

# Alcester Academy WEEKLY BULLETIN



5<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Good afternoon.

Welcome to the end of a fabulous week concluding in our celebration event last night that recognised student achievement, hard work and commitment over this academic year. Over 200 students were involved last night as either award winners, or part of the performances.



I'm grateful to the staff who supported this for 2024. The evening always leaves me feeling extremely proud.

A full report will be in next week's edition.



TO BE THE BEST THAT WE CAN BE



Photos by Eddie, year 9

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Thank you to the numerous parent teams that joined us last Friday evening for the Friends PTA Family Quiz. That concludes events for 2023-24 but here are a few key dates to pencil in for next year:

- 8th November 2024—Bingo
- 31st January 2025—Bingo
- 4th April 2025—Bingo
- 8th June 2025—Street Market

£203.56 was raised from Quiz Night on Friday. Thank you to families who attended and Mr and Mrs Marshall for their fabulous questions! £734.83 was raised from the Summer Raffle also making a grand total of £5,080.95 raised for the year by the Friends of Alcester Academy. We appreciate your hard work very much indeed. Our Young Enterprise teams who raised £66.51 on the night too! Great work all!



### Well done to...

Congratulations to Ed in year 10 for his wonderful work with the British Legion on Armed Forces Day.



### Thinking of...

We were sorry to hear about the sudden death of one of the Ridley's drivers and we send our condolences to his family at this sad time.

### Student Leadership Team

A huge congratulations to Charlie, Darcie, Tom and Liv for being elected in to School Captain positions. I am looking forward to working with them.

It was an extremely strong field this year and I'm keen to recognise the commitment and loyalty of all of the students involved in this.

### Welcome Mr Nash

Mr Nash joins us on Monday for some induction time as new teacher of PE for September 2024. I'm sure that the students will make him feel very welcome indeed. I'm delighted that Mr Nash will be here to support Sports Day 2024 and see our wonderful athletes in action.

### Year 6 New Parents' Evening

We're looking forward to seeing new parents and students on Monday 8th July at 6.30pm live in the school hall for new parents' evening. Next Wednesday 10th July is then our year 6 Transition Day.

### Summer Holiday Planning?

I found an early release of where you can get meals for children over the summer that you might find useful.

<https://kiddoadventures.com/2024/04/30/restaurants-and-cafes-where-kids-can-eat-free-summer-holidays-july-and-august-2024/>

### Locker & Coat Peg Reminder

Just a reminder for students to be considering taking any belongings home now for the summer. I recognise that they will continue to need PE kits until the last week. We do appreciate all food items in bags or lockers being thrown away before we break up. You can only imagine how we discover these otherwise after six weeks!

## Communication

And another note to be sure that any matters are resolved well before we break up, please. If you need to reach out to staff for anything, please do this in plenty of time.

## Keeping in touch over the summer

If you, or your child want a check in over the summer, please reach out to us and let us know.

I will write to you formally before we break up with a few key details of things in readiness for September. We run into a very busy couple of weeks in school now and students and staff are beginning to get tired I know. I'd therefore be very grateful for your discussions at home to focus around tolerance and patience. We usually see emotions running higher than they might usually with students. As parents, you'll understand this I know.

And so today, our sporting students headed off on the Wimbledon trip. I hope that they get to see some superb matches this weekend.



Yesterday, we held our own mini general election in school. Our internal results were as follows:

Year 7—Labour  
Year 8—Labour  
Year 9—Reform  
Year 10—Reform  
OVERALL—Labour

I found it totally fascinating to discuss the students' views with them all throughout this week. Their rationale for why they would vote for certain parties gives me a good insight; from which parties had TikTok accounts to those that want to improve the NHS in particular.

I'm wishing Rock Academy all the best for their final performances on Sunday at the Alcester Inn.

And I wish you all a relaxing weekend ahead.

Sarah Mellors  
*Headteacher*

  
**Alcester Academy**  
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# ALCESTER ACADEMY

## OPEN EVENTS 2024

*Open Evening—including headteacher address*  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September—6.30pm to 8.30pm

*Guided Open Mornings*  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September—at 9.30am

Open Evening—guided evening tour with a student guide or  
Guided Open Mornings—guided tour with a member of the leadership team.  
All guided tours are pre-bookable only.

To book a guided tour at either our open evening, or an open morning, call the main office on 01789 762285 in September, or alternatively email [admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk](mailto:admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk) anytime.

*Prospective students and their parents will have a unique opportunity to gain a real insight into Academy life*



## First News—Free Summer Reading!

*First News* is the leading source of news and news-based learning for children. It is age-appropriate (aimed at 7 to 14-year-olds but accessible for all ages), impartial and helps keep kids reading and developing their critical literacy skills.

We love using *First News* in the classroom and are thrilled to offer all Alcester Academy students a free *First News* digital subscription over the summer holidays. It's packed with fun and educational content that will keep minds active and entertained all summer long.

*First News* digital is available via an app and includes:

- ⇒ Daily news stories which children can read, listen and react to. These include

- ⇒ reports on the Euros, the Summer Olympics, and the upcoming general election.
- ⇒ The latest issue of the newspaper and many past issues
- ⇒ Weekly polls to vote on
- ⇒ The latest episodes of Sky Kids FYI weekly news show
- ⇒ Fun puzzles and games: great for improving vocabulary
- ⇒ Tips & Talking points for parents and carers to help you talk about tricky topics with your children

Click here for our school's unique access link:

<https://subscribe.firstnews.co.uk/summer-reading-2024/?fn=0CD47352>

Mrs Hands—LRC Manager



## STEM Challenge Winners



**RACE TO THE LINE**  
20 Bio

Last week we attended the regional finals for the Race to the Line Challenge in Corby. We took three teams with us and came away with an award for innovation! Well done to our winning year 7s Chloe, Lydia, Elsa, Tesla and Astrid!

The STEM challenge itself, was to design and make a car using their knowledge of materials and aerodynamics that we have previously been learning about in school. All groups worked well together and produced some fantastic cars.

It was an amazing day at the RS Headquarters who supply and distribute electronics components and tools. Our students had a tour of the workshop where they saw numerous products being calibrated. They learnt about the importance of calibration and tolerances within different industries.

We are already looking forward to next years challenge! *Miss Wincup*



### Key dates for July 2024

Monday 8th July	New Parents' Evening for year 6 parents. Live in school.
Wednesday 10th July	Year 6 Induction Day
Saturday 13th July	Year 10 D of E Expedition
Monday 15th July	Alcester Academy Sports Day
Last week of term	School Show Auditions
Friday 19th July	School finishes for the summer at 12.40pm

## Work Experience with Warwickshire Police



This week four of our year 10 students were invited to participate in work experience with Warwickshire Police.

I went over to Police Headquarters to see how they were getting on and found them having a lesson about how and why Tasers are used.

They had already spent time with the Police Dog section that morning and all were having a fabulous time with the officers running the programme. Special thanks to PC Lund and PCSO Williams for their hard work.

*Miss Bartlett—Careers Coordinator*



## The Library!

The Library is open from **8:30 to 4:00**.

If you need to complete homework or just need a quiet place to quiz or read, the library is the best place to go. If you can't complete homework or quiz at home because you have no computer or resources, the library has:

Computers  
information books  
paper and pens

**You always have what you need!**



If you are cold, come to the library to warm up!

Jasmin - Y8



## Experience 6th Form Day at AGS



On Tuesday, twenty year 10 students visited Alcester Grammar School to experience a day with the sixth form staff and students.

They were offered bespoke lessons according to personal interests before integrating with year 12 during their free time.

This was a fabulous opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the school, and staff went above and beyond to ensure the day was meaningful for all.

We are extremely grateful to AGS for hosting the day and raising the aspirations of our students.

*Miss Bartlett—Careers Coordinator*



Alcester Grammar School

### Attendance Updates

**Whole School Attendance this week is 93.7%**

#### Top tutors this week:

7RA with 97.8% attendance  
8SI with 99% attendance  
9BI with 93.3% attendance  
10SO with 95.6% attendance

If your child is absent from school, please inform the Attendance Officer, Mrs Louise Hatcher, of the reason before 9.30am each day. This can be done through SchoolComms, by calling 01789 762285, or by emailing [louisehatcher@alcesteracademy.org.uk](mailto:louisehatcher@alcesteracademy.org.uk).



The rules on taking children out of school for a holiday are set to become stricter, with tougher penalties to take effect at the start of the next school year.

From August 2024, parents who take their children on term-time holidays will face fines of £160 each, which could even lead to imprisonment. The fines will increase along with a new national framework that requires schools to consider fines when a child misses ten or more sessions (equivalent for five school days) without authorisation or medical evidence.

England saw nearly 400,000 penalty notices handed out in the previous academic year for unauthorised holidays during term-time. Parents are being urged to prioritise their child's education and follow attendance regulations to avoid serious legal consequences.

*Mrs Hatcher—Attendance Officer*

## Alcester Academy Academic Terms and Holidays

### SUMMER TERM 2024

Summer Term ends Friday 19th July 2024 at 12.40pm

### AUTUMN TERM 2024

*School closed Monday 2nd September—Teacher training day*

### **Autumn Term begins**

Years 7 and 11 only Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Years 8, 9 and 10 only Wednesday 4th September 2024

All students back Thursday 5th September 2024

Half term Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November 2024

**Back to school Monday 4th November 2024**

Autumn Term ends Friday 20th December 2024 at 12.40pm

### **We have organised another Bag2School collection for Wednesday 10th July 2024!**

A letter has gone out via email with full details.

Please send any unwanted clothes, shoes and linens to school at any point after half term, in a bin bag, or other suitable bag.

Please feel free to contact Mrs Farnell for more information.



# **BAG 2 SCHOOL**





Farnoosh Farhad researches medical implants to understand why they've failed, and how they can be improved. Her work benefits the health and comfort of patients, helping them live more normal lives.

**STEM PERSON OF THE WEEK**  
Farnoosh Farhad

**UNDER THE MICROSCOPE**  
WHAT IS THIS?

ANSWER: Tooth plaque

**The world's oldest cat lived to 38 years and 3 days old!**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

## Epraise Leaderboard—past 7 days

### Top Students—past 7 days:

1	Skye	9SA	33 points
2	Robbie	7LX	29 points
3	Harrison	7WI	24 points
4	Ranveer	7LX	20 points
5	Elliot	8GA	19 points
5	Harry	7WI	19 points
7	Eve	7WI	18 points
7	Molly	7KO	18 points
7	William	9SA	18 points
10	Aya	7WI	17 points

### Top Staff—past 7 days:

1	Mr Yarrington	320 points
2	Miss Wincup	230 points
3	Mrs Gorner	222 points
4	Mrs Hirji	178 points
5	Mr Jones	155 points

### Top Subjects—past 7 days:

1	English	454 points
2	Art	416 points
3	Maths	327 points
4	History	159 points
5	French	129 points

### Top Tutors—past 7 days:

1	7WI	329 points
2	8GA	294 points
3	8SI	271 points
4	7LX	267 points
5	7TN	261 points
6	8TU	254 points
7	9SA	248 points
8	7RA	247 points
9	8YA	227 points
10	9MA	213 points



# Music



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<b>December 2023</b> 1st      2nd      3rd    £70      £42      £28				<b>June 2024</b> 1st      2nd      3rd    £70      £42      £28		
<b>January 2024</b> 1st      2nd      3rd    £70      £42      £28				<b>July 2024</b> 1st      2nd      3rd    £70      £42      £28		
<b>February 2024</b> 1st      2nd      3rd    £70      £42      £28				<b>August 2024</b> 1st      2nd      3rd    £70      £42      £28		
<b>March 2024</b> 1st      2nd      3rd    £70      £42      £28				<b>September 2024</b> 1st      2nd      3rd    £70      £42      £28		
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### Student Spotlight

#### Morgan— Swimming

Congratulations to Morgan in year 9 who continues to experience outstanding successes within the sport of swimming. Morgan has recently represented her club at the Worcestershire County Relays where she won a Gold in the 50m Female Freestyle relay and a Silver in the 50m mixed Freestyle Relay. Following a tally of points her club won top club, top female team and top male team.



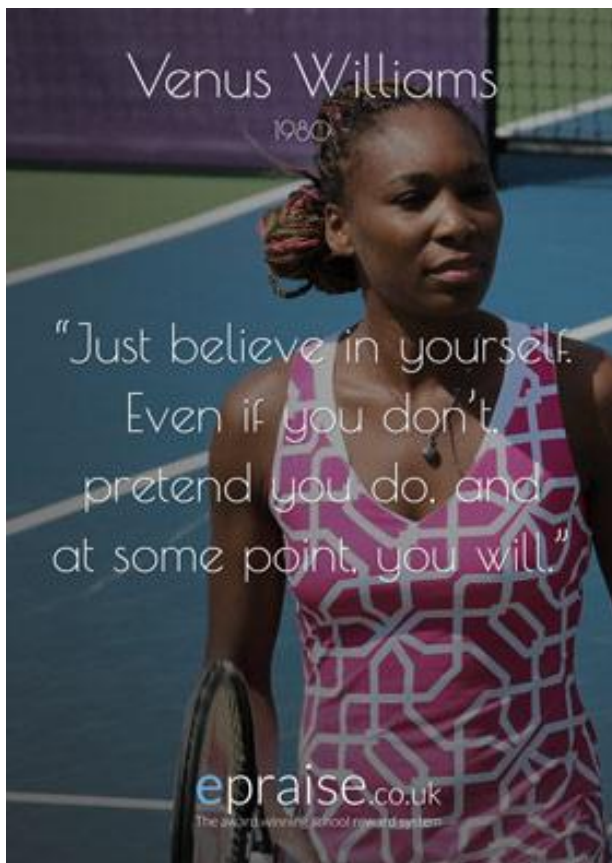
This was quite an achievement and a testament to Morgan and her Redditch team and coaches, in managing to beat the large clubs like Worcester who have been regular champions within the event. Well done Morgan and keep up the excellent work within swimming!

#### Courtney— Water Polo

Congratulations to Courtney (year 9) who competed in a water polo tournament last weekend.



Courtney had to step in and play in goal due to a player absence and despite it not being her usual position, her performance was amazing to help her team.



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### South Warwickshire School's Athletics Championships

Last Thursday 27th June, our year 7, 8 and 9 athletics teams travelled to Stratford School to compete in the annual South Warwickshire School's Athletics Championships. The teams were very much looking forward to taking part with excellent commitment to practice in the build up to the event.

I am pleased to be able to share with you the success of our students participation in this event with-in this edition of the school bulletin as we celebrate a brilliant 3rd place combined finish for a second year running.

SCHOOLS	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	OVERALL	POSITION
A.G.S	231	233	227	691	1
SHOTTERY & K.E.S	237	217	220	674	2
A.A.	171	173	222	566	3
KINETON	204	186	126	516	4
S.H.S	149	183	126	458	5
STUDLEY	132	113	107	352	6
SHIPSTON	134	66	147	347	7
HENLEY	87	112	145	344	8
ST. BENE-DICTS	59	108	77	244	9



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### Results—South Warwickshire School's Athletics Championships

TRACK EVENTS		
DISTANCE	RUNNER	RUNNER
100m	Sophie S 15.4 A 8th	Amalie P 16.1 B 6th
200m	Hollie H 31.9 A 7th	Sophie S 32.3 B 4th
300m	Phoebe G 55.3 A 7th	Hollie H 56.3 B 4th
800m	Elsie S 3.16.5 A 6th	Chloe M 3.30.4 B 6th
1500m	Bella P DNF	
4 x 100m Relay	Sophie S Phoebe G Amalie P Hollie H 63.5 5th	

FIELD EVENTS	
EVENT	NAME
Rounders/Cricket	
Discus	Grace J 17.26 1st
Shot Putt	Grace J 6.86 2nd
Javelin	Chloe M 10.58 4th
Long Jump	Hollie H-W 3.95 3rd
High Jump	Amalie P 1.11 5th

**YEAR 7 GIRLS**

TRACK EVENTS		
DISTANCE	RUNNER	RUNNER
100m	Ethan B 13.9 A 4th	Henry M 14.5 B 3rd
200m	Jude K 31.1 A 5th	Henry M 31.5 B 3rd
300m	Jude K 51.1 A 6th	Noah E 53.5 B 5th
800m	Noah D 2.51.1 A 5th	Noah E 2.53.4 B 4th
1500m	Ethan B 5.32.0 4th	
4 x 100m Relay	Ethan B Henry M Jude K Noah D 59.4 3rd	

FIELD EVENTS	
EVENT	NAME
Rounders/Cricket	
Discus	Ben L 18.60 2nd
Shot Putt	Ben H 6.38 8th
Javelin	Dan E 25.50 2nd
Triple Jump	Noah D 8.79 2nd
Long Jump	Ethan B 3.56 4th
High Jump	Henry M 1.21 3rd

**YEAR 7 BOYS**

TRACK EVENTS		
DISTANCE	RUNNER	RUNNER
100m	Grace P 14.4 A 5th	Naomi V 14.7 B 4th
200m	Grace P 30.7 A 6th	Naomi V 30.8 B 4th
300m	Daisy J 52.5 A 5th	Lettie G 60.1 B 7th
800m	Lily O 3.10.1 A 6th	Maeve B 3.23 B 6th
1500m	Georgia H 6.35 6th	
4 x 100m Relay	Noomi V Lily O / Maeve B Daisy J / Lettie G Grace P 65.3 6th	

FIELD EVENTS	
EVENT	NAME
Rounders/Cricket	
Discus	Daisy J 17.62 1st
Shot Putt	Tilly M 7.57 1st
Javelin	Tilly M 13.09 4th
Long Jump	Noomi V 3.72 7th
High Jump	Lily O 1.22 4th

**YEAR 8 GIRLS**

TRACK EVENTS		
DISTANCE	RUNNER	RUNNER
100m	Anthony M 13.7 A 7th	Elliot B 13.7 B 5th
200m	Tom A 26.5 A 4th	Toby E 29.8 B 6th
300m	Tom A 43.3 A 2nd	Joe A 46.9 B 1st
800m	Charlie J 2.43.0 A 5th	Dan M 2.57.8 B 6th
1500m	Harry P 5.44.1 8th	
4 x 100m Relay	Anthony M Tom A Elliot B Joe A 55.4 3rd	

FIELD EVENTS	
EVENT	NAME
Rounders/Cricket	
Discus	Dexter C 20.44 1st
Shot Putt	Dexter C 7.71 3rd
Javelin	Harry P 20.70 5th
Triple Jump	Toby E 9.38 3rd
Long Jump	Joe A 4.37 2nd
High Jump	Dan M 1.14 6th

**YEAR 8 BOYS**

TRACK EVENTS		
DISTANCE	RUNNER	RUNNER
100m	Amelia B 14.3 A 5th	Daisy M 14.3 B 2nd
200m	Scarlett D 26.9 A 1st	Mia D 32.9 B 5th
300m	Morgan P 45.2 A 2nd	Daisy M 54.6 B 4th
800m	Morgan P 2.39.9 A 1st	Marijke T-V 2.41.4 B 1st
1500m	Marijke T-V 5.22 1st	
4 x 100m Relay	Scarlett D Amelia B Morgan P Daisy M 55.7 1st	

FIELD EVENTS	
EVENT	NAME
Rounders/Cricket	
Discus	Natasha P 15.10 5th
Shot Putt	Amelia B 7.35 4th
Javelin	Amelia B 20.49 3rd
Long Jump	Scarlett D 4.05 6th
High Jump	Daisy M 1.15 5th

**YEAR 9 GIRLS**

TRACK EVENTS		
DISTANCE	RUNNER	RUNNER
100m	Arthur M 12.0 A 2nd	Jake T 12.4 B 1st
200m	Arthur M 24.5 A 1st	Jake T 25.5 B 1st
300m	Dan S 40.8 A 2nd	Sam S 43.3 B 1st
800m	Will H 2.08.9 A 1st NR	Dylan E 2.34.4 B 3rd
1500m	Dylan E 5.10.9 4th	
4 x 100m Relay	Will H Arthur M Jake T Dylan E 49.2 1st	

FIELD EVENTS	
EVENT	NAME
Rounders/Cricket	
Discus	Jake T 26.50 2nd
Shot Putt	Sam S 7.88 5th
Javelin	Dylan E 25.50 5th
Triple Jump	Arturo H 8.46 9th
Long Jump	Will H 4.80 1st
High Jump	Will H 1.49 3rd

**YEAR 9 BOYS**

### Positions—South Warwickshire School's Athletics Championships

Year 7 Girls—4th Place

Year 8 Boys—3rd Place

Year 7 Boys—4th Place

Year 9 Girls—2nd Place

Year 8 Girls—5th Place

Year 9 Boys—2nd Place

# CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

At The Depot

## KIDS HOLIDAY LUNCHES

EVERY WED 12:30PM ONWARDS



Savour the flavours and share the laughter at our weekly kids holiday lunch club. Hot food, drinks, fruit and yummy treats!! every Wednesday during the summer holidays. Everyone welcome.

FREE TO ATTEND



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Ages 10-14

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