

Alcester Academy

WEEKLY BULLETIN



4th February 2022



Louie—Head Boy

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the student takeover of this week's bulletin, we are Gabby, Poppy, Louie and Tiago and we are the student leadership team at Alcester Academy.

We are very happy to be telling you what's been happening this week.

Hi I'm Louie, Head Boy and this week I have been looking into the year 10 Young Enterprise companies and what they are planning to do in the upcoming competition, where they compete against other school and sell their products. I also have been having conversations with various students about the recent Ofsted visit and their experiences with the inspectors.



It has been interesting to talk to other students from different year groups and get to know a little bit more about what they have been doing at the Academy.

Ofsted



As you know we have recently had a visit from Ofsted, we are still awaiting a report which could take a few weeks, but what I can say is that everyone at the school wants to get that Outstanding judgement. Everyone at the school put in incredible effort and everyone played their part... some children were interviewed by inspectors. We are going to find out what it was like to be interviewed by an Ofsted inspector by Freija, who was on one of the student panels.

'I was part of a group of students across all year groups who had the opportunity to tell Ofsted about the various aspects of our school and how they affect me as a student.'

They asked us questions about both our academic curriculum and our school values as well as the overall atmosphere in the school. I personally was asked questions about our geography department. I told them about the different things we did such as our interactive learning environment and the slightly

less cheerful topics such as exam preparation! We were also asked questions about how we all get on, bullying and our relationships with peers. This was predominantly centred around our school values and how this is reflected through the tolerance of fellow pupils as well as the general energy the school has.

I really enjoyed the experience and saw this as a great opportunity to show what the Academy means to us and how we truly felt about the nurturing attention we've received since year 7. It was a useful experience to look back over our past years at the Academy.'

Many thanks, Freija

Young Enterprise

In the Academy we have a club called, Young Enterprise; which is open to year 10s, it's about how to run a business and design and produce products to sell.



The students who get involved set up a company and assign jobs to each other. It's a great experience, because you get to make your product and sell it to people and market it. At the end of planning they go to a general convention and sell their products to the public, you get to keep the profit you turn and split it among your team. Other people can buy

shares in the companies if they want.

(If you are wondering what it's like to run a company, Jack from year 10, has written an article featured on page 12.)

Thank you for reading my articles!

Louie

Poppy—Head Girl

Hiya, I'm Poppy, Head Girl, and I have been looking into the important topic of mental health at the Academy. This includes what students can do if they need to talk to someone. Also it is national Mental Health Week shortly. I have also spoken to different teachers and students about clubs that are happening around the school at the moment and my last article is on giving advice to year 8 students that will soon be picking their options for their GCSE courses.



Mental Health

At the Academy, mental health is hugely important. It is about making sure everyone is happy, in school and outside of school. In school we have the LSU that any student can go in and talk to the staff and they will do everything they can to make sure you are feeling safe. As well as the LSU we have a *Text Academy* number that every student has written in their planner, they can use this anytime to text a concern or something they need help with and it will be completely anonymous. We also have a school counsellors, Claire and Jess, that

Children's Mental Health Week

7th - 13th of February

We'll be by your side.



Find **free, safe** and **anonymous** mental wellbeing support by joining **Kooth.com** today.

students can have sessions with. They are trained to help with all sorts of problems or worries that students are having. The sessions are in a private room where your child, Claire and her dog, Albi, will talk. Your talks with Claire and Jess are confidential unless they feel that you are at risk of being in danger, then they would pass it on to the safeguarding team. But they will not do this without telling you first.

The school also works with many other agencies to support mental health including Young Minds Matter and Lifespace.

There are many websites that people can look at when suffering with mental health if they don't want to talk to anyone about it. There is:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/mentalhealth>

<https://www.samaritans.org/>

<https://www.lifespace.org.uk/>



Wellbeing Week

On the week beginning 14th of February the school will be hosting a Mental Health Week, where the school will be focusing on mental wellbeing for the students. They will be

What's on Kooth in February
Find all of this & much more on Kooth.com

- February 1 Discussion Board**
LGBTQA+ History Month
It's LGBTQA+ History Month! Step by, celebrate and learn with us in this space to share thoughts, stories and questions about LGBT+ history month.
- February 2 Live Forum**
Resilience: How do we build it?
Resilience is a word we hear a lot these days, but what does it really mean? Join our live forum to learn more, and share some tips and stories about building up this super important life skill.
7.30pm to 9pm
- February 7 Live Forum**
Relationships: Spotting a healthy one
Join our forum to talk about spotting a healthy relationship and what you can do to build a strong one. We'll be talking about communication, boundaries, consent and more.
7.30pm to 9pm
- February 8 Discussion Board**
Growing Together
Celebrate Children's Mental Health Week 2022 with Kooth! This year's theme is Growing Together - join in with our discussion all about the ways we can help each other grow.
- February 14 Discussion Board**
You've Got the Love
Do you experience depression, loneliness, isolation, or feel so overwhelmed that you're struggling to get on? Join us to share some space, support, and your ideas with our community.
- February 18 Live Forum**
Learning: Styles and difficulties
This forum is all about the different ways we learn, and how the challenges we can come up with regarding learning difficulties like dyslexia. Stop by to share ideas and find out how to get support.
7.30pm to 9pm
- February 18 Podcast**
Let's Talk About Gender
Join Kooth and the Proud Trust as we talk about gender. For lots of people gender can be a big topic, and when trying to learn more it can be difficult to know where to start. So, for those people who are going to be talking about the basics, what gender means to us, why pronouns are important, as well as answering some of your questions!
- February 23 Live Forum**
Let's Talk About: Rare diseases and conditions
Having a rare disease can feel lonely and isolating. Stop by this live forum to talk about the ways that having a rare condition can affect people and ways that we can support each other.

doing musical theatre numbers and learning harmonies. The club is open to all year groups and is a really good way to make new friends and pursue your love for musical theatre .



Picking subjects

It's an important time for year 8s , they will be picking their GCSE options. I have some advice for you for when you start to think about the subjects you will choose. Firstly don't listen to your peers, if they want to do a subject but you don't want to, don't take it, you'd be better off spending 3 years in a subject you like, it makes your time much easier and means that you will enjoy your lessons more. Next, choose something that you like and you're good at, it gives you a head start in your chosen subjects. If you want to take a subject that you haven't done before, like photography and media, make sure you go and talk to the teacher to find out what it will involve and then make your decision.

So... many thanks for reading my items —
Poppy!

putting on assemblies and tutor activities for everyone to take part in. This gives students a chance to learn about all the different types of mental health, really understand the topic and how to get help if needed.

Clubs

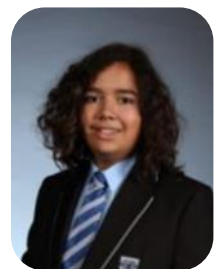
Within the Academy there have been many new clubs arriving for students to participate in, run by the staff after school and at lunch times. There has been a new Musical Theatre Club, Motor Sport Journalism Club and even a Lego Club. The Lego Club, is run by Miss Taylor, has been recreating some of the Lego pieces that have been made at the National History Museum. They are aiming to inspire children's imaginations and creativity as well as understanding of important sustainability issues.

Along with the Lego Club, we have a Musical Theatre Club which is run by Miss Sacco and Mr Hall. The students spend their time after school learning songs and dance routines,



Tiago – Deputy Head Boy

Hello, I'm Tiago, Deputy Head Boy. During the past week, I have been looking at various different events around our school, such as Rock Academy, to the book awards and even learning more about Safer Internet Week. It has been great to talk to people about their experiences within the Academy.



Music at Alcester Academy

Being a musician, there are numerous opportunities to develop a passion for music and become a better artist. At Rock Academy, we rehearse every Wednesday to be ready to rock and roll at our concerts. We play various venues ranging from our school hall to the Alcester Inn, and we often have themed nights containing various musical genres, from Hard Rock Legends, to our upcoming gig, The Acoustic Night and the best part of it all, is that anyone can join. All you need to do is have some previous experience playing an instrument or singing, and speak to either one of our specialists, Mr Hall or Mr Badham. You get to play in a band, and perform in front of audiences.

Safer Internet Week

This week at the Academy, we have been celebrating *Safer Internet Week*. The theme this year is all about being safe whilst gaming online. This week in tutor time students have been watching a documentary on 14 year old Breck Bednor, who was groomed online through online gaming. It is a powerful documentary and some great discussions have taken place.

Students have been learning all about the safe and positive uses of technology and specially the Internet. They have also been made aware of issues that may arise online and how to report these, and that there are always people in school who can help. We believe that this is a truly important date to commemorate, as the



Internet has become such a crucial part of students' daily lives.

The Internet should be a place of community and joy, not a place for any type of cyber-bullying to take place, and that is the main mission of *Safer Internet Week*.

If there are any concerns or issues, there is always a member of staff available in school or online, via Text Academy: 07563130478 or textacademy@alcesteracademy.org.uk

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=94lLqgg_3f4

Warwickshire Secondary Book Award 2022

Ten students from years 7 and 8 are taking part in the WSBA this year. They are reading their way through a short list of six books that were chosen by librarians from Warwickshire School Library Service and they meet every Monday lunchtime to chat about the books and eat Jammy Dodgers! They will be voting for their favourite books



on 16th March and then, along with students from other Warwickshire schools, they will attend an award ceremony at The Bridge House Theatre in Warwick to meet some of the authors and find out which book was voted their favourite.

Thank you and goodbye! Tiago

Gabby – Deputy Head Girl

Hey, I'm Gabby, Deputy Head Girl and this week I have been looking into different events taking place within the Academy. From talking to Ms Hoskins about the upcoming Mock Trial competition for years 9 and 10, as well as having conversations with some year 11s to get an idea of what they think about the new maths super groups; And, finally learning about the upcoming Women in Science Week. It has been great to report on these different subjects and learn a little more about what is happening in school right now.



Mock Trial

The mock trial competition is back again this year. Following a year of absence, the competition this year has been opened to years 9 and 10, to allow for those who missed out last year due to covid restrictions. We will be competing on March 19th at Worcester magistrates' court.

On trial this year is a defendant who is charged with pursuing a course of conduct which



MOCK TRIAL

amounts to harassment of another; this involves challenging misuse of social media and accusations of setting up false Instagram accounts to insult and bully a former friend. This case is an interesting move from physical crimes committed, to being one which needs investigating and arguing using knowledge of social media platforms and how they can be manipulated by others. Meetings are taking place on a Tuesday lunchtime and roles have been decided between the students. The students have divided into prosecution and defence roles, some taking the role of lawyers, others the role of witness, defendant and victim. A team of three will form the impartial magistrate bench that will listen in court and take notes of the trial as it unfolds in front of them, later debating their findings with a real magistrate who will listen to their evidence and help them to come to a verdict. Questions are being prepared and statements learned carefully in order to produce a performance. In previous years, we have had a visiting magistrate come in to help the teams with court etiquette as well as preparation of questions and this help is an invaluable part of creating a realistic and accurate production in court.

The benefits of this competition are far reaching and many students from previous years have gone on to study law. This gives students who may be interested in all aspects of law, to find out and experience first-hand, the many potential roles and rewards that lie within a career in the justice system.

From the student leadership team, we wish all the students the best of luck and we are sure you will smash it!

Women in Science

Next week we are celebrating some of the most influential yet unacknowledged people in scientific history. Women all over the world for hundreds of years have been making scientific discoveries that have changed the way we view things completely. People like Katherine Johnson, who is a NASA space scientist, haven't even been heard of.

The idea that scientific discovery is a job for men is heavily promoted by the fact we rarely talk about women in STEM. Throughout history women have even gone as far as taking on male names in order to get their ideas listened to. Therefore, we make an effort to celebrate women's achievements and acknowledge their contribution to scientific history through women's science week.

Bigger maths groups for year 11

Recently in year 11 we have been placed into larger maths groups called Super groups.

Each group has two teachers to support the group and they take turns to deliver the different elements of the lesson. Students have said they have enjoyed the new groups and the change will ensure the best results for us all. We are improving and gaining confidence as we edge nearer to our final exams

Thank you for reading my articles—Gabby

I hope that you have enjoyed our Student Takeover as much as we have. The reporting and writing of the editorial has been a challenge but I hope we have given you a insight into a week in the life of a student at Alcester Academy.

Have a great weekend. And back to Mrs Mellors next week.

Louie, Poppy, Tiago and Gabby



National Citizen Service Opportunity

Year 11 were given an assembly this week by NCS (National Citizen Service). They visited the Academy to offer students a two-week residential opportunity after exams this summer. This is a heavily subsidised, government funded scheme, which means that for £50 students will participate in a one-week team building experience, followed by one week of work experience. This is a valuable opportunity for our students who couldn't complete work experience due to the pandemic.

Please look out for the information sent home this morning or follow the link for further details.

<file:///N:/Downloads/NCS%20Skills%20Booster%20Leaflet%20-%20LEBC.pdf>



Message from Mrs Mellors

Thank you to our Student Leaders for a superb job this week on the bulletin. I hope that you have enjoyed reading about life at the Academy from a different perspective this week.

My particular thanks goes to Miss Buckthorp who has been holding the fort spectacularly after Mr Cooke, Mrs Woodman and I have all had to give in finally to Covid-19. Yes, all at the same time! I guess it was inevitable after almost two years of avoiding it. Thank you to staff also for keeping everything running as normal during this challenging period.

I look forward to us all being back next week, and I wish you a lovely weekend ahead.

Mrs Sarah Mellors
Headteacher



Safer Internet Day 2022

Safer Internet Day 2022 will be celebrated on 8th February with the theme *All fun and games - Exploring respect and relationships online.*

We have been involved with activities this week during tutor time, related to this year's Safer Internet Day.

From gaming and chat, to streaming and video, pupils at Alcester Academy are shaping the interactive entertainment spaces they are a part of. *Safer Internet Day 2022* celebrates our pupil's role in creating a safer internet, whether that is whilst gaming and creating content, or interacting with their friends and peers.

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, Safer Internet Day is celebrated in over a hundred countries coordinated by the joint Insafe/INHOPE network, with the support of the European Commission, and national Safer Internet Centres across Europe.

WHEN?

Safer Internet Day takes place every February



You can find more information about Safer Internet Day 2022 by using the following link: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022>



COVID-19 positive cases

Year 7: 13 cases
Year 8: 15 cases
Year 9: 0 cases
Year 10: 5 cases
Year 11: 9 cases

We have seen an increase in positive cases this week at the Academy.

Please keep testing regularly.

Thank you
Miss Buckthorp



We're back!

It's the Alcester & Bidford Rotary

Charity Breakfast

Still only **£6** or go large for **£8**

ENJOY A FRESHLY COOKED FULL ENGLISH BREAKFAST AND HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR GOOD CAUSES IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY AND BEYOND.

Crawford Hall, Bidford
Saturday 5th March
9.00am – 12 noon

Alcester Town Hall
Saturday 12th March
8.30am – 12 noon

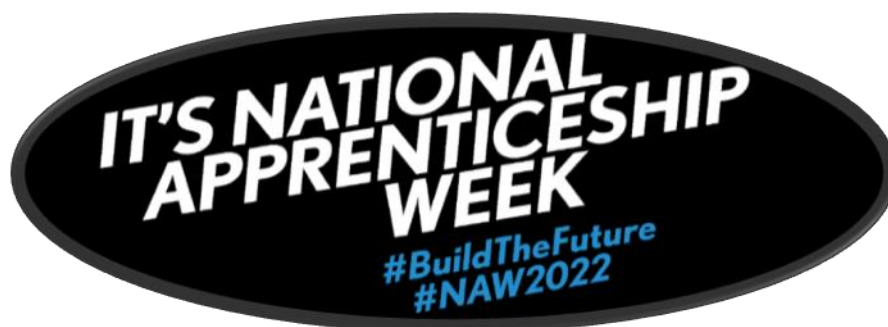
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Alcester & Bidford

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	Monday 7 th	Tuesday 8 th	Wednesday 9 th	Thursday 10 th	Friday 11 th
Online Events <i>(Register in advance)</i>	Careers in Engineering Construction 9:00 - 10:00	Routes into Rail 9:00 - 10:00	Coding the Future 9:00 - 10:00	Amazon Apprenticeships 11:00 - 12:00	Level 2 vs Level 3 9:00 - 10:00
	IBM Apprenticeships 11:00 - 12:00	Construction w/ Willmott Dixon 10:00 - 11:00	NCFE Apprenticeships 9:00 - 10:00	Boost your employability! 11:10 - 11:40	Moving on Up 9:30 - 12:45
	Application Workshop 12:30 - 13:00	Females in Trades 11:00 - 12:00	Microbiology Technician 10:00 - 11:00	Laing O'Rourke 13:00 - 14:00	JCB Applications 10:00 - 11:00
	Financial Conduct Authority 13:00 - 15:00	The Big Assembly 11:10 - 11:40	Ministry of Defence 11:00 - 12:00	What are your strengths? 13:00 - 14:00	Flying High! 11:00 - 12:00
	Time for Change Webinar 14:00 - 15:00	BDO Accountancy 13:00 - 14:00	Construction w/ JCB 11:00 - 12:00	Winning Applications 15:00 - 16:00	National Grid 11:00 - 12:00
	Arcadis Apprenticeships 15:00 - 16:00	Policing Apprenticeships 14:00 - 15:00	Boots Apprenticeships 11:00 - 12:00	RAF Virtual Event 18:30 - 20:30	Women's Engineering Showcase 9:00 - 12:00
	Severn Trent 17:00 - 18:00	Getting Ahead of the Game 15:00 - 16:00	BAE Systems 13:00 - 14:00	Solihull & T Levels 18:00 - 19:00	Zurich Apprenticeships 13:00 - 14:00
		Pearson 16:00 - 17:00	Food Technical Degrees 13:00 - 14:00	NHS Apprenticeships 18:00 - 19:00	The Tech Industry 15:00 - 16:00
		Magnox Nuclear 17:00 - 18:00	National Nuclear Laboratory 15:00 - 16:00		dstl Apprenticeships 17:00 - 18:00
Social Media	#NAW22 #BuildTheFuture @Apprenticeships @educationgovuk	#AskAnEmployer Employer Day @AmazingAppsUK @worldskillsuk	#AskAnApprentice #MySkills National Skills Day Young Apprentice Day	Thank You Thursday @WarksApprentice	International Day of Women and Girls in Science @WorcsApprentice
Parental Support	Guide to Apprenticeships	Podcast 1 - CEC & Healthy Minds	Podcast 2 - BBC & Dyson	Podcast 3 - Rolls Royce & NHS	Podcast 4 - Channel 4 & Careers Expert
			Helping my child 18:00 - 19:00		
			Making it in the Medical Sciences Webinar 19:00 - 20:00		



NAW Bulletin

Next week is National Apprenticeship Week 2022 and it is the 15th annual week-long celebration of apprenticeships.

The week brings together businesses and apprentices across the country to shine a light on the positive impact that apprenticeships make to individuals, businesses and the wider economy.

The theme for National Apprenticeship Week 2022 will be 'build the future'; reflecting on how apprenticeships can help individuals to develop the skills and knowledge required for a rewarding career, and businesses to develop a talented workforce that is equipped with future-ready skills.

At Alcester Academy we have a plethora of activities planned throughout the week including assemblies and targeted tutor work. There are also a number of sessions available online. Please feel free to access the links on the table we have created if you would like to learn more about how apprenticeships work. You will need to pre-book sessions in advance.

You can also find regular updates for all things *Careers Zone* related on our Google Classrooms.

Career Zone – code a3hdvcr

Post 16 classroom – code wauovgl



What is Alcester Bee Collective about?

Alcester Bee Collective is a profit organization set up by Alcester Academy students through the Young Enterprise programme. Our aim is to encourage awareness for the bee community whilst staying profitable.

We set up our company at the start of the academic year and since then have developed dramatically, understanding some key qualities of running a business. After deciding on the key elements of creating a business such as choosing a logo, creating a name for our business and understanding a vision for our ideas.

On the 4th of December, members of our business attended the Alcester Christmas Fayre at the Greig Hall. We sold beeswax wraps and calendars, within the first two hours we sold out of the wax wraps.

Overall we made a profit from both products which will boost us moving forward. We thank you all for your amazing support, whether it has been buying a product or spreading the word about us, we are extremely grateful.

What is next for us?

We are currently modifying our products in aim for our next venture. We will be found at the official trade fair held by Young Enterprise on the 12th March at the Royal Priors shopping centre in Leamington Spa.

This is another perfect day to develop our knowledge for further opportunities.

**To keep updated with
our journey,
we are on social media**

@alcesterbeeco on Twitter

**@alcesterbeecollective on
Facebook and
Instagram.**



MFL Linguist of the Month—Congratulations

French

Year 7 - Ella

Year 8 - Mercy

Year 9 - Martha

Year 10 - Tom

Year 11 - Hannah

German

Year 7 - Arturo

Year 8 - Fin

Year 9 - Ollie

Year 10 - Joel

Year 11 - Sawyer

Congratulations—Mrs Weatherley!



Warwickshire County Council

Vacancy—School Governance Professional (part time)



Warwickshire Governor Services runs a successful clerking service for schools in the county and surrounding area. We wish to recruit additional School Governance Professionals (formerly known as clerk to the governing board) to deliver a high-quality clerking service to schools, to meet demand.

The main duties are:

- providing advice to the governing body on governance, constitutional, and procedural matters.
- providing effective administrative support to the governing body and its committees, including minuting meetings to a high standard.
- ensuring the governing body is properly constituted.
- managing information effectively in accordance with legal requirements.

School Governance Professionals will be employed by Warwickshire County Council but will usually be allocated to specific schools. Day to day accountability is to the governing body.

SEND Parent Carer Webinar

To support our children, young people and families with SEND, Warwickshire County Council is hosting a series of online webinars. The next webinar on 9th February at 12-1pm will explore the *Graduated Approach* to support children and young people with SEND.

To register please click here: <https://bit.ly/SENDwebinarFeb>



Wednesday 9 February, Microsoft Teams, 12pm - 1pm



SEND webinar

Join the conversation as Warwickshire County Council hosts a new webinar: the graduated approach demystified - what SEND support should look like.

Parents and carers from across the county are encouraged to attend.



Epraise Updates—last 7 days

Top Students—last 7 days:

1	Alice	7HT	18 points
1	Jack	8HL	18 points
3	Arturo	7TY	16 points
4	Chloe	8HL	14 points
4	Fran	8HL	14 points
4	Molly	7HT	14 points
4	Jack	8RO	14 points
4	Jack	8KA	14 points
9	Lucas	8PW	13 points
9	Isaac	8SO	13 points

Top Subjects—last 7 days:

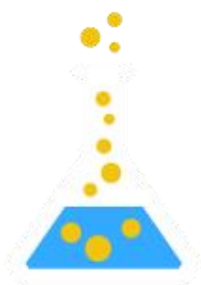
1	Maths	358 points
2	English	309 points
3	Art	303 points
4	Geography	285 points
5	Science	275 points
6	PE	242 points
7	French	89 points
8	German	84 points
9	History	82 points
10	BTEC PE	77 points

Top Tutor Groups—last 7 days:

1	7HT	169 points
2	7TY	162 points
3	7WI	143 points
4	9YA	139
4	9WE	139
6	9BW	136
6	7SI	136
8	7RA	120
9	8HL	116
10	9BL	115

Top Staff—last 7 days:

1	Mr Yarrington	312 points
2	Mr Bowater	283 points
3	Mr Powell	281 points
4	Miss Lewis	188 points
5	Miss Cooper	171 points
6	Mr Jones	160 points
7	Miss Home	150 points
8	Mrs Weatherley	108 points
9	Mrs Megee	106 points
10	Mr Martin	82 points



School Attendance — up to 3.2.22

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Whole School
91.3%	92.4%	92.3%	90.4%	89.5%	91.3%

Top Tutors per Year Group — well done!

7WI, 8SO, 9YA, 10LE and 11HO.

Exam, Reporting & Parents' Evening Timetable

Year 11

GCSE Mock Exams 2 — weeks beginning Monday 28th February & 7th March 2022

Full Report published to parents/carers — Thursday 7th April 2022

GCSE Examinations — Monday 16th May — Tuesday 28th June 2022

(these dates are provisional and will be confirmed by the awarding bodies imminently)

GCSE Contingency Day — Wednesday 29th June 2022 - all students must be available

Year 10

Full Report published to parents/carers — Thursday 17th February 2022

Internal MFL Speaking Exams — week commencing Monday 20th June 2022

Data Report published to parents/carers — Monday 20th June 2022

Year 9

Parents' Evening via SchoolCloud — Thursday 24th March 2022 – 4-6.30pm

Internal Exams — weeks commencing Monday 28th March & 4th April 2022

Full Report published to parents/carers — Friday 20th May 2022

Data Report published to parents/carers — Monday 18th July 2022

Year 8

Parents' Evening via SchoolCloud — Thursday 3rd March 2022 - 4-6.30pm

In-class Exams — week commencing Monday 14th March 2022

Data Report published to parents/carers — Thursday 7th April 2022

Options Evening — Wednesday 4th May 2022 — time tbc

Data Report published to parents/carers — Monday 20th June 2022

Year 7

Parents' Evening via SchoolCloud — Thursday 17th February 2022 – 4-6.30pm

Data Report published to parents/carers — Thursday 7th April 2022

In-class Exams — week commencing Monday 13th June 2022

Full Report published to parents/carers — Wednesday 20th July 2022

Help to pay your household bills

Are you, or is anyone you know, struggling to pay energy bills?

If you or someone you know are struggling financially and unable to afford to pay their gas or electricity bill, please call the Local Welfare Scheme in confidence.

Call **0800 408 1448** between 14 February and 10 March 2022.

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme

The Household Support Fund can help households in need of support



Do you need help to access food and manage your money?

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/facinghardship

Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme

The Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme helps the most vulnerable residents at times of unavoidable crisis when they have no other means of help.

It also administers the Household Support Fund, which provides one-off financial support for people in need as the country continues its recovery from the pandemic. It can help families with children, other vulnerable households and individuals facing hardship this winter, to ensure that they have the support they need to afford food, energy, water bills and associated costs. To enquire or apply call the Local Welfare Scheme.



Visit: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/
localwelfarescheme](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme)

Call: 0800 408 1448
or 01926 359182

Year 11 Saturday School Timetable

		Session 1	Time	School or Online	Session 2	Time	School or Online
Saturday	5.2.22	Geography	10-12noon	Online			
Saturday	12.2.22	Science	10-1pm	School Hall			
Monday	21.2.22	Chemistry	10-12 noon	School			
Saturday	26.2.22	English	10-12 noon	Online			
Saturday	5.3.22	Maths	9-11am	School	French	11-1pm	School

Year 11 Revision Timetables

WEEK A	Lunchtime	After school (3.30-4.30pm)
Monday	Maths (by invitation only)	
Tuesday	English (by invitation only)	Maths
Wednesday	DT	English
Thursday	Biology triple	Physics triple
Friday	Combined Science	Chemistry triple

WEEK B	Lunchtime	After school (3.30-4.30pm)
Monday	Art/Photography Maths (by invitation only)	
Tuesday	Art/Photography	PTE
Wednesday	German (MFL2) Performing Arts/Music	iMedia and Computer Science Performing Arts/Music
Thursday	French (MFL1)	Art/Photography Chemistry triple
Friday	Geography	

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of *Platt v Isle of Wight Council* which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. 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.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless 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. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

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

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.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

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 31,196 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Autumn term 2019.

SPORTS NEWS * SPORTS NEWS * SPORTS NEWS

Practices and Fixtures week beginning 7.2.22

We have several fixtures coming up, so it is important that students attend in order to be considered for teams.

Monday 7th February:

Year 7 & 8 Girls Sports Hall Athletics @ AGS (selection letters issued)

Year 7 Basketball

**Tuesday 8th February:**

Year 8 Archery (Invitation letters issued)

Year 7 & 8 Boys Sports Hall Athletics @ AGS (selection letters issued)

**Wednesday 9th February:**

Year 10 Basketball @ Studley (selection letters issued)

Thursday 10th February:

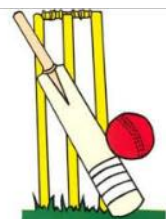
Year 8 Basketball

Year 7 & 8 Netball



At the end of the school day come down to the gym and get changed as soon as possible. Normal school PE kit is required. All practices will run until 4.30pm and are open to everyone in the specified year groups. For Fixtures a separate team sheet including all the necessary details will be sent out via parentmail.

Warwickshire Cricket Board February Half Term—Girls Only Cricket Camp



Kineton School on the 24th and 25th February 2022 from 10-2pm.

Ages 7-14, Girls of all abilities welcome.

£25 per day or £40 for 2 day booking.

Girls of all abilities welcome!

Booking link:

[WCB - February Half Term—Girls 2-day Cricket Camp](#)

Hosted By: Warwickshire Cricket Board

WCB - February Half-Term -Girls 2-day Cricket Camp

WCB are pleased to be running a fun and action-packed 'Girls Cricket Camp' during the February half-term break. This camp will run during the hours of 10am - 2pm, from Thursday 24th February to Friday 25th February 2022. Please note, there will be no wrap around time on offer. This will ensure we are able to manage sign in and out procedures to a COVID-safe environment. After booking, please take care to read the booking confirmation email fully as this will provide details of COVID safety procedures. Spaces are limited so please book well in advance to avoid missing out. We look forward to seeing you!

February 24, 2022 - February 25, 2022
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Greenwich Time

Register by: February 23, 2022 5:00 PM Greenwich Time

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