

Alcester Academy WEEKLY BULLETIN



7th October 2022

Good afternoon. Thank you to parents and carers who joined us this week for our remote session on homework and Google Classroom. We had over a quarter of year 7-10 parents live on this meeting. The slides and recording can be found on the website:

<https://www.alcesteracademy.org.uk/life-at-alcester-academy/homework>

Mr Hall did a mini training session on how to use Google as parents. If you have missed the link to view your child's homework calendar electronically each week, please check your spam folder. An email was sent out at the start of term. We appreciate that some of you failed to see this and it will certainly help. The slides from Tuesday evening's meeting will give you some more instruction.

Last night we welcomed new parents for our year 7 *Meet The Tutor* live event. We are very grateful for your support and it was lovely to see you. If year 7 parents can complete the *Transition To Secondary School* questionnaire, I will then share the results of this with you in the next few weeks. We always use your views to further develop areas of the school. As an example, the last parental questionnaire around homework reshaped our policy in school fairly dramatically.

At the end of the bulletin, we have added a summary of where you child's work is kept for all of the subjects in school this year. Hopefully, this will help you when you are monitoring things. This is a new document, developed after parental voice. You can find this on the website: <https://www.alcesteracademy.org.uk/quality-of-education/teaching--learning---assessment/where-can-i-find-my-child-s-work->

Remember, you can also find details of what your child is studying each half term under *Quality of Education* on the website, by subject

and then by year group.

Mr Rossiter led assemblies this week around the theme of *Black History*.

The students in year 7-10 watched a really hard hitting video clip that presented a thoughtful and inspiring piece on the teaching of black history in schools. If you want to find additional resources to follow this theme up at home, see:

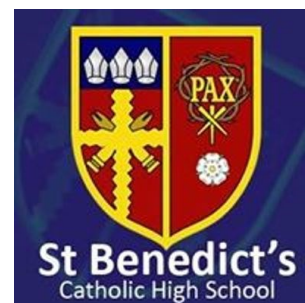
<https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/63114341>

<https://www.ibhm-uk.org/about-us>



Thanks to Mr Payton, headteacher from St Benedict's High School for coming in to speak to year 11s today about life in their sixth form. Miss Bartlett has arranged a run of specific post 16 themed assemblies for our students. We will see Shottery Girls' Grammar in school next week.



This week's edition is jammed packed full of reminders and updates after a super week at school as follows:

Congratulations Mrs Jones

Mrs Jones completed the London Marathon in 5 hours and 6 minutes on Sunday. We are extremely proud of her.

Invitation from our Mayor - Cllr Kathryn Cargill

The Mayor would like to invite you all to an event to raise funds for the Plus 5 Appeal that we are working on with year 10 and year 7 at Alcester Academy. Please note, that over 18s only can buy tickets for the races.



Raising money for the Mayors chosen charity
PLUS 5

RACE NIGHT

@ The Eric Payne Community Centre, Alcester
On Friday 21st October
7pm - 10pm (First Race 7:30pm)

'Bets' are £1 each.
8 horses per race/8 Races
Place as many or as few bets as you like

Bring your own drinks

TICKETS £10

Includes a welcome drink & nibbles
Tickets available from
Kathryn Cargill - kcargill.atc@gmail.com
Mark Cargill - mcargill.atc@gmail.com
Hilary Wren - hilswren@btinternet.com or phone 07919 024574

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Bus 247

We are continuing to work with Diamond Transport in order to try and get a better service on the 247 route. The students have been superb so far waiting at the stops. We do try to send the mini bus out to pick them up when the bus does not arrive. If you as parents, can lodge your concerns about this service, it would also help. Call 01527 813 120 or email comments@diamondbuses.com.

Fab work year 7s!

Our year 7 litter picking team did an incredible job this week. I am so proud of them all.



New year 7 members are most welcome to join. Please let Miss Hammond know. Jess and Drew in year 9 are doing a wonderful job of getting this team organised each day. (Please note, they have all been given a set of proper gloves to use for hygiene and safety).

Thank you 8X3 RE

Thanks to 8X3 RE for setting me some challenging questions and thoughts around the need to wear a uniform in school. This was on the back of their work with Mrs Kowal in class looking at cultural dress and identity. I have asked this group to propose the first good cause for a non-uniform day in school. I'll update you when I have received their reply.

Year 7 and 8

Mr Cooke, Assistant Headteacher has met with all of our year 7 and 8 students in their tutor groups to talk about their progress and what the new KS3

reporting descriptors mean. The students have been shown how the reporting descriptors link to projected GCSE future grades. I am aware that this will be more familiar to year 8 parents right now and as year 7s have their reports, we will provide more detail.

Year 9 – Skern Lodge



Wishing 84 year 9 students a fabulous time at Skern Lodge in Appledore next week on their residential trip. Thanks to staff accompanying them. We'll update you in more detail on their adventures in the next couple of editions. Watch twitter @AlcesterAcademy over next week for some tasters of what is happening in Devon.

Year 10s

We are keen to begin some work at local and county council level with Cllr Mark Cargill. Cllr Cargill will be coming into school next week to begin work with our interested year 10s. This will evolve then into a multi-school project involving a visit to chambers and an inter-school debate.

If your year 10 son/daughter is interested in this and hasn't let us know, please contact me at school head@alcesteracademy.org.uk

Congratulations to our new year 10 Young Enterprise team who were announced this week also.

Reminder – Please complete Parent View

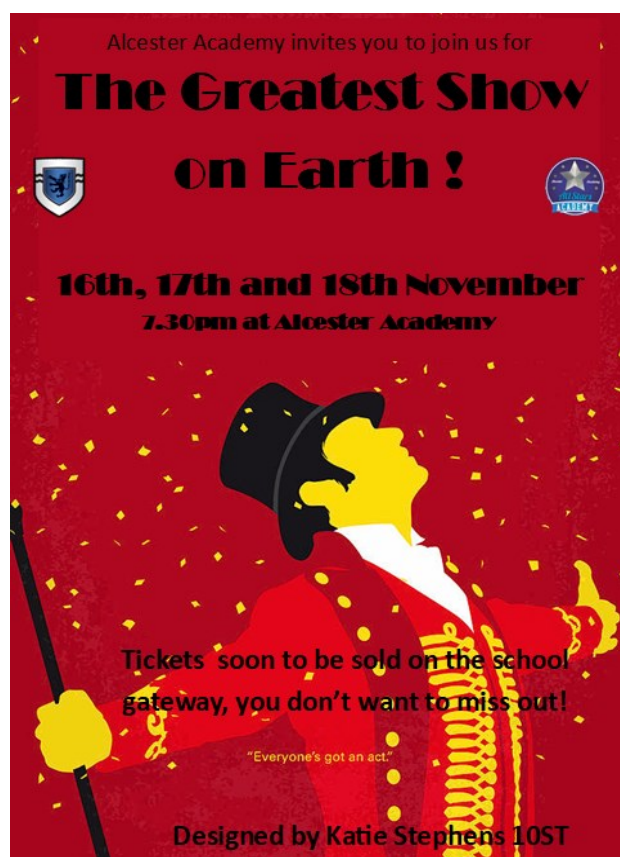
<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results>

Your support with completing Parent View is appreciated (and very helpful during Inspection time!).



PTA reminder

Friends of Alcester Academy will be meeting in school on Thursday 14th October at 7pm. Any interested parents are most welcome.



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Where can I find my child's work?

	Years 7&8	Years 9, 10 & 11
ART	All work will be in sketchbooks or on Google Classroom. There may be separate pieces, for example on canvas. Homework is set on Google Classroom	Majority of work is in sketchbooks and on Google Classroom. Students will be producing larger-scale pieces on canvas/MDF which may not go home due to their size. They are encouraged to photograph these for parents.
BTECPE		Year 9 – Students use exercise books for theory work in classroom lessons and google classroom for all coursework units. Coursework units must be completed under controlled conditions, so homework is only set for examination units. Year 10 – Student exercise books for theory work in classroom lessons and google classroom for all coursework units. Coursework units must be completed under controlled conditions, so Homework is only set for examination units. Year 11 – All coursework is accessible on Google Classroom.
CHILDCARE		All tasks are set on Google Classroom and coursework is stored on the students google drive.
COMPUTER SCIENCE		All class work and homework can be found on the Google Classroom and on Google Drive
DT/FOOD/ WOODWORK	Class work is in sketch books and homework is set on Google Classroom. Help sheets can also be found on Google Classroom.	Key stage 4 DT & Hospitality & Catering have folders for class work and homework is set on Google Classroom. Yr9 textiles homework is in sketchbooks and work for the year is on Google Classroom.
ENGLISH	Homework is set and completed on the Doodle program. Draft and best exercise books are used for written classwork. With best books being updated every 2-3 weeks.	Classwork is recorded on file paper and filed in lever arch folders. Homework for Year 10s in on the Seneca platform. This will also be recorded on the Google Classroom. Year 11 homework will be revision-based practice
FRENCH AND GERMAN	Work can be found in exercise books for French and German. Homework is set on Google Classroom and then completed in books.	Parents will be able to see work in exercise books for French and German. Homework is set on Google Classroom and then completed in books.
FURTHER MATHS AND STATISTICS		Exercise book for main notes and classwork and folders are used for exam style question practice and/or homework sheets, etc.
GEOGRAPHY	Homework is set and completed on the Doodle program. Draft and best exercise books are used for written classwork. Best books are updated every 2-3 weeks.	Draft and best exercise books are used for written work. Best books are updated every 2-3 weeks. Homework for Year 10s in on the Seneca platform
HISTORY	Classwork and worksheets can be found in student's exercise books Homework is set and completed on Google Classroom as per the rota	Classwork and worksheets are in exercise books. Homework is set on google classroom but can be completed in exercise books or on Google.
ICT	All class work and homework can be found on the Google Classroom and on Google Drive	
I- MEDIA		All class work and homework can be found on the Google Classroom and on Google Drive
MATHS	All classwork is completed in exercise books and assessments are kept in folders. Homework can be found on google classroom.	All classwork is completed in exercise books and assessments are in folders. Homework can be found on Google Classroom.
MEDIA		All class work and homework can be found on the Google Classroom and on Google Drive
MUSIC	Written work and homework is stored in Folders. Practical work, if captured will be saved on Google Classroom	All coursework both practical and written is stored as a digital portfolio on Google Classroom
PERFORMING ARTS	All work is kept on Google Classroom, homework is also set on the Google classroom. Practical work, if captured will be saved on Google Classroom	All coursework both practical and written is stored as a digital portfolio on Google Classroom
PHOTOGRAPHY		Majority of work is in sketchbooks and on Google Classroom. Homework is set on Google Classroom.
RE	Work is completed in exercise books, when homework occurs on the rota it will be set and checked on Google Classroom	Work is completed in exercise books, when homework occurs on the rota it will be set and checked on Google Classroom
SCIENCE	All science classwork is done in exercise books for all year groups. Some homework may also be in books, other homework can be found on Google Classroom or Doodle. There is a tracker in books for all year groups to show the scores for homework.	All science classwork is done in exercise books for all year groups. Some homework may also be in books other homework can be found on Google Classroom or Doodle. All years have test tracker sheets in books

What happens during a wet break time at school?

Wet breaktimes are never the easiest situation in schools for either students or staff. We attempt to be very specific about these arrangements to help the students know exactly what to do. This has been relayed in tutor time for them as follows:

Year 7s	Go to the hall
Year 8-10s	Go to their own tutor room
Year 11s	Go to any Y11 tutor room (this allows for interventions at lunchtime to continue)

We aim to keep clubs running during wet lunchtime. This is obviously dependent on where they take place and if they can be moved to free classrooms.

At the settle bell during a lunchtime wet break, we aim for all year groups to have had time to use the canteen and toilets, and students then stay in their allocated room for the remainder of lunch. Staff supervise corridors and rooms to ensure that no one misses out on their lunch rota. We all carry radios to be in touch with each other regarding this. If you need any more information on this, please contact school.

We will soon be losing the field as a space once the wet weather kicks in. The students will be clearly told which hard standing areas can be used. Sadly, we have to restrict ball games during this period because of lack of space.

Good news stories

Abi in year 10 for her work with the Bidford Warm Hub Group—thank you Abi.



7LE, 8MA, 9RO AND 10YA for winning their French breakfasts this week after *European Day of Languages*.

A big shout out to Matt in year 11. Lovely to have you back in school with us.

Well done Aaron in year 7 for showing the school values at their very best this week.

We're very proud of all of you!

Road Crossing

I am in the process of speaking with Cllr Piers Daniell about the potential of a road crossing on Captains Hill for our children to travel safely to school. I have received a promising response and I will update you as I hear more. Kinwarton Parish have been updated and they have been attempting to secure a crossing for a good while now themselves.

Feel Good Friday

Next Friday 14th October is our first *Feel Good Friday* of the academic year. For new parents to Alcester Academy, look out for a subject teacher, teaching assistant, librarian or LSU member of staff dropping you a brief but uplifting email to start your weekend off positively.

Contact details

If your contact details change over the academic year, please update us by emailing: admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk

Communications from school

Letters from school are now kept on the *News* section of the website for your reference.

Website stats!

During September 2022, there were 34,492 page views on our school website

www.alcesteracademy.org.uk.

4252 unique visitors, visiting 6875 times. Wow!

If there are any aspects of the website that we can make better, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Money Matters

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Thank you for supporting the pre-loved uniform sale this week. To access pre-loved uniform, please go to the website <https://www.alcesteracademy.org.uk/life-at-alcester-academy/uniform>.

Attendance

Mrs Taylor and Miss Buckthorp sent out a reminder about attendance in a letter this week. This had the Covid-19 absence instructions on it should you need this.

Cases today;

Year 7—1 case
Year 8—no cases
Year 9—no cases
Year 10—no cases
Year 11—3 cases

Please update Mrs Taylor, Attendance Officer with details of any medical appointments PaulaTaylor@alcesteracademy.org.uk and a copy of the appropriate NHS/RISE appointment letter. Thank you. I seem to be getting more and more notifications of these personally.

Do not ask to take holidays in term time. These will not be granted.

And finally, good luck to Mr Bastock and any of you running the Alcester 10k this weekend! I hope that the weekend stays dry for you all.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Sarah Mellors
Headteacher

MFL European Day of Languages

Congratulations to all the winning tutor groups of the *European Day of Languages* quiz. 7LE, 8MO, 9MA, 10YA enjoyed their Pains aux chocolat this week.

Mrs Weatherley
Head of MFL



SCIENCE NEWS THIS WEEK

Svante Pääbo wins the Nobel Prize

Svante Pääbo is a scientist who works in the field of genetics. He has worked out a method of extracting DNA from bones that was previously unknown to scientists. By doing this, it is possible to discover differences between extinct and modern-day humans. This has earned Pääbo the Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine.



9000 year-old footprints are found on a beach

A huge range of footprints have been found on Formby Beach, near Liverpool. Scientists have recently discovered the footprints and have used a method called 'carbon dating' to establish them as being around 9000 years old, although the most recent are thought to be from medieval times. Footprints of animals such as deer, wolves and lynx have also been found, showing the variety of animals that used to live along the coastline.



Quality Street to become more environmentally friendly

Nestlé, the makers of Quality Street, have announced that the wrappers used for their sweets is to be made of paper and have a vegetable-based wax coating to keep the chocolate fresh. This means the wrappers are entirely recyclable, and Nestlé say this will save around 2 billion pieces of plastic from ending up in landfill.



Space rover looking for a job

A Sample Fetch Rover (SFR) that was originally designed to collect sample tubes left on the surface of Mars by Perseverance has found itself without a job as Perseverance is carrying out its job alone. NASA and the European Space Agency (ESA) are now looking at other ways the SFR can be used instead. One suggestion has been to send it to the Moon to help collect samples from the Moon's surface. The SFR is currently in Milton Keynes undergoing testing in a quarry.



HOUSES AT ALCESTER ACADEMY

Top House this week: **Billesley**

Top House Epraise points this week: **Billesley**

Top House students on Epraise this week

Billesley—Amelia (7LE)

Ragley—Abi (10YA)

Greville—Harry (11BA)

Oversley—Aaron (7LE)



Maths House Problem Solving—Competition Winners

Gold winner—Michael (9RO)

Silver winner—Hester (7LE)

Bronze winner—Mia (8BI)



Alcester Academy Photography House Competition

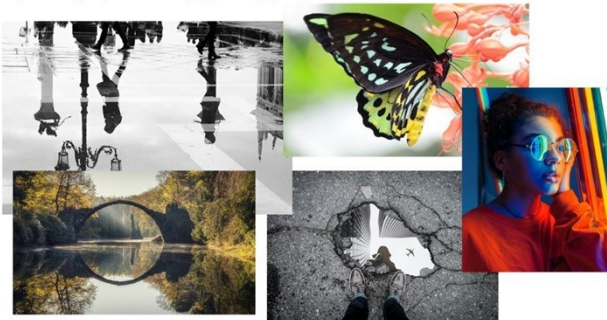
Autumn Term

Deadline for all entries **Friday 9th December**

The theme for this years photography house competition is Your Everyday. What does your day-to-day look like? What people surround you? What scenes do you see; idyllic landscapes or a busy community? We want to see your take on the world around you.

You can submit up to 3 images on Google Classroom – kfkqvjd

House points available for all entries and prizes for the top 3 photographs - Happy snapping!



DESIGN A

HOUSE SHIELD COMPETITION

During tutor time, students in years 7, 8, 9 and 10 are going to design new House Shields!

Students need to consider:

Their House name and colour
The history behind their House
The values behind their House

Closing date: **Monday 31st October**
Hand into

Miss Lewis or your tutor!

Any questions or extra entries, please see
Miss Lewis in classroom E1.

Epraise Leaderboard—past 7 days

Top Students—past 7 days:

1	Morgan	8MO	30 points
2	Poppy	7LE	28 points
3	Abi	10YA	27 points
3	Benjamin	7LE	27 points
3	Alice	8MO	27 points
6	Aaron	7LE	26 points
7	Sophia	7WI	25 points
7	Liz	7RA	25 points
7	Jasmine	7KA	25 points
10	Lettie	7LE	23 points

Top Staff—past 7 days:

1	Mr Martin	1055 points
2	Mr Bastock	453 points
3	Mr Rossiter	395 points
3	Mr Bowater	395 points
5	Mrs Stedman	373 points
6	Miss Lewis	348 points
7	Miss Bishop	346 points
8	Mr Anderson	299 points
9	Miss Burgess	273 points
10	Mr Moffatt	230 points

Top Tutor—past 7 days:

1	7LE	442 points
2	7WI	417 points
3	7KA	384 points
4	7RA	372 points
5	8MO	335 points
6	11BR	322 points
7	7TN	314 points
8	11BA	303 points
9	8BI	290 points
10	8NE	284 points

Top Subjects—past 7 days:

1	Maths	1031 points
2	Science	918 points
3	IT	837 points
4	Geography	814 points
5	History	714 points
6	English	585 points
7	Art	242 points
8	Computing	136 points
9	PE	128 points
10	French	123 points

epraise



Art Work of the Week



A large scale portrait of Queen Elizabeth inspired by pre-Raphaelite art work and Mark Powell by student Emmeline in year 11. Once complete this piece is being installed in the History department.

Photography Work of the Week



A simple yet captivating image taken using fast shutter speed photography, by Teagan in year 11.

Term Dates 2022-23

AUTUMN TERM 2022

Half term

Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October 2022

Back to school

Monday 31st October 2022

Autumn Term ends

Friday 16th December 2022 at 12.40pm

SPRING TERM 2023

School closed

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Teacher training day

Spring Term begins

Wednesday 4th January 2023

Half Term

Monday 20th – Friday 24th February 2023

Back to school

Monday 27th February 2023

Spring Term ends (Easter)

Friday 31st March 2023 at 12.40pm

SUMMER TERM 2023

Summer Term begins

Monday 17th April 2023

May Bank Holiday

Monday 1st May 2023

Half Term

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2023

Back to school

Monday 5th June 2023

Summer Term ends

Friday 21st July 2023 at 12.40pm

School closed

Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th July 2023

Disaggregated teacher training days

Warwickshire Schools

Do you have a child in year 6?

Then join our webinar on Tuesday 18th October at 7pm and learn more about how to choose the right school for your child and how to submit a successful application.

Book your place: <https://bit.ly/3V1GTpZ>



New Young Enterprise team

After a rigorous selection process we are proud to introduce the Alcester Academy Young Enterprise team for this academic year, *Warwickshire Whale Pod*.

These young entrepreneurs have a plethora of exciting product ideas for this year's competition and we can't wait to follow their progress. Huge thanks to Mr Dave Pope from *Severn Lamb* and Miss Buckthorp for joining the judging panel this week. Thanks also to mentors Hannah and Maisie from last year's finalists Alcester Bee Collective for supporting the process.



Good luck team! *Miss Bartlett*



This week year 11 students have had a post-16 assembly from Miss Bartlett.

Choosing a suitable destination to continue their education can seem overwhelming at times and we want our students to make informed decisions, to ensure they are successful moving forward.


This presentation can be found on the Post-16 Google Classroom along with full 'open event' details in the local area.

Classroom code wauovgl

Extra Curricular Timetable

	Before School			Lunchtime			Afterschool					
	Activity	Teacher	Location	Activity	Teacher	Location	Activity	Teacher	Location			
Monday				Game Design	Mr Anderson	IT2	Ornithology	Mr Jones	o1			
				Tai Chi & Qigong	Miss Bayliss	E6						
				Acoustic	Mr Badham	Hut	Year 9,10,11 Netball (week 1)	Mrs Powell	Yard			
				Year 7 Table Tennis/Basketball	Mr Moffatt	Gym	Year 11 Football (week 1)	Mr Moffatt/Mr Powell	Top Field			
Tuesday	Marathon Kids	Mrs Hamilton	Field /Gym	Party Game Club	Miss Home	M2	School Show Performers	The PA TEAM	Hall			
				Book Club	Mrs Hands	Library						
				Solo Singers School Show	PA Team	Drama	Set design	Mr Badham and Ms Evasaon	Hut			
				Latin	Mrs Hoskin	E3	Year 8 Football (week 1)	Mr Moffatt	School Field			
				Year 8 Table Tennis/Basketball	Mr Powell	Gym	Year 10 Football (week 2)			Mr Powell	School Field	
							All years girls football (week 1)					
							Year 7 Badminton/ Table Tennis (week2)	Mr Powell	School Field			
				Year 7 Netball (week 1)	Miss Hammond/Miss Home	Yard						
Wednesday	Reading Club	English Team	English Dept	Youn Enterprise (KS4)	Miss Lewis Miss Bartlett	E1	Rock Acaemdemy	Mr Badham (To speak to Mr Badham before signing up)	Music Dept			
							Prop Making	Mr Martin	Drama			
							Year 7 Football (week1)	Mr Moffatt	School Field			
				Year 9 Football (Week 2)								
				Principal Acting School show	Pa Team	Drama	Year 9 Badminton/Table Tennis (week 1)	Mr Powell	Gym			
				Digital Fashion	Miss Nemeshanyi	T4	Year 11 Badminton/Table Tennis (week2)					
				Rock Band	Mr Badham	Hut	Year 8 Netball (week 1)	Mrs Powell	Yard			
				Year 9 Table Tennis/Basketball	Mrs Powell	Gym	Year 7 Netball (Week 2)					
				Prop Making	Mr Martin	Drama						
Thursday	Reading Club	English Team	English Dpt	Principal Acting School Show	Pa Team	Drama	School Show Performers	The PA TEAM	Hall			
				Law Society	Mrs Hoskin	E3				Year 10 Badminton/Table Tennis (week 1)	Mrs Powell	Gym
										Year 8 Badminton / Table tennis (week 2)		
				Pop Band	Mr Badham	Hut	Year 7,8, 9 Girls touch rugby	Miss Watson	Field			
							year 7,8,9 Beginners Boys Rugby (week 1)	Miss Burgess / Mr Moffatt	Top Field			
							Year 10/11 Boys Rugby (week 2)	Miss Burgess	School Field			
				Year 10 Table Tennis/Basketball	Mr Moffatt	Gym	All year fitness (week 2)	Mr Moffatt/ Mr Cooke	Yard			
Set design	Mr Badham and Ms Evasaon	Hut										
				Recycling, Environment Club	Mrs Farnell	E2						
Friday				Science Club	Miss Tandy/Miss Radbourne	S6						
				Chess Club	Mr Dyer	M1						
				Guitar Orchestra	Mr Badham	Hut						
				Year 11 Table Tennis/Basketball	Mr Moffatt	Gym						

Year 11 Revision Timetable

 Year 11 Revision Timetable: Autumn Term				
	Week A Lunchtime	Week A After School	Week B Lunchtime	Week B After School
Monday	Homework club IT4		Homework club IT4	
Tuesday	iMedia & Comp Science Homework club IT4	Computer Science	German Homework club IT4	Maths (Mr Hollis only)
Wednesday	French iMedia & Comp Science Homework club IT4	History	Maths Homework club IT4	English Science (for selected pupils)
Thursday	Geography Homework club IT4	Art and Photography	Childcare Homework club IT4	Maths
Friday	Homework club IT4		Homework club IT4	

Bag 2 School collection

The Environment and Recycling Club have organised a *Bag 2 School* collection for 10th November 2022. Please send any unwanted clothes, shoes and linens to school on the morning of 10th November in a bin bag or other suitable bag. Feel free to contact Mrs Farnell for more information.



Dear Parent and Carers

We are pleased to announce that Alcester Academy has organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for a recycling project in school

Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 it has now paid out over £36 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for Alcester Academy it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However it is a fact that as a nation we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our Bag2School collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <http://uk.bag2school.com/> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

We won't be providing a bag – but you can use any bag (such as a bin bag) to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

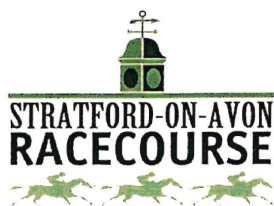
Bag2School will be collecting from Alcester Academy on 10th November 2022. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the front of school and help us have a really good collection.

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

**Yours faithfully
Mrs Farnell and the Environment & Recycling Club**

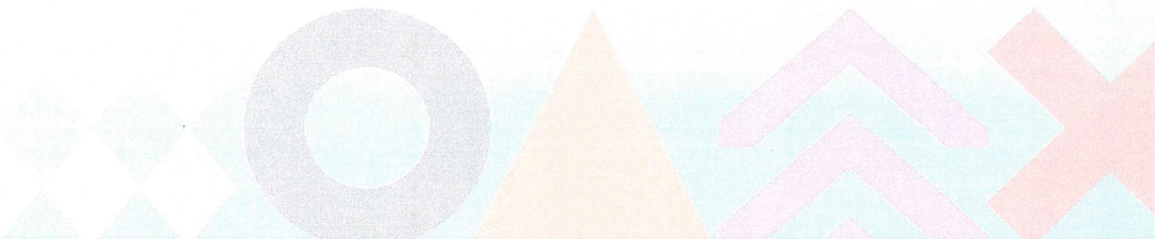
PLEASE NOTE:
Being a member of the Pony Club is not essential—
all riders, of all abilities, can take part!

**RACING
TO SCHOOL**



Times	Programme October 27, 2022	
09.45	Arrive	
10.00	Welcome / Health and Safety Brief	
	Group 1	Group 2
10.20	Stables and Weighing Room	Parade Ring and Course Walk
11.00	Parade Ring and Course Walk	Stables and Weighing Room
11.40	Equiciser and Career options	
12.00	Lunch	
12.30	Racecard Reading	
12.50	Watch Racing	
14.00	Evaluations / Q and A	
14.30	Racing to School team Depart, please feel free to stay on and watch more racing	

Please note activities and timings may change due to race times and weather conditions.



Racing to School is a registered charity: 1040590 Visit us at www.racingtoschool.co.uk or info@racingtoschool.co.uk

LET'S GO RACING CHASE YOUR DREAMS

A FUN & FREE DAY AT THE RACES

RACING
TO SCHOOL



Racing
Together

PONY CLUB



Are you interested in finding out more about the horseracing industry and the different career options it offers?

We are delighted to be able to offer Pony Club members (and accompanying parents) a unique **FREE** day at the races, to go behind the scenes and gain an insight into the UK's largest sporting employer.



We are running events during the October half term holidays at:

**MONDAY 24TH OCTOBER
LEICESTER RACECOURSE**

**MONDAY 24TH OCTOBER
REDCAR RACECOURSE**

**THURSDAY 27TH OCTOBER
STRATFORD RACECOURSE**

Groups will be able to gain entry to the racecourse before gates are open to the public and take part in fun and informative activities in areas usually restricted from racegoers.

Spaces are limited to 20 members with priority to senior Pony Club members, but we welcome junior members if space is available. Members must be accompanied throughout the visit by an adult, although if attending with friends we are happy to have one adult present per small group. We may be able to accommodate more than one adult, spaces permitting - please let us know if this is of interest.



For those young people hoping to combine their love of ponies with a future career, the team will be able to advise on, and provide details of, the pathways into the wide range of career choices the Horseracing and Thoroughbred Breeding Industries have to offer.

And for any Members who think they may like to give racing a try, why not start off in the sport of Pony Racing...? **Hollie Doyle, former Pony Racer and now leading Flat jockey and Racing to School Ambassador, tells us:**



"The Pony Club provided the perfect steppingstone to a career in racing for me and I loved being a member! These taster sessions are a brilliant opportunity for young people to try something new and get a feel for the opportunities available."



Pony Racing is an inclusive sport, open to any young riders aged 9-16. All types of ponies, and riders of all abilities can take part - **you don't even have to own your own pony!** Come join us and find out the different ways to get involved...

Book your place online:
<https://forms.gle/gpyqLP2aK8TtQmxH7>

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.

MATHS—Problem Solving

A massive well done to the following students, who handed in the best solutions and answers to last weeks problems:

Gold winner: Michael 9RO

Silver winner: Hester 7LE

Bronze winner: Mia 8BI

They have each won 10 house points for their respective houses and will be receiving a certificate for their efforts in Monday's tutor time, great work!

There will be another maths problem next week!
Miss Home

HOUSES AT ALCESTER ACADEMY

School Attendance

Whole School attendance this week—93.7%

This week's top tutor groups:

7TN— 97.9% - brilliant!

8BI — 97.9% - brilliant!

9RO — 99.2% - brilliant!

10YA — 98.8% - brilliant!

11HK — 95.4% - brilliant!

Well done to Greville with 94.7% and great work with regards to our overall attendance being above the national average.

All year 9 students not on the trip next week are expected in school as normal please.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Paula Taylor—Attendance Officer

ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

89% & Below
Drastic effect on
academic achievement

95%–90%
Cause for
concern

100%–96%
Excellent



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Sports Leaders Opportunity 2022-2023

Next week Mr Moffatt will be launching the opportunity for all students to register interest in applying to become a Sports Leader for the 2022-2023 academic year. Sports Leaders will be appointed in each year group and play a key role in student voice and leadership within the subject area over the course of the year. Students will receive more information on how to register an interest during tutor time.



To express an interest in becoming a Sports Leader please email Mr Moffatt (paulmoffatt@alcesteracademy.org.uk) with a brief summary of:

- 1) Why do you want to be a Sports Leader
- 2) What do you feel you could bring to the role?

Deadline – Monday 17th October



Alcester Academy Sports Leaders 2022-2023



Potential Roles:

- Act as a student leader within PE
- Edit match reports/School bulletin input
- Represent the department at events—Open evening/Sports Award Evenings
- Mentor younger students within your specialist sport!
- Attend Sports Captain meetings each half-term with Mr Moffatt

Potential Opportunities:

- Design new team kits!
- Introduce new sports—have your say!
- Be a part of the House Sport launch for 22-23
- Coach/Lead at lunchtime and after school clubs
- Give your input on potential Sports trips and Tours!
- Support feeder Primary school's Sports Days/Events

News:

Well done to all who attended clubs this week. *Mr Moffatt*

Tag-Rugby Festival—On Tuesday evening we met at AGS for the first time since the start of the pandemic. Over 50 girls from five schools took part in a fantastic evening of rugby. It was awesome to see the progress made. We meet again next week if any other girls would like to join us. Please ask Miss Burgess or Mr Moffatt for further details. *Miss Burgess*



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Fixtures:

Tuesday – Year 11 Football v Alcester Grammar School (Top Field)

Tuesday – All years girls Tag-Rugby Festival at AGS (Week 2)

Wednesday – Year 10 Football v Studley (Top Field)

Changes of clubs due to fixtures:

Unfortunately, there will be NO sports clubs on Monday 10th October due to staff training.

Week 1 Clubs – 3.25-4.30pm

Day	Extra-Curricular Club & Staff	Location
Monday	Year 9, 10 and 11 Netball – Mrs Powell	Yard
	Year 11 Football – Mr Moffatt/Mr Powell	Top Field
Tuesday	Year 8 Football – Mr Moffatt	Top Field
	All years girls Football – Mr Powell	School Field
	Year 7 Netball – Miss Hammond/Miss Home	Yard
Wednesday	Year 7 Football – Mr Moffatt	School Field
	Year 9 Badminton/Table-Tennis – Mr Powell	Gym
	Year 8 Netball – Mrs Powell	Yard
Thursday (Excluding 15/09 – Trips)	Year 10 Badminton/Table-Tennis – Mrs Powell	Gym
	Years 7,8 and 9 girls touch Rugby – Miss Watson	Field
	Years 7/8/9 Boys beginners Rugby – Miss Burgess/Mr Moffatt	Top Field

Lunchtime week 2 – 1.45-2.15pm

Day	Extra-Curricular Club & Staff	Location
Monday	Year 7 Table-Tennis - MO	GYM
Tuesday	Year 8 Table-Tennis - PW	GYM
Wednesday	Year 9 Table-Tennis - PE	GYM
Thursday	Year 10 Table-Tennis - MO	GYM
Friday	Year 11 Table-Tennis - MO	GYM