

Alcester Academy Weekly BULLETIN



7th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Good afternoon. Isn't it lovely to see some sunshine out over recent days? I hope that you have had some opportunity to enjoy this as Spring unfolds.



We had a busy Saturday School with year 11 last weekend and I want to say how proud we all are of our year 10 Rotary Youth Speaks team; Faith (Oversley), Eshal

(Billesley) and Molly (Ragley) who competed, and Alice (Greville) in the same year group, who was our Young Chef entrant.

The competition continued at Bishop Ullathorne in Coventry against sixth form teams from other schools. Staff have written in more detail about this later on in this edition.

This week continued with many more opportunities to include the traditional pancake races in Alcester on Tuesday. Our students were lucky enough to spend time alongside the High Bailiff, Tracy Parkes with the Court Leet, and the Mayor of Alcester; Councillor Mike Bowe.

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ROTARY **YOUNG CHEF** COMPETITION



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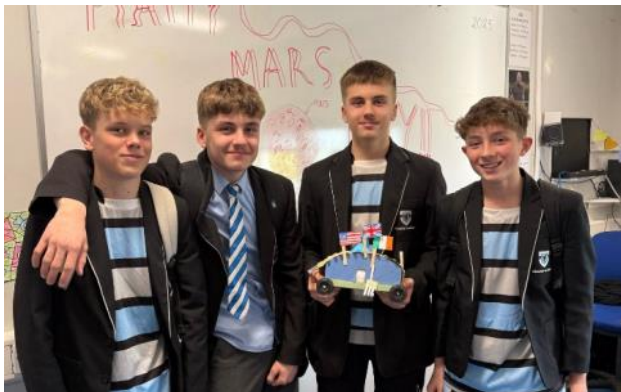
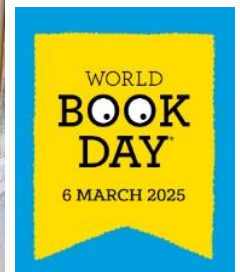


PANCAKE RACES 2025

We also managed to meet the on site reporter from BBC Midlands Today and get a feature on the news on Tuesday evening. The students that Miss Wincup and Mrs Timofte took into Alcester were just wonderful ambassadors for the school.

awesome World Book Day yesterday! Tutor doors were decorated in such a fabulous way to commemorate this special day. SLT all joined in this year. It was so enjoyable with a healthy load of competition thrown into the mix between us all!

For information, those students interested in being part of this race each year, sign up to become involved. We always take willing volunteers and have such a great time together. It was fabulous to see our school alliance friends, AGS involved this year too.



We held a MARS STEM opportunity this week for year 9s, and a trip to Ragley Hall in conjunction with LEAF Education, before we even begin talking about our



Children's Book Project

This was a good link that I heard about this week if you have unused books to donate to other families <https://childrensbookproject.co.uk/families-and-individuals/>. I certainly will be using this.



What is LEAF Education?

[About Us | LEAF \(Linking Environment and Farming\)](#)

LEAF Education, in partnership with our members, work to engage, inspire and motivate young people and wider society to be conscious consumers who feel empowered to make decisions that ensures we have a world that is growing, eating, and living sustainably. We work across the education and agricultural sectors to mobilise farmers and educators to bring food production, farming and the environment into a learning context and embed an appreciation of farming into everyday life.

In other news



Many congratulations to the year 6s who received their offers of places at the Academy on Monday. We have already sent the first welcome letter, and details of the Year 6 Summer School running in July. We are as excited as I hope the students all are.

I regret that Bidford families have had to relay their frustration in the *Stratford Herald* recently regarding limited Alcester Academy school places, and I promise that I will continue to do all that I can, alongside governors, to seek additional funding to have space for extra children. As the article reported last week, I have already tried so many different avenues to date over a number of years now. The governors and I strongly believe that we are a community school that should serve the local area for families.

[Frustrated families in Bidford area face fight to get their children a Year 7 place in a local school of their choice](#)

Parent Survey

We have now received 271 responses from parents in years 7, 9, 10,11. This will be released to year 8 parents soon.

Dealing with difficult situations in school

I want to convey my sincere thanks to parents when we have to call you or see you under more challenging situations. In the majority, you are always very understanding and considerate. On occasion lately, I have been concerned with responses where parents have shown anger towards staff, and I ask that the same guidelines apply with school as you now see in public spaces, or other professional workspaces, regarding polite conduct. Often the staff members communicating with you are relaying difficult updates or messages that might well be frustrating to hear, but we always appreciate your support in order to resolve these situations positively. There is a school document, endorsed fully by governors, outlining parental expectations [Parent Code of Conduct Policy](#)

I noted the national headline this week citing 82% of senior leaders in schools enduring some kind of parental abuse and I consider, that in the main, we all try to work together very collaboratively for the benefit of the students. Thank you all. I don't take this for granted ever.

In our survey currently, 93% of parents in year 7, 9, 10 and 11 say that they would recommend the school to another parent. I do positively invite the eighteen parents who wouldn't recommend our school to another parent to contact me and let me know why not. Nine of these responses came from year 10 parents. The results are then all anonymous.

Attendance

Your careful attention to student school attendance is valued very much indeed. We're still optimistic to reach 95% as a minimum for the whole school on a more regular basis moving forward. This week, you see on p16 that we are 92.6%.

D of E Meeting

It was good to see year 10 parents who attended the D of E virtual meeting on Wednesday. If you have any queries following this, please direct these to Miss Buckthorp. I'm delighted that Mrs Helen Harrison is able to support this work in school for us.



Year 11 Saturday School

I continue to be grateful to staff for running the Saturday Schools. This is a very unique aspect of life at the Academy. Tomorrow, there is an English session starting at 9am, with French and German foundation speaking groups after that, starting at 10.45am.



There is an additional Saturday School on 15th March for year 11 performing artists. Miss Sacco will message with separate details of this. The numbers of students in attendance last Saturday was incredible. We were so proud of them! Thank you to parents for helping to facilitate students getting to, and from Saturday Schools in order to help us make a real difference to future opportunities.

Mocks continue into next week at school. So too, do 3:2 days therefore.



Year 11 Alcester Rugby Team

Thank you all for your kindness and compassion last Sunday lads. The staff are very proud of you all.

Year 10 and 11 Volunteers Needed

The Community Fridge in Alcester is currently looking for year 10 and 11 volunteers, on Sunday evenings from 5.45-6.45pm. It would suit D of E volunteering criteria.



The Community Fridge is also open to volunteers who are school leavers or other adults with spare time.

Please contact: alcesterfridges@gmail.com or through FB Alcester Community Fridge.

Finally...

Thinking ahead to next week, our year 11 musicians have their controlled assessment day, and we are celebrating British Science Week in school.



And so, to wish you all a restful weekend. Like many of you I'm certain, my garden is crying out for some attention and so I do hope that the weather holds out and I can have enough time to start to make a bit of a positive difference in readiness for some warmer times ahead.

Best wishes

Mrs Sarah Mellors—Headteacher

PARENTS-SAVE THE DATE

Coffee Morning
Monday 17th March
 Drop in 9.30-10.30am

In the build-up to World Autism Acceptance Week, Lucy Clarke from Send Supported will be joining parents for an informal session to discuss any of your questions on autism or other neurodiverse conditions.

Contact Mrs Bush for further details:

anitabush@alcesteracademy.org.uk



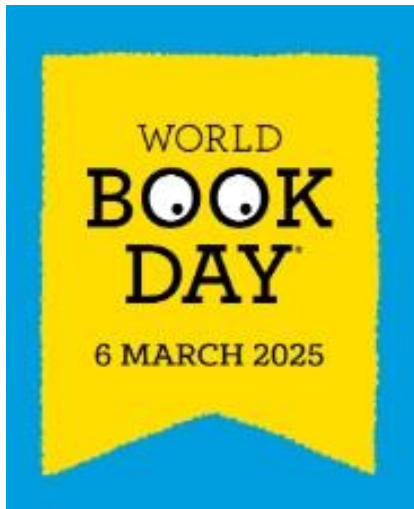
SEND Supported



World Autism Acceptance Week
 2 - 8 April 2024

I'm supporting

World Autism Acceptance Week



World Book Day 2025

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day. World Book Day is a charity promoting the importance of reading, and this day acts as a global celebration of reading and books that we are fortunate enough to have access to. This year's theme was *Read your Way* and it was a truly memorable day for all!

We had some outstanding book character costumes from year 7 and year 8 students, (as well as staff!) It was great to see so many involved.

Mrs Hands sent out her annual *World Book Day Quiz* in tutor time. Congratulations to 8RO and 10BI on winning this for KS3 and KS4. Mrs Hands also had a brilliant display of favourite staff books in the LRC.

Miss Lewis received brilliant entries for the House Competition. The deadline for this is Friday 21st March. Please see Miss Lewis (E1) if you want any more information on this.

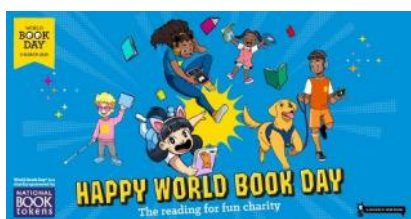
The *Decorate-the-Door* competition has become very competitive amongst staff and students this week. They look truly outstanding!

The winners of this were:

**3rd place =
Hub 1/Friendship room**

**2nd place =
Miss Lee with 7LX**

**1st place =
Miss Radbourne with 7RA**





Well done to all. Mrs Mellors and Mr Cooke also became competitive with their doors—Mr Cooke's even had sound effects!

Students in year 7 and 8 also completed their scavenger hunts throughout the Academy. The winners of this will receive points for their house.

Staff also read excerpts from their favourite books throughout lessons on Thursday. This was a great way to promote a culture of reading throughout the Academy.

We all had a brilliant day celebrating all things reading! Look out for our *BBC Young Reporter's* article on the day in next week's bulletin. We will also be sending out a Google Form to be filled in to allow us to understand and further support you in promoting reading at home.

Miss Lewis—Whole School Literacy Lead



Year 9 Students Explore Farming Careers at Ragley Hall

On Tuesday, as part of National Careers Week 2025, year 9 students were invited to a *Focus on Farming* event held at Ragley Hall. The event which had been organised by Leaf Education, (linking environment and farming), was designed to showcase a wide variety of careers relating to food, farming, environment, science and technology.

With the sun shining, students visited three different areas of the Ragley estate. We began our morning on the Ragley farm estate, where students participated in a variety of workshops. These showcased activities around subjects such as water conservation, local crop production and how our food waste is utilised by Severn Trent to name but a few.

We then progressed to *Bodgers Cabin* where students talked to the *Arden Forest Honey* bee collector about his business. Students were able

to see how the meat produced on site is butchered, before listening to the Ragley foresters talk about their career paths. As a former Alcester Academy student, Ted's apprenticeship journey was most interesting! With the chance to cuddle new-born lambs before lunch, what more could we have wished for?

The afternoon ended with a post-16 fair which was made all the more special for seeing Zac (year 11), showcasing his apprenticeship which starts in September with Limebridge Rural Services. Congratulations Zac! Food tasting with local producers ended what had been one of the most successful fairs the Academy has been involved with. We would like to thank Liz and the Leaf Education team and Ragley Estates for all their hard work, along with the many providers that supported the event. A truly superb day for all!

Miss Bartlett



Congratulations to Alice on her success in the Rotary Young Chef Competition 2025!

A big well done to Alice (Greville) for her participation in the Rotary Young Chef Competition 2025! Alice displayed impressive effort and skill in preparing her Chicken and Broccoli Alfredo with homemade pasta and Panna Cotta. Alice stepped up to plan and create her own menu, competing against others in a competitive competition.



Rotary **YOUNG CHEF** **COMPETITION**

Competing takes courage, and we're proud of Alice for stepping up and showcasing her culinary abilities.

Mr Tuckey—DT Teacher

Youth Speaks Team Shines at District Final!

On Saturday 1st March, our school's Youth Speaks team, comprising Faith (Oversley), Eshal (Billesley), and Molly (Ragley), participated in the District Final of the Youth Speaks competition. This prestigious event saw our talented students compete against four other schools, with participants aged between 14 and 17 years.

The team delivered a meticulously rehearsed speech and demonstrated exceptional poise in responding to a particularly challenging question posed by a member of the audience. Their performance not only showcased their eloquence, but also reflected the hard work and dedication put

forth in preparation for this heat of the competition.

Despite their commendable efforts and strong presentation skills, the coveted title ultimately went to President Kennedy School, who emerged as the winners of this heat of the competition.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Faith, Eshal, and Molly for their outstanding contribution and for representing our school with such exemplary grace and professionalism. We are immensely proud of their achievements.

Mrs Gorner—English Teacher

ROTARY **YOUTH SPEAKS** **PUBLIC SPEAKING** **COMPETITION**



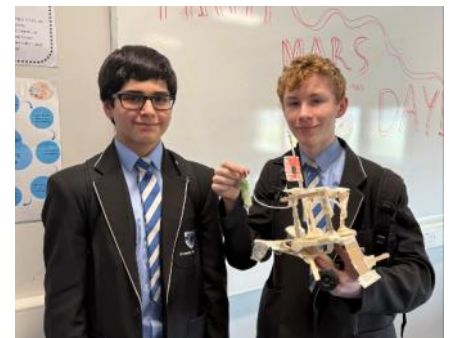
Mars Day 2025: Year 9 Students Design Rover Prototypes

Tuesday 4th March marked this years official Mars Day hosted by ESERO-UK. A day all about celebrating the planet Mars with activities, talks and Q&As.

A group of 34 year 9 students took part in re-researching, planning and designing a Mars rover prototype which was required to collect, store and deposit samples for research into life on Mars.

They had to consider many aspects of space exploration such as the terrain the rover would be driving over, mechanical structures to collect the samples, as well as how they would control the rover from Earth. At the end of their session, pupils delivered a 30 second pitch to Mr Cooke who concluded Ethan, Dexter and Rudy's rover was the winner due to its well thought out design, and the detailed scientific language they used to explain how it would carry out its mission. Well done all!

Miss Radbourne



Year 11 Revision Timetables—Week A and Week B



WEEK A	Lunch 1.50-2.20	After school 3.30-4.15
Monday	Biology Clinic in S6 <i>Study space - PE1</i>	
Tuesday	Media Studies Catch Up <i>Study space - English department rooms</i> History	English
Wednesday	Science - sets 3 and 4 <i>Science rooms</i>	French DT Computer Science
Thursday	ICT (iMedia) <i>Study space - English department</i> Religious Studies	Maths German (Higher)
Friday	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
Monday	<i>Study space - PE1</i>	
Tuesday	Media Studies Catch Up Chemistry clinic in S1 <i>Study space - English department rooms</i> History	Art/photography for exam prep
Wednesday	Science - sets 1 and 2	French DT Computer Science
Thursday	ICT (iMedia) <i>Study space - English department</i> Religious Studies	German (Foundation) Art/photography for exam prep
Friday	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

Saturday 8th March 2025

English 9am - 10:30am

French and German

foundation speaking 10:45am - 12:15pm

Attendance News

Whole School Attendance this week is 92.6%

Top tutors this week:

Year 7 with 94.5% attendance

Year 8 with 96.4% attendance

Year 9 with 91.4% attendance

Year 10 with 86.2% attendance

Year 11 with 94.2% 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. Thank you, *Mrs Hatcher*



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

Spring Term ends (Easter) Friday 11th April 2025 at 12.40pm

SUMMER TERM 2025

Summer Term begins Monday 28th April 2025

School closed *Friday 2nd May 2025—Teacher training day*

May Bank Holiday Monday 5th May 2025

Half Term Monday 26th – Friday 30th May 2025

Back to school Monday 2nd June 2025

School closed *Friday 27th June 2025—Teacher training day*

Summer Term ends Friday 18th July 2025 at 12.40pm

Flipping to Victory: Our Students Shine in the Pancake Races!

A huge congratulations to our fantastic Pancake Race runners! Eleven students from years 7 and 8 proudly represented our school in the annual town races. Six of them celebrated sweet success, winning Easter eggs for placing first, second, and third.

Adding to the excitement, four of our students had the incredible opportunity to be interviewed by the BBC and appeared on *Midlands Today* later that evening.

Accompanied by Miss Wincup and Mrs Timofte, our students were outstanding ambassadors for the school, demonstrating enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and pride. *Miss Wincup*



"FRIENDS"
OF
ALCESTER ACADEMY



Bottle Donations

Can you spare any bottles for our bottle tombola
at the Street Market on Sunday 8th June?

<i>Wine</i>	<i>Olive Oil</i>
<i>Beer</i>	<i>Vinegar</i>
<i>Spirits</i>	<i>Sauces</i>
<i>Pop</i>	<i>Shampoo</i>
<i>Squash</i>	<i>Perfume</i>

Donations can be brought into the school office anytime.



Easter BINGO

FRIDAY 4TH APRIL

@ ALCESTER ACADEMY

 DOORS OPEN 18:30	 EYES DOWN 19:00
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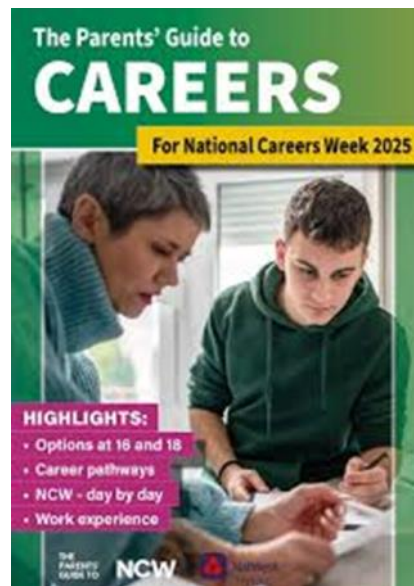
TICKETS AVAILABLE: FRIENDSOFAA.SUMUPSTORE.COM

Support National Careers Week: Free Guides for Parents



For parents wishing to support National Careers Week discussions in school this week, please use the following link to obtain your free copy of the attached publications.

<https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/nationalcareersweek>



The Universal Destinations Platform—Unifrog

To support National Careers Week in school, year 7 have begun to create Unifrog accounts.

Unifrog is a one-stop-shop where students can easily explore their interests, then find and successfully apply for their next best step after school.

Unifrog will help students to explore their key interests and what career paths they can take to reach their goals! It is a platform that many post-16 providers use and Academy students will be able to continue to build their profiles even after they leave in year 11.

These accounts are also accessible from home!

Miss Bartlett—Careers Co-ordinator

What is unifrog?
A one-stop-shop for getting in.



How does it help?
Unifrog empowers students and teachers.

Trip to Paris 

22nd-25th May 2026

Join us on our trip to Paris and you will:

- Stay at a French Chateau with your friends
- Visit Disneyland Paris
- Discover the city of Paris 

Cost: £645

Places being released this week

Open to current Year 9, and then Year 8. 45 places

Year 9 MFL Paris Trip Opportunity!


The MFL faculty would like to offer all year 9 students who study GCSE German or French the opportunity to participate in our trip to Paris next year. Information has been emailed out to year 9 MFL students. The


trip will involve activities such as climbing the Eiffel Tower, a boat trip down the Seine and a day at Disneyland Paris. If you have any further questions please contact Mrs Weatherley.





The **Required Practicals Workbooks** for **Biology, Chemistry, and Physics** are

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Dates for your diary

Year 11 Saturday School—Saturday 8th March
 International Science Week—starting Monday 10th March
 Year 11 music controlled assessment—Thursday 13th March
 Year 9 SLD Trust Me—Friday 14th March
 Year 8 Geologise Theatre—Monday 17th March
 Year 11 final school photos—Tuesday 18th March
 Year 8 maths races day—Tuesday 18th March and Wednesday 19th March
 Year 10 SLD Safe & Sound—Wednesday 19th March
 International Read to Me Day—Wednesday 19th March
 Year 11 St Augustine's 6th form interviews—Thursday 20th March
 Year 10 Food Trip—Friday 21st March
 Year 7 Exam Focus Week—starting Monday 24th March
 Rock Academy Acoustic Night—Tuesday 25th March
 Year 11 STEM Trip to Silverstone—Wednesday 26th March
 Berlin Trip—departing Thursday 27th March
 Year 9 Parents' Evening—Thursday 3rd April
 Friends of Alcester Academy Bingo Night—Friday 4th April
 Year 11 PA external assessment—starting Thursday 3rd April
 Year 11 MFL speaking exams—starting Monday 7th April
 Year 8 SLD Talking Heads—Tuesday 8th April
 Year 11 AGS 6th form interviews—Wednesday 9th April
 Year 11 David Hyner visit—Thursday 10 April
 Sports Awards Night—Thursday 10th April

This is not the complete list of events by any means.

Parents' Evenings 2024-25

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

SchoolCloud is the online video service

Vacancy—Examination Invigilators Alcester Academy

£12.82 per hour, claimed monthly



The ability to work in a team, under direction, and to communicate effectively are essential. Invigilators will be required to conduct examinations in accordance with the JCQ and the academy's regulations and will play a key role in upholding the integrity of the examination process. Alcester Academy runs a number of examination series during the academic year and would expect flexible availability during these times, dates available on request.

If you are interested in this post please visit the academy website for an application form. Alcester Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A DBS check is required for appointment to this post.

If you would prefer an informal chat before applying please email: lyndseykirby@alcesteracademy.org.uk and we can either put you in touch with an existing invigilator or arrange a phone call with the Exams Manager.

Deadline for applications – Friday 7th March 2025

Interviews will be held soon after. Applicants must be available for at least 5 sessions (morning/afternoon) per week during the following exam seasons:

Monday 3rd – Wednesday 12th March – Year 11 Mocks

Monday 28th April – Friday 4th July – Year 11 GCSEs and Year 10 Internal Exams

There will be other ad hoc opportunities during the spring and summer terms.

[ADVERT ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE](#)

TEXT ACADEMY
Report incidents of bullying, theft,
cyber issues, crime or anti-social behaviour

Text your message to 07563130478 and one of the team will be in touch

I'm being bullied - I don't know what to do -
text your message to: 07563130478
or
email your message to:
textacademy@alcesteracademy.org.uk

07563130478

Epraise Leaderboard—for the past 7 days

Top Students—past 7 days:

1	Faith	10PL	Oversley	49 points
2	Molly	10BW	Ragley	44 points
3	Alice	10MA	Greville	42 points
4	Eshal	10MA	Billesley	38 points
5	Evie	8RO	Greville	28 points
6	Ollie	10MO	Oversley	26 points
6	Marianne	8SO	Oversley	26 points
8	Iris	11MR	Billesley	25 points
8	Immy	10PL	Greville	25 points
10	Dylan	7WI	Billesley	24 points

Top House—past 7 days:

1	Oversley	1676 points
2	Greville	1675 points
3	Billesley	1652 points
4	Ragley	1581 points

Top Subjects—past 7 days:

1	Science	719 points
2	English	647 points
3	Maths	550 points
4	History	345 points
5	French	333 points

Top Staff—past 7 days:

1	Mrs Marshall	413 points
1	Mrs Hirji	413 points
3	Mr Martin	366 points
4	Mr Rossiter	345 points
5	Mrs Weatherley	333 points

Top Tutors—past 7 days:

1	11MR	393 points
2	7TN	333 points
3	7KO	319 points
4	8AN	314 points
5	8RO	309 points



Part Time Teacher of IT/Computer Science

0.3-0.6 MPS/UPS + TLR Subject to experience

Closing date – Friday 14th March 2025

Interview date to be set

Starting Date – 1st September 2025

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This is an exciting opportunity for a committed teacher of ICT/Computer Science. In year 7 pupils learn how to use ICT for presentation, research, modelling, multimedia and coding activities. This is achieved through one formal lesson each week. The knowledge, skills and understanding that pupils gain is also applied to other areas of the curriculum where ICT is used extensively. In year 8 pupils continue to develop their creative and problem solving skills and gain relevant experience to help prepare for their option choices. This is achieved through two lessons of ICT each week during year 8. Throughout year 7 and 8 pupils complete a range of interactive homework tasks each week independently using Google Classroom, and other online creative problem-solving activities.

During our three-year KS4 structure at Alcester Academy, two optional pathways are available in ICT and Computer Science; OCR Cambridge National in Creative iMedia (Levels 1&2), and OCR GCSE Computer Science. Pupils are encouraged to choose the pathway most appropriate to their ability and interests. Google Classroom is used extensively for both option choices, to deliver lesson and homework content.

The ICT and Computer Science department at Alcester Academy is proud of the progress pupils make. Courses delivered in recent years have been extremely successful. During 2024 pupils achieved: iMedia P+ = 88% D/D* = 50% and Computer Science 4+ = 89% 7+ = 44%. The successful applicant will be an outstanding classroom practitioner. We are particularly interested in candidates who revel in promoting a real interest in ICT and Computer Science.

The deadline for applications is Friday 14th March 2025 at 12 noon

Interviews: TBC Starting: 1st September 2025

Alcester Academy reserve the right to appoint before the deadline for a suitable candidate. We reserve the right to follow up references provided in person. We do encourage interested candidates to come and visit the school before making an application.

If you have any questions with regard to this vacancy, please contact Sarah Mellors, head@alcesteracademy.org.uk. We look forward to receiving your application.

Alcester Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Enhanced DBS disclosure is required for appointment to this post.

For shortlisted candidates, please be aware that online searches may be done as part of due diligence check.



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Opportunity: Year 7, 8 and 9 Rugby



A brilliant opportunity has arisen for students in years 7, 8 and 9 to receive expert rugby coaching from Gloucester Rugby coaches on a Wednesday after school during this half term. This opportunity is open to all experience and ability and will take place on the school field each Wednesday from 3.30-4.30pm.

Speak to Mr Moffatt for more information and to register your interest.

This Week's Sport

Day	Extra-Curricular Club & Staff	Location
Monday	Staff meeting – No clubs	
Tuesday	Year 7 Football Practise Archery Club (Selected)	Field Gym
Wednesday	U16 Rugby v South Bromsgrove Year 7, 8 and 9 Rugby – Gloucester coach	South Bromsgrove School Field
Thursday	Year 9 Football v St. Benedict's U15 SW Netball tournament	St. Benedict's Stratford School

Lunchtime Sport

w/b	MON- NA	THURS- MO
3/3	KS4 Basketball	Y11 Indoor Football
10/3	KS3 Basketball	Y11 Indoor Football
17/3	KS4 Basketball	Y11 Indoor Football
24/3	KS3 Basketball	Y11 Indoor Football
31/3	KS4 Basketball	Y11 Indoor Football

- Lunchtime sports clubs to start w/b Wednesday 3rd March on a Monday and Thursday
- 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

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Student Spotlight: Morgan (year 10, Billesley) Swimming

Congratulations to Morgan in year 10 who recently competed at an international swimming event held in Portugal. Qualifying for the event was a fantastic achievement for Morgan and the opportunity to compete internationally against elite level competition was a fantastic achievement.



Day 1 saw Morgan complete in three solid swims in 50 Freestyle, 50 Breast and 200 IM. The highlight was a really impressive breaststroke leg in the 200 IM from Morgan. Day 2 saw Morgan compete in the 100 Breaststroke, 100 Freestyle and 50 Butterfly. The national swimming venue at Lisbon is very nice and is quite close to the coast which provided a brilliant facility for all swimmers.

Will (year 10, Oversley) Athletics

Good luck to Will who will be competing at the UK Final Indoor Multi-Event Competition, held in Sheffield this weekend. Will has been working hard in training and his performances have led to him being selected to attend this level of competition. During the weekend he will compete against the highest standard of athletes from across the UK.



The competition includes long jump, high jump, shot putt, 60m, 60m hurdles, 1000m and pole vault. We wish Will the best of luck in all events as he looks to achieve PBs in all seven events.

This Week's Sport: Year 9 Football v Studley

Our year 9 team returned to the field to take on strong U14 opponents in Studley High this week. In an entertaining match with 6 goals scored, our year 9s were beaten 4-2 at the final whistle. The game was an incredible even contest but some decisive finishing from the Studley team handed them victory on this occasion. Well done to all selected to represent the school in this sporting fixture.

U13 Netball Tournament

Well done to all who represented our year 8 netball team in the South Warwickshire tournament held at Stratford School last week. The girls battled to a 5th place finish on the evening with lots of fun had by all! Many thanks to Mr Powell and Mrs Marshall for taking our U13 girls to this event and giving up their Monday evening.



Year 8 Football v St. Benedict's

Our year 8 team returned to action to face St. Benedict's. In a tight first half with very little between the two teams and no goals scored, the emphasis on a quick second half was spoken about at half-time. The lads did exactly this scoring a well worked team goal early on in the second half period before adding another goal to secure a thoroughly deserved 0-2 win! Well done to all selected to represent the school in this fixture.



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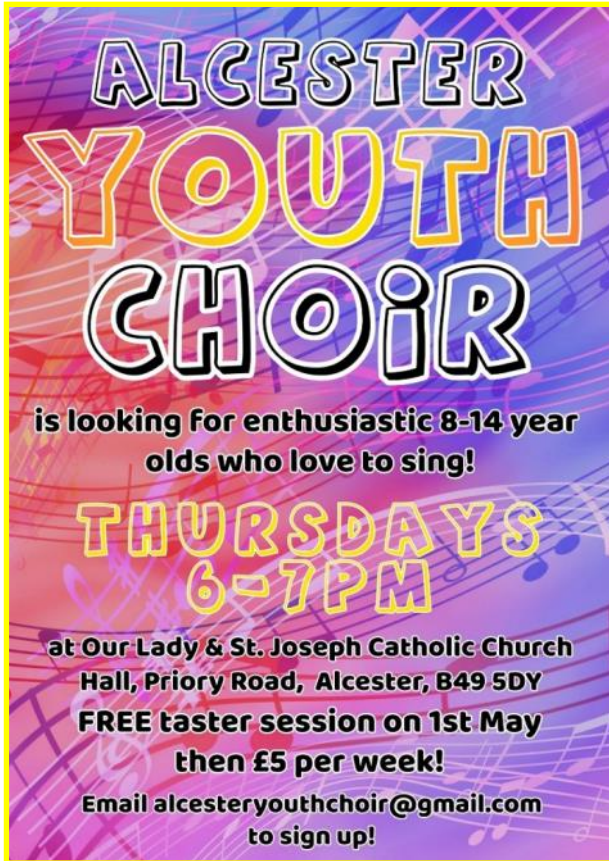
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**NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2025 - 9.45-11.15AM
AND ON THE 2ND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH**

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