

# Alcester Academy Weekly BULLETIN



7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Good afternoon.

We begin this week with an exhilarating match report from our year 11 footballers after the team gained success this week in a very tight match at Sidney Stringer Academy. Huge congratulations to the team!



*demeanour did make us feel a little intimidated. They looked well-drilled in their warm-up, while our own preparation had been hampered by being drawn as the away team in this cup fixture.*

*The match kicked off almost instantly after a rather short warm-up. The opposition looked confident and played out from the back, as if they could walk all over us. Within the first ten*

## Tuesday 4th February— Sidney Stringer vs Alcester Academy

*On Tuesday, February 4th, our year 11 football team travelled to Coventry to face Sidney Stringer (SS) in the Coventry Telegraph School Cup, a competition that offers finalists the chance to play at the 30,000-seater CBS Arena. The lads were looking forward to the match following a hard-fought win against Stoke Park back in November.*

*We got off the coach, nervous but determined to come out on top in a match that could have been our last in the competition and potentially of our time at Alcester Academy. The size of SSs facilities, including their impressive astro pitch (a luxury we rarely enjoy within our own district area), and their confident*



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*minutes, they were 1-0 up after a deflection off one of our defenders left our keeper with no chance. Despite this early setback, we kept our heads up and doubled our efforts. We started to press their midfielders more effectively and put pressure on their back line as the match developed. After working hard for fifteen minutes, Dylan blocked a long ball from the defender, and it flew into the top corner of the SS net to equalize just before half time. It was a moment of pure joy and a well deserved bit of luck for the efforts of the team. This really boosted the lads going into the second half.*

*Alcester Academy came out firing after the break following some tactical guidance from Mr Nash and a passionate team talk from Mr Moffatt. Despite the slight uphill slope, we played some good football and quickly began to build on our positive showing in the first half. Dan and Lucas linked up well on the right wing, creating a dangerous cross that just evaded our forwards with a brilliant goalscoring opportunity. We took the lead early in the second half after some excellent play on both wings, culminating in a composed finish on the left-hand side. Sidney Stringer unfortunately responded quickly, pressuring us after conceding the goal and equalizing from a corner after we failed to clear our lines. Their three forward players were a*

*constant threat throughout the match which resulted in us conceding and having to defend many corners throughout.*

*We rode our luck late on after a brilliant save from Charlie saw the Sidney Stringer forward put the rebound over the bar from close range. It was a heart-in-mouth moment! Then, the final whistle blew, with the match to be decided by penalty kicks.*

*The tension was palpable as we lined up for the penalty shootout. Each penalty was struck with confidence by Kobe, Callum, Dylan, Alex, Cian, Dan, and Oscar. Charlie, our keeper, looked focused and composed. A top save from Charlie, diving to his left, then meant that we took the win, sparking jubilant celebrations at the final whistle. The lads piled on top of Charlie, and the feeling was incredible.*

*Many thanks to Mr Moffatt and Mr Nash for the opportunity to play in the cup competition and for taking us to Coventry for the game. It was a day we won't forget.*

*Written by Callum, Mitchell, and Alex.*

I'm excited to include a full article this week on the wonderful work of year 10s during Work Experience. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the placement providers for their support with this exceptional opportunity for 101 year 10s. Year 9 students have plenty of time to start thinking about their placements now for next year.

This week we have had students involved in a year 11 textiles trip to Birmingham City University and all year 9s have been part of super learning day with Loudmouth. Year 8s have been preparing for their forthcoming exams this week and we wish them the best of luck for these starting on Monday. We will remain on 4:1 days for these. Thank you to year 8 parents for joining us on SchoolCloud last night for parents' evening. If you wish to follow anything up from this, please do get in touch.

Our year 8s participated in a fabulous morning with the Stratford College Music Department on Tuesday. This had been designed specifically for our school. It was a treat to see returning students as part of the team and it was a thoroughly superb session as year 8s begin to think about possible option choices. Our year 10 and 11 Music students enjoyed some time with the college students after this.

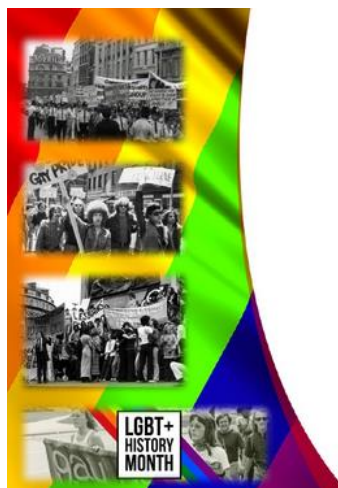


## Youth Speaks Teams

I enjoyed a lovely reward break time on Wednesday with the year 7 and 10 teams who competed recently in the Rotary Youth Speaks competition in order to recognise their hard work and commitment.

## LGBTQ+ Focus for assemblies

Mrs Gorner recorded assembly this week for the school. Her group runs in school on a Thursday lunchtime in E4.



**LGBT+  
History  
Month  
February  
2025**

## Defibrillator Fund Raising

There is a non-uniform day next Friday 14th February in order to raise money for the community defibrillators. You can make a contribution on the School Gateway as usual, or via a GoFundMe page

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/defibrillator-for-alcester-park-area>



To remind you, we are fully supporting this charity drive for Mrs Bennett's family and we are seeking to smash the target that they have set. I am very grateful for your fabulous support behind this. A separate communication has gone out about this from Miss McKenzie.

**Friday 14th February 2025**

**Valentine's Day Fundraiser  
for Alcester Park Defibrillator**  
Bring some money and support this amazing cause!

- ♥ £2 Non Uniform (payable via The School Gateway) Prizes for the best 'Red' outfit
- ♥ Valentines Cake Sale in the LRC
- ♥ Valentines Hearts available to buy from 'The Love Shop'  
made by our very own STEM Ambassadors
- ♥ Charity Buckets to donate your small change and lots, lots more!



Mr Jones for returning to help us out too! We raised a staggering £1842.

**Save the date—Friday 4th April is our next Bingo event in school.**

### Science Updates

Following our wonderful news about the recent grant to renovate some areas of the science labs, we are searching for any parents who may have connections to flooring suppliers so that we can generate a reasonable quote for part of this work. If this is something that you might be able to help with, please do reach out by emailing [head@alcesteracademy.org.uk](mailto:head@alcesteracademy.org.uk). Thank you.

### Thank you Friends of Alcester Academy

So many of you attended the PTA bingo on Friday. Thank you all so much for your support. Wasn't it a fabulous evening? Our new caller, Miss Buckthorp, did an amazing job and I would like to express my gratitude to the parents who organised and ran the whole event; Clare, Rachel, Maria, Charanjit, Paula and Elaine. Thanks to

## Time to Talk Day

Four year 10 students, Alice, Molly, Eddie and Skye, did a wonderful job yesterday being there to advise the younger students at lunch time in a drop in session for the *Mind, Time To Talk Day*. <https://timetotalkday.co.uk/>. Thank you.



## Parent Survey

I have released an online school parent survey to year 7 and 11 parents initially. If this could please be completed, I will aim to then send the same survey out to year 8-10 parents very soon. It is entitled an *Ofsted Survey*, but we are not expecting an inspection imminently; we simply use the recommended questions that Ofsted provide. The results of the survey are used positively in school. Thank you to those parents who have already completed it.

## Alcester Schoolwear

Alcester Schoolwear—the schoolwear shop—has launched a brand new website:

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



## New PE Wear

We will be launching new PE wear for September 2025. This is just being finalised with Price & Buckland and the Alcester Schoolwear shop. New PE wear will be sold to new year 7 students for September 2025 and then phased in as other year groups need new items.

I will write to you in full about this once the stock is available online and in store. Mr Moffatt, Head of PE has worked extremely hard to listen to the students about their views on the new kit and to be sure that we provide durable, high quality garments that look smart.

## Good luck Miss Heitmuller!

We will be saying farewell to Miss Heitmuller as she leaves us next Friday to start her maternity leave. We wish Miss Heitmuller and her family the very best for the wonderful few months ahead.

Miss Gruszczynska has kindly agreed to cover most classes with Mrs Laventine-Lee joining us directly after half term until Easter on a Wednesday. Mrs Laventine-Lee then joins us for the full maternity leave after Easter.

## Next week

Next week we are thinking about internet safety across the school. Miss Buckthorp and I will also lead assembly on our defibrillator fund raising drive and why these devices are so important in the community. There is a focus upon apprenticeships throughout the week, and our year 11s are visiting a theatre workshop to aid their history revision. Phew! And, all of this will lead up to our amazing ski trip to the USA happening over half term.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.  
Mrs Sarah Mellors—Headteacher



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## Inspiring Music Super Learning Session with Stratford College

We had an amazing Music Super Learning session with Stratford College on Tuesday! Massive thanks to Rob Hague and his students for such an inspiring workshop!

All of year 8, and our year 9, 10 and 11 music students were given an engaging and entertaining workshop by Stratford College Music Department.

Our students were given insight into the music industry and all the possible career paths, plus some truly inspiring performances from their year 13 music students.

We hope to do more collaborative music events with Stratford College in the near future!

*Mr Badham*



# W O R K E X P E R I E N C E

Last week 101, year 10 students, left the comfort of Alcester Academy to venture into their work experience placements. This is a voluntary scheme which offers students the opportunity to look closely at potential career choices for the future. It allows them to make informed decisions post-16 and is a valuable support to the careers advice we offer in school.

Nothing can compare to a lived experience, and thankfully with the support of the wider community we have been able to once again offer this opportunity to students. We have had overwhelming support from families, friends and businesses within not only Alcester, but also much further afield. Faith travelled to Witney in west Oxfordshire, where she had a wonderful opportunity to participate in a campaign soon to be made public.





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# WORK EXPERIENCE



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We have been incredibly humbled at the lengths our support network has gone to in order to offer exciting, motivational and inspirational experiences. Almost every student received a visit from staff during the week, and on Tuesday and Wednesday our School Governor, Mrs Hodgetts went out into the community to see for herself the wonderful experiences students were having. We are sincerely grateful for this.

Feedback from students has indicated that it's been invaluable so far as them making career choices moving forward. I think you'll agree it's been a very special week. Please enjoy the interviews from our Young Reporter team, and some photos from throughout the week. I cannot wait to begin the process again with the current year 9s later this year.

*Miss Bartlett—  
Careers Co-ordinator*

We would like show our gratitude to the following organisations for their support with placements—see page 19.



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**By Riley (Ragley) and Poppy (Ragley), our Young Reporters in year 7**

*As part of our role as journalists for our Young Reporter Club, we got the chance to interview two year 10s about their work experience last week. This is what we found out:*

*Shannon went to the Alcester Nursery Studio and Adam went to the Ringside Boxing and Fitness Centre.*

*Shannon enjoyed the nursery because she liked that she got to work with young children and Adam enjoyed it because he also got paid!*

*Shannon had been wanting to work at a nursery since she was ten years old. She was working with*

*2 - 3 year olds and her favourite time with the kids was snack time.*

*At the Boxing and Fitness Centre, Adam helped sign people in and he helped as a boxing assistant. He also learnt how to be a good receptionist and learned skills such as leadership skills, independence, and how to coach children. Adam worked part-time, and Shannon worked from 8:40am - 3:15pm.*

*Thank you for letting us interview you both, we can't wait to do our work experience now!*

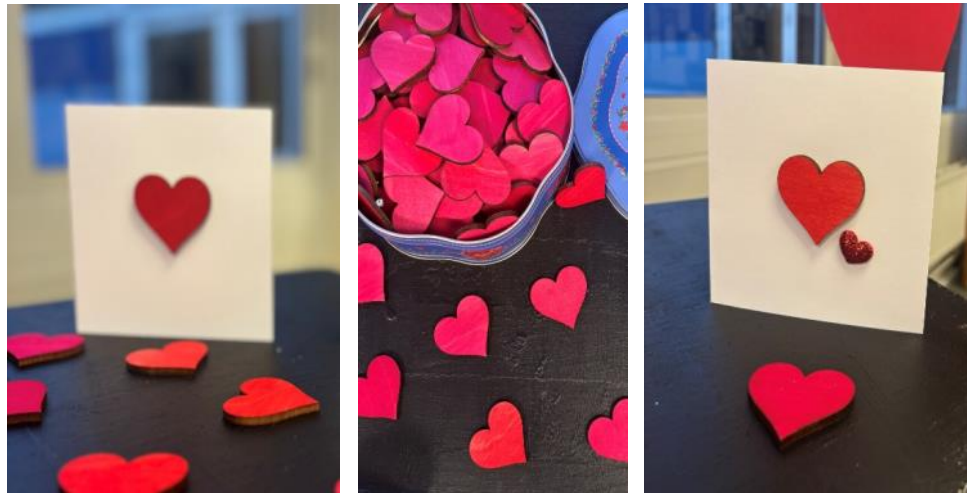




**We would like show our gratitude to the following organisations for their support with Work Experience placements:**

Abbey Stadium (Rubicon Leisure)	Malcolm Nicholls
Activate Management	Mavericks Hairdressers
AJ Furniture	Morris Mica
Alcester Nursery Studio	National Gas
Alphaquad	Nelsons Artisan School & Bakery
Alveston Manor	NTB Services
Annabel Sarah Bridal	Open Doors UK & Ireland
Avon Dog Grooming	Oscos @ Blenheim Cafe
Bengeworth CE Academy	Pollard Thomas Edward's Architects
Bidford On Avon CofE Primary School	Power Maxed
Bright Kids Studley	Purity Brewing Co.
BVI Medical	Quercus Renewables (Mypower) Limited
Camilla Jones	Quinton Primary School
CE Marketing Association	Redditch Boxing Club
Claverdon Primary School	Rivers Fitness - Evesham Leisure Centre
Conway Electrical	Royal HaskoningDHV
Cotswold Falconry Centre	Salford Priors CofE Academy
Coughton C of E Primary School	Seco Tools
DeMontfort Vets	SIG plc
Dickdale Body Repair Centre	SJG International
Eaton Aerospace	Social Care Academy
Educaterers	SSP plc
Emporio Artari	St Bedes Catholic Middle School
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Great Alne Park	Stratford District Council
Gymshark	Stratford Oaks Golf Club
HAB Designs	Stratford Racecourse
Heart of England Forest	Temple Grafton C of E Primary School
Hillers Farm Shop	The Cycle Studio (Redditch) Limited
Hollywood Gaming	The Fabric Hut
Hopkins Pharmacy	Thomas Jolyfee Primary
JAG Hair Studios	Thomson & Bancks Solicitors
Jigsaw Design & Print	Tudor Grange Primary Academy Haselor
Justina	University of Warwick
Listers Volkswagen Coventry	Vale Landscape Heritage Trust
LuCi's Groom Room	VIP Fitness
Mainstream Windows	Walls and Ceilings
	Warwick Manufacturing Group, Warwick University

The STEM Leaders are working together to create badges and cards for sale leading up to Valentine's Day. All proceeds will go toward funding a new community defibrillator.



**STEM AMBASSADOR**

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# Valentine's Day Badges

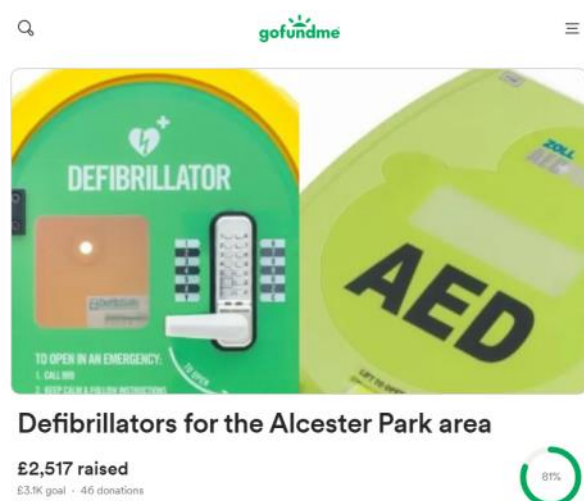
**Write a special note in secret, and buy a badge/card for your Valentine!**

- 📧 delivered during Tutor time on the 14th of February.
- £ Sold at Break and Lunch in the canteen

All money raised goes to charity.

Badge: £2  
Card: £1

## A Very Special Fundraising Event on Friday 14th February in Memory of Clive Bennett



On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February Alcester Academy will be turning red in support of a very special cause. As many of you will be aware, Mrs Bennett sadly lost her husband very suddenly before Christmas.

Clive Bennett was a great champion to Alcester Town Football Club and played a huge role in supporting the youth players and fundraising for the football club that was very dear to his heart.

In memory of Clive Bennett, the football club have been raising money for a defibrillator on the Alcester Park estate.

**The target is £3,100.**

With £2,517 donated on the Go Fund Me Page, we are determined to do everything we can as a school to help and reach the target of £3,100 so have planned our very own fundraising day in support:

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February Fundraiser Information:

- On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February there will be the opportunity for pupils to wear non-uniform for a minimum donation of £2 on the school gateway. We are also encouraging pupils to wear red in honour of Clive Bennett. There will be a prize for the most creative red outfit.
- Our STEM Ambassadors have been selling beautiful heart badges, that they have designed and made by themselves, which can be purchased for £2 (£2.50 customised). It has been wonderful to see so many staff and pupils wearing these around school ahead of our fund-

raiser. These are available to purchase up until the 14<sup>th</sup> February.

- We will have fundraising buckets during the school day for any pupils who would like to donate small change.
- We will be out the front of school at the beginning and end of the school day for any parents and carers who would like to donate money to this fabulous cause.
- Pupils may wish to bring some additional cash with them on this day as there will be the opportunity to purchase cakes at break and lunchtime and enter some competitions to win prizes.

Please find the link to the Clive Bennett Defibrillator Go Fund Me Page if you wish to make your own personal donations:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/defibrillator-for-alcester-park-area>

Raising money for a much needed defibrillator in memory of Clive Bennett and for our community is something we are very passionate about supporting.

We are very much looking forward to coming together as a school on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February, to hopefully hit the target of £3,100!

If you have any questions or would like any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me via email at [charliemckenzie@alcesteracademy.org.uk](mailto:charliemckenzie@alcesteracademy.org.uk).

*Charlie McKenzie*  
Assistant Headteacher



## Celebrate La Chandeleur!

In France, La Chandeleur marks the end of the Christmas period. It is exactly 40 days after Christmas Eve. It marks the return of light, a symbol of protection and prosperity. To mark this occasion and to celebrate Shrove Tuesday, the MFL Faculty are running a pancake competition for year 7.



The task is to make and decorate a pancake, preferably with a French theme and then to attach a photo of your pancake to the assignment on Google classroom. Teachers will go through the task in lessons. The deadline for entries is Monday 24 February and there will be prizes!

*Mrs Weatherley*



## Sherlock Bones Finds a Name!

Our school's newest (and boniest) member finally has a name—**Sherlock Bones!** After a fun and creative competition, Elliot (Ragley) was crowned the winner for his clever and fitting choice. With so many fantastic and imaginative entries, it was a tough decision, but Sherlock Bones was a stand-out and had everyone smiling.

The skeleton, which will be used in science lessons was generously funded by the Friends of Alcester Academy. We're so grateful for their support in bringing this exciting addition to our classrooms.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the competition, and congratulations to Elliot! Next time you pass Sherlock Bones in the corridor, be sure to give him a wave—just don't be surprised if he doesn't wave back!

*Mrs Passantino*



# Extra Curricular Timetable

## Spring 2025



Alcester  
Academy

### Monday

#### Lunchtime

Mathematics Matters (Yr11)- PE1  
Acoustic Group- Hut  
Y8 Book Club - LRC  
ART- A1 & A2

### Tuesday

#### Lunchtime

Pop Band- Hut  
ART- A1 & A2  
Mr Palmieri's Maths Clinic  
Y10/Y11- M1  
Learn to Crochet -  
Textiles (Student and teachers)

#### After School

European languages club -L2  
(From Spring 2)

### Wednesday

#### Lunchtime

Orchestra - Hut  
BBC Young Reporter- E1  
ART- A1 & A2  
Chess club- M3  
Y8/9 Scrabble Club - LRC

#### After school

Detective Fiction club- E6  
Cooking Club -  
Alternate weeks

### Thursday

#### Lunchtime

Young Enterprise- IT3  
Pride Group- E4  
Rock Band- Hut  
Photography Club - A1  
Year 7 Book Club - LRC  
ART- A1 & A2

#### After School

Art Club ( GCSE only)- A1 & A2  
Dance Club - Drama

### Friday

#### Lunchtime

Youth Speaking- E4  
STEM/Science- T2  
Year 11 Year book-H4  
ART- A1 & A2

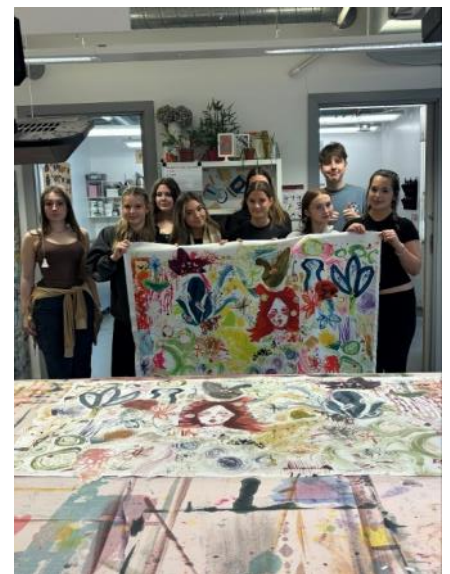
## Year 11 BCU Fashion & Textiles Trip: Exploring Pattern & Print

Year 11 students spent the day at Birmingham City University working collaboratively on a pattern and print project. Students worked in groups creating marks related to a *Forest Rave* theme. They then chose images from the original task to create a huge collage. The collage was then heat pressed onto a sheet of fabric.

It was lovely to spend the day in a university setting, touring the different workshops and seeing the work of university level students. Osian and Holly were recognised for working well collaboratively!

I'm hoping this has inspired some of our students to continue with their studies in art, fashion or textiles post GCSE.

*Miss Wincup*



## Epraise Leaderboard—for the past 7 days

### Top Students—past 7 days:

1	Fliss	7WI	Greville	33 points
1	Paige	7WI	Ragley	33 points
3	Ollie	8RO	Billesley	29 points
4	Leo	7LX	Ragley	28 points
5	Jessica	7WI	Billesley	27 points
5	Marc	7WI	Oversley	27 points
7	Rupert	7WI	Billesley	26 points
7	Theo	7WI	Greville	26 points
7	Jessica	7WI	Oversley	26 points
10	Sofia	7WI	Oversley	25 points

### Top House—past 7 days:

1	Oversley	1510 points
2	Ragley	1460 points
3	Billesley	1456 points
4	Greville	1444 points

### Top Subjects—past 7 days:

1	English	816 points
2	Maths	434 points
3	History	425 points
4	Science	394 points
5	French	332 points

### Top Staff—past 7 days:

1	Mr Rossiter	425 points
2	Mrs Gerner	383 points
3	Mrs Weatherley	306 points
4	Mr Martin	271 points
5	Miss Wincup	269 points

### Top Tutors—past 7 days:

1	7WI	565 points
2	7TN	413 points
3	7LX	317 points
4	7KO	291 points
5	7RA	288 points



## Attendance News

**Whole School Attendance this week is 94.8%**

**Top tutors this week:**

7TN with 97.6% attendance  
8NA with 98.5% attendance  
9GA with 98.1% attendance  
10PL with 95.7% attendance  
11GO with 98.3% 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).  
Thank you, Mrs Hatcher



### **February Attendance Challenge!**

**Throughout February, students with 100% attendance each week will be entered into a prize draw.**

**Every Monday, one lucky winner will be selected to receive a £25 Amazon voucher!**

**Stay committed and don't miss your chance to win!**



**If a pupil is ten minutes late to school or lessons each day, they will miss seven days of learning over a year.**



**DfE data shows that pupils with more than 95% attendance achieve better GCSE results!**



## Alcester Academy Term Dates

### SPRING TERM 2025

Half Term	Monday 17th – Friday 21st February 2025
Back to school	Monday 24th February 2025
Spring Term ends (Easter)	Friday 11th April 2025 at 12.40pm

### SUMMER TERM 2025

Summer Term begins	Monday 28th April 2025
<i>School closed</i>	<i>Friday 2nd May 2025—Teacher training day</i>
May Bank Holiday	Monday 5th May 2025
Half Term	Monday 26th – Friday 30th May 2025
Back to school	Monday 2nd June 2025
<i>School closed</i>	<i>Friday 27th June 2025—Teacher training day</i>
Summer Term ends	Friday 18th July 2025 at 12.40pm

## Parents' Evenings 2024-25

<b>Thursday 3rd April 2025</b>	Year 9 Parents' Evening SchoolCloud
<b>Thursday 1st May 2025</b>	Year 8 Options Evening. Live in school
<b>Thursday 12th June 2025</b>	Year 7 Parents' Evening SchoolCloud

SchoolCloud is the online video service

## Year 11 Revision Timetables—Week A and Week B



WEEK A	Lunch 1.50-2.20	After school 3.30-4.15
<b>Monday</b>	Biology Clinic in S6 <i>Study space - PE1</i>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Media Studies Catch Up <i>Study space - English department rooms</i> History	English
<b>Wednesday</b>	Science - sets 3 and 4 <i>Science rooms</i>	French DT Computer Science
<b>Thursday</b>	ICT (iMedia) <i>Study space - English department</i> Religious Studies	Maths German (Higher)
<b>Friday</b>	Geography intervention <i>Study space - maths department (M3)</i>	Physics triple award sets 1 and 2

WEEK B	Lunch 1.50-2.20	After school 3.30-4.15
<b>Monday</b>	<i>Study space - PE1</i>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Media Studies Catch Up Chemistry clinic in S1 <i>Study space - English department rooms</i> History	Art/photography for exam prep
<b>Wednesday</b>	Science - sets 1 and 2	French DT Computer Science
<b>Thursday</b>	ICT (iMedia) <i>Study space - English department</i> Religious Studies	German (Foundation) Art/photography for exam prep
<b>Friday</b>	Geography intervention <i>Study space - maths department (M3)</i>	Physics triple award sets 1 and 2

These timetables may be subject to change.

### Saturday School dates

Saturday 1st March and Saturday 8th March—  
with subject sessions to be  
confirmed.

## \* SPORTS NEWS \* SPORTS NEWS \*

### Fixture Round Up Year 8 Rugby v Shipston



Last week our year 8 rugby team travelled over to Shipston RFC to take on Shipston High in the second of a double header against the school this academic year. The boys showed some fantastic progress from the first match and played some incredibly positive rugby. Their tackling was noticeably improved, with several players putting in strong, clean hits to prevent Shipston from gaining ground.

I wanted to highlight the leadership shown by Oli, who captained the team for the fixture and really led by example on the field of play. The team came away with 8 tries in total without conceding which highlights the tremendous defensive efforts and teamwork demonstrated throughout the match. Our Gloucester Rugby coach will be back at Alcester Academy next half term when we gain the light back to continue with our school rugby players.

### Year 10 Basketball v St Benedict's



Our year 10 basketball team played out a competitive match versus St. Benedict's this week. The lads played incredibly well in the fixture with some excellent teamwork. While the final score didn't go our way, it wasn't a reflection on the closeness of the game, and we are proud of the team's effort and the positive style of basketball they tried to play on court.

The boys demonstrated great sportsmanship and never gave up, battling for every possession. This performance provides a strong foundation for future games and as they progress towards U16 basketball next year. Many thanks to Mr Powell for giving up his time to take the lads for this fixture.

### And good luck...

To Morgan who is in a competitive swimming gala in Lisbon, Portugal over the weekend.

*Mr Moffatt*

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**\*\*THIS WEEKS SPORT\*\*:**  
W/B 10/2/25



Day	Extra-Curricular Club & Staff	Location
Monday	No clubs – Staff meeting	
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Year 7 Girls Football tournament – MO and PE	SS (Astro)
Thursday		



**SPRING 1 LUNCHTIME**  
**SPORT**



- Lunchtime sports clubs to start w/b Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Lunchtime sport will follow a set timetable each half-term and run from 1.45-2.15pm (4:1)
- PE kit is not required to participate but you must have suitable footwear to be allowed into the gym

w/b	MON- NA	THURS - MO
13/1	KS4 Basketball	Y11 Indoor Football
20/1	KS3 Basketball	Y11 Indoor Football
27/1	KS4 Basketball	Y11 Indoor Football
3/2	KS3 Basketball	Y11 Indoor Football

# CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY



**PLAYERS WANTED**  
**U13-U16 AGE GROUPS**

**MATCHES ON SATURDAYS IN THE CENTRAL  
WARWICKSHIRE GIRLS FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
**TRAINING ON MONDAYS**  
**SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST**



**STRATFORD THUNDERBIRDS**  
NETBALL CLUB  
WARWICKSHIRE'S MOST SUCCESSFUL NETBALL CLUB

## JOIN US



### Summer Season Open Trials

PERFORMANCE AND DEVELOPMENT PATHWAYS

TRAIN AT STRATFORD GIRLS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL OR THE CROFT PREP

PLAY COMPETITIVE MATCHES AND TOURNAMENTS

**Saturday 8 February**  
**Stratford Girls' Grammar School, CV37 9HA**

- 9.00 am - 10.30 am: Year 3, 4, 5
- 10.40 am - 12.10 pm: Year 6 & 7
- 12.20 pm - 1.50 pm: Year 8 / 9 / 10 (Beginners)
- 2.00 pm - 3.30 pm: Year 8 / 9 / 10 (Intermediate)
- 3.40 pm - 5.10 pm: Year 8 / 9 / 10 (Performance)

**WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY CHAMPIONS | WEST MIDLANDS REGIONAL CHAMPIONS | ENGLAND NETBALL NATIONAL FINALISTS | 4 X INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS 2024 | 30+ JUNIOR TEAMS**

LATE TRIALS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT ATTEND ABOVE TIMES  
U6, U7, U16, SNRS GET IN TOUCH DIRECTLY TO ARRANGE A TRIAL

REGISTER VIA LINK:  
[BIT.LY/THUNDERBIRDSTRIALS](https://bit.ly/thunderbirdstrials)

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**40% OFF**  
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WARWICK CASTLE IS OFFERING  
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FEBRUARY HALF TERM AND  
SATURDAYS). YOU CAN FIND ALL  
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## WE CARE WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT CARE.



Alcester Town Council is working with Coventry & Warwickshire Integrated Care System to help decision makers understand the health and social care needs and challenges facing our community.

Help us to improve health and social care in Alcester and across Warwickshire by taking part in this important research.

### HOW TO TAKE PART

#### ONLINE

Access the survey online at <https://www.alcester-tc.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/integrated-care-in-rural-communities/>

Scan the QR code for the survey

#### ON PAPER

Alcester Town Council will publish this survey in the Spring edition of our Newsletter. Secure collection boxes are available at Alcester Library

#### IN PERSON

Alcester Town Council will be attending local community group meetings.

Contact Wendy about a visit.  
[info@alcester-tc.gov.uk](mailto:info@alcester-tc.gov.uk)



### FIND OUT MORE

Visit <https://www.alcester-tc.gov.uk> for information about the research, meetings or to arrange a visit.

For more information about the Integrated Care System in Coventry and Warwickshire, visit [www.happyhealthylives.uk](http://www.happyhealthylives.uk)



## SPEND



Support for Parents of children with Educational needs, Neurodivergence and Difficulties.

*SPEND is a monthly parent/carer support group for people caring for children with additional needs who feel isolated or overwhelmed in Alcester, Bidford, Studley and surrounding villages.*



*Come and spend time with people who understand.*

**NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2025 - 9.45-11.15AM  
AND ON THE 2ND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH**

The Depot, Eric Payne Community Centre  
off St Faith's Road, Alcester, B496AG

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**JUNIOR BAKE OFF**  
 ... IS LOOKING FOR BRILLIANT BAKERS, AGES 9-14  
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 APPLICATIONS CLOSE  
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 Enquiries:  
[applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk](mailto:applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk)

Stratford Youth Theatre Stratford Youth Theatre Presents:

# A MONSTER CALLS

BASED ON THE NOVEL BY PATRICK NESS

**19TH TO 22ND FEBRUARY**

At The Bear Pit Theatre

SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK TICKETS ONLINE



OR VISIT THE BEAR PIT WEBSITE

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 Look after the pennies with **FREE** cost of living workshops

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**ARE YOU IN CONTROL OF YOUR SPENDING?**  
 Make the most of your money and develop good saving and budgeting habits

Venue:  
**Eric Payne Community Centre**  
 6 Saint Faith's Road,  
 Alcester, B49 6AQ

The following **Thursdays**:  
 6 March 2025 - 1pm - 3pm  
 13 March 2025 - 1pm - 3pm  
 20 March 2025 - 1pm - 3pm

attend all sessions and get a £25 shopping voucher\*

To reserve your place, contact:  
 Tim Forman on 01789 766084  
 Email: ATC office [office@alcester-tc.gov.uk](mailto:office@alcester-tc.gov.uk)  
<https://cwcda.co.uk/community-services/money-money-maths/>



SKILLS FOR LIFE MULTIPLY MONEY MATHS Warwickshire County Council cda

\* To be eligible for a voucher you must be a Warwickshire resident and have a Level 2 or below in Maths

# Holiday Lunch Club

**FREE FOOD FOR KIDS!**

Wednesday 19th February  
 12:30pm - 1:30pm

FIRST COME FIRST SERVED!  
 WHEN IT'S GONE, IT'S GONE!

at the Depot,  
 Eric Payne Community Centre  
 off St Faiths Road  
 Alcester B49 6AG



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M&S | YOUNGMINDS



## Young Designer Competition

CALLING ALL YOUNG CREATIVES!

Create a winning design for our 2025 YoungMinds  
Hello Yellow kidswear collection



### IT'S TIME TO LET YOUR IMAGINATION SHINE!

We're looking for inspiring designs to feature on two special pieces in our 2025 YoungMinds Hello Yellow kidswear collection – on a yellow sweatshirt and a yellow hoodie that will be sold in M&S stores and online.

So what would you say to a friend who needs you? How would you brighten their day? Whether it's words, drawings, or doodles, we're looking for something that stands out and reminds everyone that one chat can change everything.

If you're aged 5-11 or 12-16, we'd love to see your ideas. You can design a hoodie or a sweatshirt, and we'll choose two lucky winners (one winner from each age category). The winners have their designs featured on our Hello Yellow pieces, with all profits supporting YoungMinds.

Be bold, be bright, and put what's inside on the outside. Good Luck!

To enter, ask your parent or guardian to upload your entry by 11.59pm on 31 March 2025.



<https://mnsyoungdesignercompetition.powerappsportals.com/>



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**What do I do next?**  
**Our recruitment process opens in January 2025**

Visit Facebook, X or our website for more information about the cadets!

 @WarksCadets    
  Warwickshire Police Cadets

 [www.warwickshire.police.uk/cadets](http://www.warwickshire.police.uk/cadets)

**You need live or school in Warwickshire and be aged 13-16 on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025**  
**Please register your interest with us at the email address below, we will then contact you when our recruitment process opens again on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025**  
**Email : [cadets@warwickshire.police.uk](mailto:cadets@warwickshire.police.uk)**

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# Multiply

**FREE AIR FRYER!**  
WHEN YOU COMPLETE THE MULTIPLY PROGRAMME!

**SKILLS FOR LIFE MULTIPLY**

*Join our fantastic new hands on Cooking Programme with a twist... Cooking Counts!*

Eligibility: 19+ and living in Warwickshire.

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**JOIN OUR FANTASTIC NEW HANDS ON COOKING PROGRAMME WITH A TWIST...COOKING COUNTS!**

**SKILLS FOR LIFE MULTIPLY**

**COOKING ON BUDGET, SHOPPING, MAKING INGREDIENTS STRETCH**  
Learn how to plan meals based on a budget.

**COOKING, MEASUREMENTS, AND TIME**  
Put what you have planned into practice and cook your ingredients during the course.

**FINANCES AND SAVING MONEY ON FOOD**  
Work out how to save money on recipes and ingredients.  
**Plus develop your knowledge and understanding in:**

- How to plan and prepare meals based on a budget
- Finances and saving money on food
- Cooking on a budget-shop
- Recipes and ingredients
- Measurements and time
- Healthy Eating

**PLUS, FREE BREAKFAST EVERY DAY!**  
 Date: Tuesday 11th March, then 17th, 24th, 25th and 31st of March  
 Time: 10.30am to 2.30pm Location: Eric Payne Community Centre, St. Faiths Road, Alcester, B49 6AG

**DON'T MISS THIS AMAZING FREE OPPORTUNITY**  
 APPLY NOW, Call: 024 7531 1814 or email: [leanersupport@pet-xi.co.uk](mailto:leanersupport@pet-xi.co.uk)

Eligibility: 19+ and living in Warwickshire.

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**STRATFORD TOWN ACADEMY** 

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER

FULL TIME 16-19 FOOTBALL & EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

**GIRLS**  
Talent identification & open day  
**FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY**  
Girls 14:00-16:00  
Presentation & technical training session

*#BardleyArmy*

academy@stratfordtownfc.co.uk

STRATFORD TOWN FC  
KNIGHTS LANE, TIDDINGTON, STRATFORD UPON AVON, CV37 7BZ



## NEW referral route for our children and young people's social groups

Groups are safe spaces for 7-18 year olds to connect with others, talk about different topics, and take part in activities without the need to mask.



Scan the QR for more details and to refer.

(024) 7601 2333  
casspartnership.org.uk  
navigation@casspartnership.org.uk



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