department would also like to display the fabulous work of the students who selected **Fine Art—Crimes Against the Environment**. The students researched the artist Alexis Rockman and created masterpieces based on the threats to our environment.



Bella



Riley



Matilda



Eve

Fine Art—Crimes Against the Environment



The Art and DT department would finally like to display the imaginative work of the students who selected **Fashion—There is no Planet B! Sustainable Fashion.**

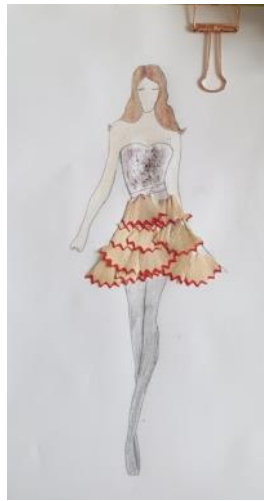
Lots of students researched the fashion illustrator, Edgar Artis and created fantastic images based on his work, involving and recycling a range of media and objects from around the house.



Cobey



Orly



Jessie



Bayanda



Charlotte



Isabelle



Kurtis



Maddi



Isabelle



Jacob

***Creative arts projects
supporting people with the impacts of the pandemic:***

Warwickshire County Council and partners are offering free creative arts projects to support people who may be particularly susceptible to the negative social and emotional impacts of this pandemic.

The projects are designed to help make people smile and maybe to find a new hobby whilst isolated. They are aimed at encouraging participants to try something creative during this pandemic to help look after their mental health.

We hope to reach a range of different groups of people online and offline, including those who are isolated, face specific challenges such as living with dementia or autism, or are struggling with mental health difficulties.

Are you interested in joining any of the brilliant FREE activities listed below? Places are limited so to find out more or book your place, get in touch! Just call us on the number shown at the bottom.

CREATIVE CARE

1. Arts Uplift CIC offer Inside Stories - Online Activity

Do you like arts and crafts? work with an experienced visual artist via Zoom on some hand sewing!

2. Escape Arts offer We Are One - No Internet Needed

A 6 page booklet packed full of arts and crafts activities for you to do at home in your own time.

3. Armonico Consort offer The Voice Squad - Online Activity

You could be singing in a group with other folk via Zoom, working with musicians, online or in your own home.

4. Sundragon Pottery offer Creative Clay - No Internet Needed

We will deliver packs of clay to you, with lots of fun things to do. The pottery packs include clay, simple tools, activities and instructions and your work could be part of an online exhibition!

5. Live & Local offer Living Rooms - Online Activity

A musician in your living room? An online music and singing activity to join in with? Let us know if this interests you!

**Interested? Call us on 01926 742572, or
email: emmarutzki@warwickshire.gov.uk**

Photograph of the Week



Photograph of the Week is from one of our youngest photographers—Henry in year 7. Henry was exploring distortion through a glass based on the work of Emily Blincoe and captured this amazing shot of his cat George!

DT Star of the Week

Thank you to Harry in year 7, for sending in this photo of his scone baking.

Year 7 DT students completed a lunchbox food project this week.

I hope everyone had some successful and very tasty items of food to eat!

Miss Wincup



COMPETITIONS



STEM ENTERPRISE COMPETITION



3rd—7th August 2020

Virtual STEM enterprise competition open to
Year 10 & 11 students in Coventry & Warwickshire

Learn more about Enterprise, Marketing & Business plans
Hear from people working in STEM
Build on your creativity skills by working on your own project

Design & Build a mini STEM project using kit we send to you

Win prizes if your project is chosen by industry experts!

WIN
GREAT
PRIZES!



To apply, answer the following
question in no more than 50 words:

Why do you think STEM is important?

Email your submission to Info@ThinkHigher.ac.uk by 17th July 2020
Include your name, year group and school name

*Competition is open to Year 10/11 students attending state schools in Coventry & Warwickshire

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COMPETITIONS

You may be interested in the following summer student competitions to enter:

Warwickshire Summer Reading Competition

The national 'Silly Squad' website is here:

www.sillysquad.org.uk

Details of the **Warwickshire Rail Anti-Trespassing Competition** can be found below. Competition closing date is 30th September.

<http://downtheline.org.uk/projects/backtrack/>

If you are a teacher and would like to pen thoughts from your perspective, we would love to hear your words too. If we receive enough poems, we will also showcase a selection in a separate national poetry book. Email us the name of your school as well as your own name.

500 Words

500 WORDS • BLACK LIVES MATTER

<https://500words.me/for-kids/>

This one would be for years 7 and 8 as it is for children up to the age of 13.

500 Words is the world's largest story-writing competition for kids. Over a million stories have been submitted since 2011, in response to everything from technology to climate change. Now, we want to bring children's voices onto the themes and issues emerging from the Black Lives Matter movement. We want children to lead on the process of writing their story. From 6:30am on Monday 29th June until Friday 3rd July at 11:59pm 2020, we invite children aged between 5 and 13 to respond in whatever way they wish in no more than 500 words, in the form of a story.

Focus on the environment

<https://www.worcester-bosch.co.uk/environment-2020/childrens-art-competition>

Environment
2020

WildArt 2020

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-kids/rspb-kids-competitions/wild-art/>



Are you aged 11-18?

Are you creative, good at drawing, do you like writing songs or are you great at capturing people's attention on social media?

Did you know that despite lockdown there are still a worrying number of reports of railway trespass particularly involving children and teenagers.

We believe that young people learn from their peers, that why we're asking you to share anti-trespassing messages with other young people, plus there some great prizes up for grabs.



1. Create a short film, storyboard, script, or song



2. Submit your entry for a chance to...

Win a GoPro Hero8 Bundle



3. You could even share it on social media using the hashtag #StayOffTheTracks

And follow our competition on facebook, twitter and Instagram.

My Lockdown Poem

Children's Literature
FESTIVALS

We know that life in lockdown has been a challenge for us all. We want to hear about your experience in a poetic style of your choice. Children's Poems Age Entry 7-16 You can write your poem on any subject that you associate with being in lockdown. Closes 30 August.

<https://www.childrensliteraturefestivals.com/my-lockdown-poem/>

COMPETITIONS

The Songwriting Challenge

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



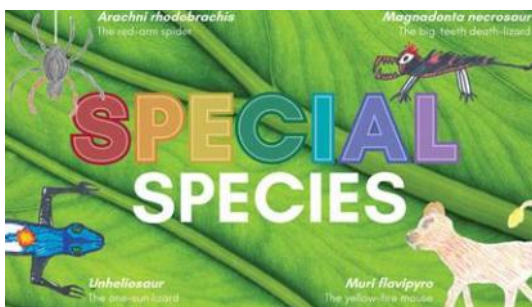
The Nancy Rothwell Award

<https://www.rsb.org.uk/get-involved/rsb-awards/nancy-rothwell-award>



The Special Species Competition

<https://www.linnean.org/learning/special-species-competition>



Our changing world

<https://www.rsb.org.uk/get-involved/rsb-competitions/photography-competition>



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Live Chat and Self Help:

<https://help.lourdesit.org.uk>

Or make queries through:

distancelearningqueries@alcesteracademy.org.uk





Lunchtime Supervisor

We are currently seeking a reliable person 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 £9.00 per hour

[ADVERT for Lunchtime Supervisor](#)

TYPICAL TASKS

- Be in charge of pupils in school grounds or classrooms according to the weather
- Attend to any minor accidents or to any pupil who becomes ill
- Report to academy staff on duty if an accident occurs or if a pupil falls ill
- Report to the academy staff on duty any acts by pupils which breach school rules
- Assist in the smooth running of the cafeteria service – e.g.
 - Supervise pupils in the queue
 - Ensure tables and chairs are set up and cleared after use and used plates, trays, cutlery etc. are returned to designated area
 - Supervise pupils eating food brought from home and ensure packed lunch equipment is cleared away after use
 - Assist with clearance of litter around the site
- Supervise and ensure the safety and well-being of pupils during the lunchtime period. Work under the general direction of the Business Manager or other designated person in charge
- Be responsible for the management of pupils' behaviour and for ensuring continuity of behaviour sanctions from the morning and into the afternoon sessions
- Deal with disciplinary matters of pupils, in accordance with schools rules and policies
- Be responsible for the management of pupils' safety during the lunchtime session
- Be expected to administer First Aid and epipens as necessary (training will be provided)
- Ensure equipment is checked and is safe for use

This post is temporary 12 months in the first instance due to COVID – 19

Closing date for applications is Friday 10th July

Interviews will take place under strict Covid social distancing guidelines week commencing 13th July 2020

For further academy information email admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk.

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.

Virtual Tutor Time

Please see the class codes below for students to join via Google Meet / Google Classroom.

Miss Buckthorp

YEAR 7

7BR: **q3vqmsz**

7BW: **6fyrwws**

7NE: **2q7guql**

7TY: **sx6yjlt**

7WI: **7d2g4es**

YEAR 9

9GR: **nff2rcd**

9HL: **zmpb2fj**

9HN: **6qtbhbf**

9HT: **7grqe6a**

9RO: **xbtfaos**

YEAR 8

8AN: **7dizz6r**

8BI: **yxqje7z**

8TN: **4tl7xyj**

8SC: **ckwkzo4**

8WA: **lgv4qp7**

YEAR 10

10AR: **6wrzb45**

10CT: **n4aper7**

10BL: **af7qasj**

10PW: **zn7rbkj**

10YA: **udnza6u**

Alcester Academy Stay at Home Virtual Sports Day 2020

Thanks to all of you who participated in the Alcester Academy Stay at Home Virtual Sports Day!

The amazing day can be viewed on YouTube.

<https://youtu.be/Rq23SYaducE>

Mr Powell



	BILLESLEY	GREVILLE	OVERSLEY	RAGLEY
OVERALL	465 3rd	481 1st	409 4th	468 2nd