

Alcester Academy WEEKLY BULLETIN



30th April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all have had a good week.

We are fortunate enough to report no positive covid cases in school still. Long may this continue! This is the first bulletin edition in a long time that does not feature any covid-based updates. We must be kept informed if your child has any symptoms however, or indeed if any positive results are recorded. Last week's bulletin had a comprehensive local authority update on coronavirus if you need further guidance. I'd be very grateful if you could keep using the lateral flow devices regularly at home. Naturally our thoughts extend to friends, family members and communities in India as we see the daily devastation that the virus is causing; it breaks my heart to see the numbers affected each day presently.

I'd like to congratulate year 10 this week especially on the mature way in which they have begun the preparation required for their exam series after half term. Teachers have spent time this week discussing the topics included



in their own subject exams and over the next few weeks, we will begin to further explore 'how to revise'. The students have a Super Learning Morning (not quite a day!) on 5th May with Elevate Education looking at these themes.

School feels purposeful and we are beginning to creep back into some familiar territory safely here. Keep an eye on homework being set now. Our

homework clubs have been re-introduced in order to support the completion of homework and a good after school sports offer has been published for our students. We are currently looking into opportunities for extra-curricular fencing and cheer leading. I'm very excited! I know that students have missed their extra sport in recent months.

I've enjoyed watching our helpful year 7s look after their field area so impressively over the last two weeks! We have a number of proactive litter pickers helping Mrs Hall and Mrs Harwood as well as a regular resident 'door opener' as the students enter the building after lunch. Thanks to Elijah for this wonderful service! It is helping a smooth start to the afternoon.



MFL Idiom of the Week



English: No pain no gain

French: Il faut casser le noyau pour avoir l'amande

Literal meaning: One needs to break the Kernel to get the almond

German: Ohne Fleiß, kein Preis

Literal meaning: Without hard work, no prize

Work of the week certainly has to go to Hannah in year 8 for her wonderful theatre set. I thoroughly enjoyed seeing a video version of this earlier in the week. Such great work in performing arts!

In community news, I was proud to see our Mayor and valued school governor, Cllr Gill Forman accept the keys to the Greig Hall this week. This is a superb piece of news for us all and I look forward to planned events taking place very soon.

In other school news this week: **Goodbye Mrs Harwood!**

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you and farewell to Mrs Harwood who has been with us since January as a midday supervisor. We will miss you very much indeed. Your support has been so wonderful over a very difficult time. Mrs Harwood has been extremely kind to many students and staff over recent months.



Fire Walk Through

Thank you to students this week for behaving positively during the emergency fire procedure walk through. This was completed safely in year group bubbles with students wearing face coverings. We have to conduct these on a termly basis.

Year 9 D of E

Congratulations to year 9s this week embarking on their first day of training for Bronze D of E. Thanks also to Mrs Evason for organising this. We wish the students well for their first walk next week.

#EduArtsFest—Watch this space!

We are looking forward to joining in with a national focus upon the arts in schools led by the Association of School and College Leaders at the end of May. During the lockdowns, the benefits of art subjects was well documented as a source of positive mental health. You might therefore enjoy a look at our twitter feed nearer the time where we helped to celebrate all that is great at Alcester Academy.



Winter Grant Scheme – Free School Meals for Whitsun half term

The local authority will be sponsoring the voucher scheme for parents entitled to benefits related free school meals over half term again. We will be in touch accordingly.

Summer Holiday 2021 - Activities for students

I have started to tweet opportunities for Warwickshire-based holiday clubs as I discover them. The latest involved Stratford Rowing Club Summer Sessions and Warwick Tennis Club summer camps. Follow us on @AlcesterAcademy for up to date links. The Warwickshire Family Information Service will also publish these.

Term Dates

SUMMER TERM 2021

May Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May 2021
Half Term	Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2021
Back to school	Monday 7th June 2021
Summer Term ends	Tuesday 20th July 2021 at 12.40pm

2021/2022 TERM DATES ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

Ensure that you have signed up for their free electronic newsletter: Children and families – Warwickshire County Council
We will be running a year 6 summer school opportunity. Please watch this space for further details.

Queries about Special Educational Needs and Disabilities?

Please contact Mrs Bush, SENCo as required anitabush@alcesteracademy.org.uk

Tutor work this week

In tutor time this week, we have been looking at the serious topic of knife crime and we welcomed PC Rob Davies to present a virtual assembly to the school on this important issue yesterday.

For our year 11s, they also heard from the National Citizen Service (NCS) about summer opportunities www.wearencs.com as well as preparing for their AGS post 16 interviews that were held in school today. Thank you to AGS for visiting us in such difficult times to do these.

Year 11 leaving date

We recently informed year 11s and their parents that the leaving date for them will be Friday 28th May. We have asked year 11 to still be available however 'if required' for two weeks after half term just in case teachers need to clarify anything regarding their teacher assessed grade evidence.

Year 10 Student Leadership

In light of year 11s leaving us very soon, we will be asking students in year 10 who wish to run for the student leadership roles to begin thinking about this very soon!

Parent View

Thank you to those parents who have taken the time to



complete the Ofsted questionnaire. If you haven't, this renews every academic year and so a few minutes of your time would be appreciated please: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

For those parents who have answered that they are not sure what their child is learning (Q5), please don't forget that the subject long-term plans are published on the school website under the 'Quality of Education' section. If you scroll to the end of each subject page, the curriculum is outlined in detail for you all as parents.

Twitter accounts

New year 6 parents might be interested to follow us on twitter at:

<https://twitter.com/AlcesterAcademy>

We run a number of very active accounts in order to keep up with news in various subject areas as follows:

Teaching and Learning updates at:

https://twitter.com/AlcesAcad_TandL

PE Department at:

https://twitter.com/AAcademy_PE

Science Department at:

https://twitter.com/aa_science

Art Department at:

[Alcester Academy Art](https://twitter.com/AlcesterAcademyArt)

LRC at:

https://twitter.com/AA_LRC_Library

Trips at:

https://twitter.com/AA_Trips

Careers at:

https://twitter.com/AA_Careers_Zone

Geography at:

<https://twitter.com/HStedman5>

Design Technology Department at:

<https://twitter.com/AADesignTechnol>

Performing Arts Department at:

<https://twitter.com/AlcesterAllstar>

Humanities Department at:

<https://twitter.com/AHumanities>

English Department at:

<https://twitter.com/EnglishAlcester>

MFL Department at:

<https://twitter.com/AcademyMfl>

Rock Academy at:

https://twitter.com/academy_rock

Finally...

And so we head into a lovely long bank holiday weekend. I do hope that you find time to relax and enjoy the restrictions on travel being lifted a little ready for this weekend. My garden certainly needs a tidy up ready for the summer months ahead and the bar-b-que might get its first outing of the year for sure!

Thank you for your continued support. I'm very grateful as ever to our staff for all they continue to do for our students too.

Wishing you a great few days ahead.

Kind regards

Sarah Mellors—Headteacher

Bien fait

Gute Arbeit

LINGUISTS OF THE MONTH

<u>Year</u>	<u>French</u>	<u>German</u>
7	Jess	Katherine
8	Zoe	Archie
9	Mary	Max
10	Eloisa	Owen
11	Yasmin	Daisy



Homework Clubs

<i>Year 7</i>	<i>Every lunch time— LRC</i> <i>After school Tuesdays until 4.15pm</i>
<i>Year 8</i>	<i>Lunchtime on Wednesday,</i> <i>Thursday and Friday—ICT4</i> <i>After school Thursdays until 4.20pm</i>
<i>Year 9 and 11</i>	<i>Every lunchtime—ICT3</i>
<i>Year 10</i>	<i>Every lunchtime—T4</i>



Friendship Group

For year 7 and 8 will resume W/B 3rd May

Year 7 - Mondays and Year 8 - Tuesdays

Photography of the Week



Bea, a year 10 student, entered a competition, run by McCarthy Stone, late last year.

As one of the winners, the superb wildlife photo is on display in the window of No. 49 Henley Street.

The competition, open to all ages, was for the submission of photographs of the scenery, wildlife and landscapes in Stratford and the surrounding areas. It was judged by the Mayor of Stratford upon Avon, Tony Jackson.

Well done Bea! *Mr Yarrington*



HM Government

NHS
Test and Trace

**Twice weekly rapid
COVID-19 testing**

Test at home
Report online
Keep life moving

Let's take this next step safely.

GET YOUR TESTS
FROM SCHOOL OR COLLEGE

Science Revision Materials

Year 7 and 8

£3 direct from science

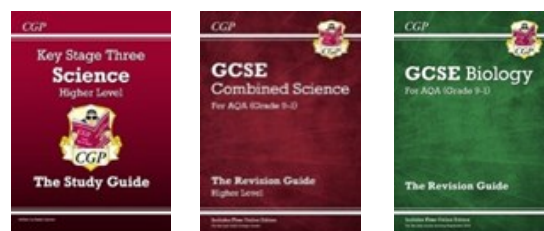
GCSE – Year 10 and 11

Combined science (10 sets 3 to 5
and 9 sets 3 to 5)

£6 direct from science

Triple science (10 set 1 and 2 and 9 set 1 and 2)

£9 direct from science



Epraise Updates—week ending 29.4.21

Congratulations to the Top Students this year:

1st	Maya	7BW	Fourth week	237 points
2nd	Jack	7HT	Fourth week	223 points
3rd	Harvey	7NE	First week	212 points

Top Scorers this week:

1	Harvey	7NE	15 points
2	Sophie	7HT	12 points
2	Jess Love	7HT	12 points
4	Charlotte	7TY	9 points
4	Eve	9SC	9 points
6	Jay	7NE	8 points
6	Joe	7NE	8 points
6	Maecie	7BW	8 points
6	Jessica	7NE	8 points
6	Finlay	7BW	8 points

Top Staff this week:

1	Mr Bastock	392 points
2	Mr Yarrington	276 points
3	Mr Bowater	256 points

Top Subjects this week:

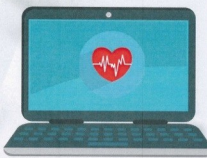
1	Maths	405 points
2	Science	335 points
3	Art	261 points

Top Tutor Groups this week:

1	7HT	142 points
2	7BW	135 points
3	7NE	129 points



ARE YOU A FUTURE DR?



DR.EAM

Virtual Year 10 & 11 Healthcare Admissions Conference


A free national event for state school pupils.

Talks from doctors, dentists, nurses, life as a healthcare student, work experience advice, Q&A panels and MORE!

Saturday 15th May 2021
10am to 2.30pm

Birmingham Widening Access to Medical Sciences

<https://bham.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/dream-big-2021-application>



YES this summer?

All the info you need to grab your spot is on our website...just follow our QR code! But here's a quick run down in case you can't wait:



WHEN?
Loads of dates, all over the summer holidays.

HOW MUCH?
The most you'll pay is £50. Bursaries are available.

WHAT'S NEXT?
Head to our site, pick your dates and make a payment. Simple!

YOU'LL GET A CHANCE TO...

<p>BE EPIC</p> <p>You know that buzz you feel when you nail something you thought was near to impossible? Imagine that, but for every day you're with us. Throw in meeting a new crowd and still having some time to recharge and chill. Pretty great, right?</p>	<p>DO GOOD</p> <p>But wait, there's more! You'll take all that you've learned and turn your passion into action. Want to see a positive change in your community? Pave the way. You'll have the tools and team to make a lasting impact.</p>
<p>LIVE LIFE</p> <p>It gets better. You'll also pick up skills designed to help you smash the whole 'adulting' thing. Want to know how to budget? Answer questions with confidence? Present to a room full of people without freezing up? Leave it to us.</p>	<p>GO PARTY</p> <p>And on top of all the pals, lols, and skills, you'll get a certificate to remind you of all the wins, and then go party with your team! You've got to go out with a bang, right?</p>

Tel: 0116 240 7007

WEARENCs.COM

ACADEMY TRIALS YR11



MONDAY 3RD MAY 2021
KILSBY LANE 10AM - 2PM

WELCOME TO THE FUTURE OF FOOTBALL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

TO REGISTER PLEASE FOLLOW THE LINK - [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/GVDQVCETJNZYLJR9](https://forms.gle/GVDQVCETJNZYLJR9)

ACADEMY@RUGBYBOROUGHFC.CO.UK

BESPOKE EDUCATION TAILORED TO THE LEARNERS NEEDS AND CHOSEN CAREER PATH
EXTENSIVE FOOTBALL TRAINING PROGRAM AT OUR STATE OF THE ART FOOTBALL FACILITY

PART TIME OPPORTUNITIES AND APPRENTICESHIPS

GUEST SPEAKERS FROM THE WORLD OF FOOTBALL AND LOCAL BUSINESS LEADERS
NEW IN 2021 PATHWAYS ALSO OFFERED WITH APPROPRIATE QUALIFICATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN COACHING, REFEREEING, FOOTBALL ANALYSIS, DIGITAL MARKETING AND EVENT MANAGEMENT

FOOTBALL - EDUCATE - CAREER



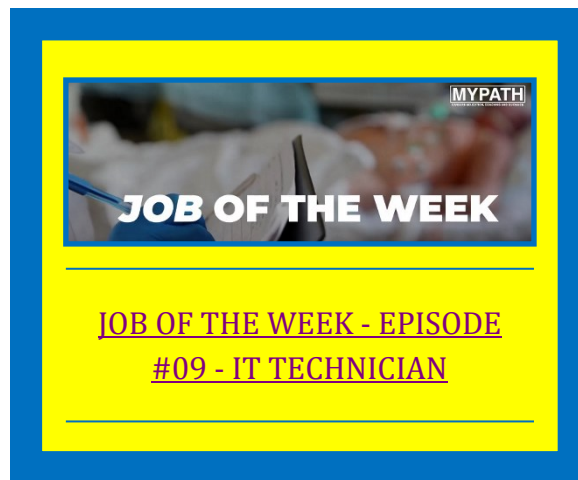
FOOTBALL | EDUCATE | CAREER

Our new football education programme provides those with sporting aspirations to pursue a career in the sports industry when they leave school.

- We offer a bespoke programme of full-time education suited to each learner's needs, ability and desired career path they wish to take.
- A fantastic football programme with a difference and with an extensive training and games programme based at our state of the art training and playing facility Kilsby Lane.
- With elite level coaching and progressive games programmes.
- Full-time education from Level 1 to Level 3 in a variety of football/sport/coaching related qualifications.
- Part-Time courses and Traineeships.
- Teams in the Under 19 National Alliance the Midweek Floodlit League and the Junior Premier League
- Referee Courses
- Level 1 and Level 2 courses
- Whilst football is part of the main programme. We prepare learners who are looking for other opportunities in the Sports industry.
- Guest Coaches
- Nike Partnership
- FA Charter Standard Community Club

Sign up for our trials or email
academy@rugbyboroughfc.co.uk
or contact us on 07889 985972

Careers Information



**Alcester Enterprise
Year 9 Students**

Are you motivated and want to succeed in the changing world of work?

Alcester Enterprise will equip you with the work skills, knowledge and confidence you will need.

We are recruiting year 9 students to take part in this years **Summer Fair**.

You will get the opportunity to run a stall, produce, market and sell the product or activity of your choice.

All profits will go to charity.

If you are interested there will be a meeting on

Tuesday 4th May
at
2.00pm
In E4

Please see Mrs Hale

School Attendance — up to 29.4.21

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Whole School
95.8%	93.6%	92.7%	91.0%	91.8%	93.1%

Top Tutors — congratulations!

7BW - 97.8%, 8ST - 98.5%, 9WA – 97.0%, 10RO – 97.1%, 11BR - 96.5%

SPORTS NEWS * SPORTS NEWS * SPORTS NEWS

Practice Schedule Summer Term 2021

Day/Date	Activity	
Tuesday 4th May	Year 10 Tennis	
Wednesday 5th May	Year 10 Athletics & Rounders	
Thursday 6th May	Year 7 Athletics & Rounders	
Tuesday 11th May	Year 9 Tennis	
Wednesday 12th May	Year 10 Athletics & Cricket	
Thursday 13th May	Year 7 Athletics & Cricket	
Tuesday 18th May	Year 8 Tennis	
Wednesday 19th May	Year 9 Athletics & Cricket	
Thursday 20th May	Year 8 Athletics & Cricket	
Tuesday 25th May	Year 9 House Football	Schools' Football Week 2021
Wednesday 26th May	Year 8 House Football	
Thursday 27th May	Year 7 House Football	

STRATFORD UPON AVON BOAT CLUB
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2nd August - 27th August 2021

SUMMER ROWING CAMPS

Never rowed before?

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