

Alcester Academy WEEKLY BULLETIN



7th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Good afternoon. I hope that you had a great week and a superb bank holiday. We are still covid free at school and I thank you sincerely for supporting measures to keep this a high priority.

I was privileged this week to be part of the Mayor Making Ceremony as Councillor Kathryn Cargill accepted her new post in a hand over from Councillor Gill Forman. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Gill for her hard work and commitment to the town over the last two years. Her term of office was extended in light of the pandemic. Many of you are aware that Gill is also a School Governor.

We are very much looking forward to working alongside Kathryn as the new Mayor and were pleased to be part of a meeting with her and Martine Verweij, Founding CEO of 'Kids Run Free' now



named 'Marathon Kids' and their Managing Director, Christopher McShane earlier today where we began discussions around the new youth project that we are piloting in school; initially being known as 'Teens 4 Teens' until the students select a more creative title themselves! The aim of the project is to promote physical activity for health and wellbeing with young people. After lockdown, this is such an important issue



as I'm sure you'll agree. I'm delighted to inform you that it is being supported by Loughborough University. This will be our new Mayor's charity project and we feel very proud to have been approached to pilot this. Watch this space for more exciting details coming soon!



MFL Idiom of the Week



English: Speak of the devil

French: Quand on parle du loup, on en voit la queue

Literal meaning: When you speak of the wolf, you see his tail

German: Wenn man von Teufel spricht

Literal meaning: If you speak of the devil...



In news this week, our year 9 completed their first D of E walk around Alcester after their training last week. I think they also practised their skills in keeping dry as the heavens opened! We welcomed

Elevate Education into school safely for our Super Learning Morning on revision techniques in readiness for the forthcoming year 10 exams. This was a very well received session.

COVID keepers

I'm sure that you will agree there are many areas of coronavirus that we are very happy to see the end of. In the education world however, there are some definite lessons that we have learnt in order to help efficiency in schools and we have fondly come to know these as 'covid keepers'. If you want to offer your thoughts on any of these, please contact me at school

head@alcesteracademy.org.uk. We will be writing to you shortly to seek your views on keeping Schoolcloud as our new parents' evening system moving forward. This is just one example.

Bus Travel

We have been hearing some concerns regarding the behaviour of students on school transport. If you have any concerns about this, I would urge you to let both the bus company and school know please. We can only eradicate this across schools if we work together on it. Thank you in advance of your support with this. Our students are well aware of the expectations outside of school when they are in our uniform, and they should represent the academy values with the greatest pride at all times.

Year 9 Grange Hall meeting

The meeting for the forthcoming residential to Devon will take place on Monday at 6pm via TEAMS. Please liaise with Miss Buckthorp if needed.

Uniform

Hopefully, we will be seeing the end of bubbles and lockdowns towards the end of June. Once again can I thank you sincerely for supporting everything during the last year. However, we are beginning to see more of a hybrid of uniform items creeping back in to school and I ask for one last push to ensure that items are now correct and we return to the smart appearance of all students once more. In particular:

School jumpers should be worn in cooler weather as needed, or trip hoodies on PE days are acceptable. No other hoodies or sweatshirts are to be worn. These will be asked to be removed and then confiscated if not.

PE leggings for the girls especially in years 7-10. These are available from the school wear shop now. If you do not want the expense of these, students can wear school skirts on PE days and change into their skirt at lesson time.

Black socks for boys.

Polishable black shoes.

Dark grey trousers or shorts.

One ear stud in each ear and no other piercings.

Natural hair colours. Thank you.

With the poor weather this week, I must encourage students to have a coat or an umbrella as our safe 'bubble routes' to the canteen are via outdoor paths.

Term Dates

SUMMER TERM 2021

Half Term

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2021

Back to school

Monday 7th June 2021

Summer Term ends

Tuesday 20th July 2021 at 12.40pm

2021/2022 TERM DATES ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

Warwickshire Services for parents and young people



ChatHealth for parents and carers of school age children aged 5 to 16.

If you are the parent or carer of a child in school, you can text a school nurse on 07520 619 376, Monday to Friday, from 9am to 5pm.

You can message outside these times, but you will get a reply during opening hours. All chats are confidential.

You can message for advice on all kinds of health issues, including:

- general health
- child development
- behaviour
- toileting advice
- emotional health and wellbeing

ChatHealth for young people aged 11 to 19

If you are 11 to 19 years old you can text a school nurse on 07507 331 525, Monday to Friday, from 9am to 5pm.

You can message outside these times, but you will get a reply during opening hours. All chats are confidential. You can message for advice on all kinds of health issues, including:

- sexual health
- emotional health
- bullying
- healthy eating.

Messages are charged at your usual rates.

Parenting Project recruiting for volunteers

Parenting Project is looking for volunteers wishing to be trained as Parent Mentors. Parent Mentors meet with families to provide friendly, informal support, encouragement and guidance. This is most useful for parents who are overcoming difficult or challenging times.

As a Parent Mentor you only give the time that suits your availability. There are normally no personal financial costs and full



training will be provided. Potential Parent Mentors must be able to drive and have a satisfactory DBS certificate.

For further information please contact caroline.jacobs@parentingproject.org.uk or telephone 07958 487544.

Small business

As our local small business re-start after covid, I am very happy to offer a free Alcester 'business bulletin' to go out at half term. This will feature adverts for any of our local businesses in a quarter of an A4 colour advert as part of our bulletin on May 28th. Please send any completed art work to me head@alcesteracademy.org.uk. I'm more than happy for you to spread the word on this. It is not ring fenced to just parents/carers.

Equipment

Please can I ask you to ensure that students all come to school fully equipped. We have spent a great deal over recent covid months providing equipment to students and, sadly, we now cannot sustain this. Thank you.

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their continued hard work for the students. I know that we are very much looking forward to getting back to some kind of normal routine in school very soon now.

Wishing you a super weekend.

Sarah Mellors
Headteacher

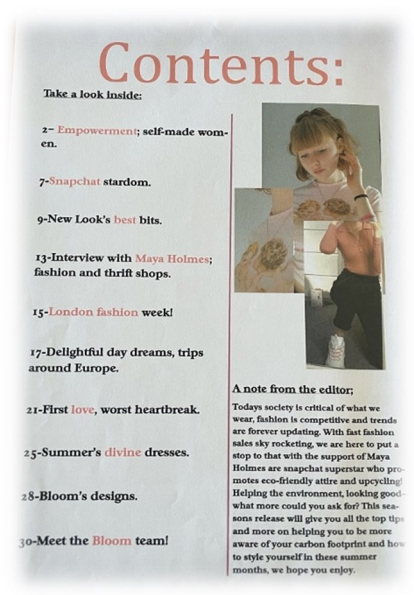
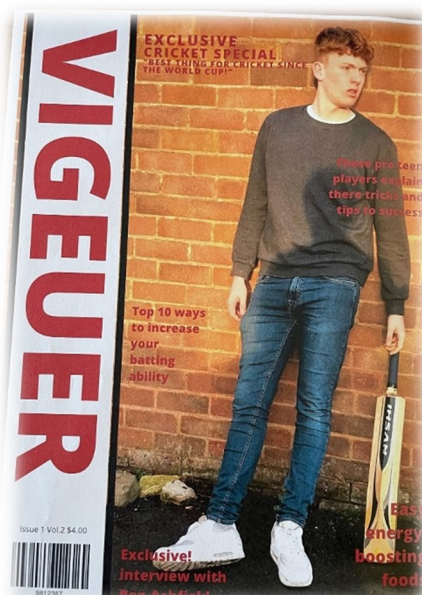
Careers Information



JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE
#10 - JOURNALIST

Year 8 Options Taster Week

We are looking forward to the Year 8 Options Taster Week lessons from next Monday. The year 8s had their final talk on Media as a GCSE subject. Please see a few magazine front covers designed by our cohort last year.



Epraise Updates—week ending 6.5.21

Congratulations to the Top Students this year:

1st	Maya	7BW	Fifth week	241 points
2nd	Jack	7HT	Fifth week	226 points
3rd	Harvey	7NE	Second week	221 points

Top Scorers this week:

1	Jack	7NE	11 points
1	Harry	7BW	11 points
3	Jack	7WI	10 points
4	Harvey	7NE	9 points
5	Jess	7HT	8 points
5	Charlie	7BW	8 points
5	Charlie	7TY	8 points
5	Ewan	7TY	8 points
9	Ben	7HT	7 points
9	Jack	7HT	7 points

Top Staff this week:

1	Mr Bowater	229 points
2	Miss Bayliss	213 points
3	Miss Heitmuller	193 points
4	Mr Yarrington	162 points
5	Mr Martin	64 points

Top Subjects this week:

1	Science	12619 points
2	Maths	9030 points
3	English	4727 points
4	Art	4448 points
5	German	3035 points

Top Tutor Groups this week:

1	7NE	106 points
2	7HT	100 points
2	7BW	100 points
4	7TY	94 points
5	7WI	85 points



Calling all Parent Carers!

From the 27th Jan 2021 the way in which we provide support to you is changing.

This will include:

- Parent Carer Assessment is now known as the Parent Carer Support Pathway. A Wellbeing Conversation with a practitioner will identify the support that you may need.

- The conversation will consider your: Wellbeing needs, Health and Safety issues and important commitments affected by your caring role.

- Support will be tailored especially for you and your family's needs.

- Signposting, one-off financial payments or a social care assessment will be considering in tailoring your support.

Whatever the outcome the new Parent Carer Support Pathway is not time limited and can be accessed as often as is needed.

To find out more please visit the Warwickshire County Council website and search for Parent Carer Support Pathway. Alternatively, you can email childrenwithdisabilitiesteam@warwickshire.gov.uk or call the Local Disability Team at Warwickshire County Council on 01926 413737 option 4 to find out more today.



Artwork of the Week



**This week features artwork by Poppy, in year 11.
The piece is based on how Covid-19 has affected communities during lockdown.
Great work! Mr Yarrington**

Poetry Corner

This week the year 7s have written brilliant poems in the style of William Blake. Enjoy! Mrs Scott

The Cat By Adam

Cat, Cat climbing high,
Trying their hardest to reach the sky,
What mortal bird or rat,
Dare challenge thy fearless cat,

In what distant garden or shed,
May the cat make people dread,
With those claws he uses to scratch,
May he bring back his half-dead catch,

Thy enormous tail,
May just be as long as a rail,
Did he who created thy claws and eyes,
Did he also make the cat so wise?

Cat, Cat climbing high,
Trying their hardest to reach the sky,
What mortal bird or rat,
Dare challenge thy fearless cat.



Crocodile, Crocodile, pale green scales
Teeth as sharp and pointy as nails
Thy fearful jaws, a sudden rush
And all you hear is your bones crush

Its gaping maw, could eat your daughter
Those beady eyes, half seen underwater
Its prey has no means of escape
The crocodile has to only sit and wait

Its thick hide and sharp claws,
Make hunter think and pause
The crocodile is clever and cunning
And many tribes see it as stunning

So beware, beware this sneaky beast
Or you will become its next feast
Though its crooked smile could be the last you see
If a crocodile saw you it would probably flee

by Evelyn



SPORTS NEWS * SPORTS NEWS * SPORTS NEWS



Stratford Town Football Club

ACADEMY TRIAL & ENROLMENT DAY

Hosted by former Premier League & England International striker



FOOTBALL & EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Boys aged 16–19 years old.



During his career Dean played for both Wimbledon FC and Bolton Wanderers in the Premier League.

As well as playing for Brentford, Watford and Coventry City.

His goal stats read 197 in 606 games. 19 Premier League goals in a single season.

Selected at international level to represent England and scored on his debut.

Former Chairman of the Professional Football Association and founder of the Non-League Football Association.

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

NCFE Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport
FA Level 1 & 2 Certificate in Coaching
First Aid and Safeguarding Certificates
GCSE English & Maths (If required)
Year 3 HND Degree Course option

Coaching by UEFA 'A' Licenced Coach
Four days a week training with competitive league match every Wednesday.
Strength & Conditioning sessions held at Stratford Leisure Centre – Everyone Active.

*Introduction presentation by
Stratford Town FC Manager Paul Davis*

WEDNESDAY 12th MAY 2021

6:00pm – 8:00pm

VENUE

**STRATFORD TOWN FC
ARDEN GARAGES STADIUM, KNIGHTS LANE,
TIDDINGTON. STRATFORD UPON AVON. CV37 7BZ**

REGISTER YOUR PLACE NOW

<https://forms.gle/uKbnGaufyz23SYWY9>

or SCAN the QR Code



For further information please contact:
Head of Academy: Ryan Simmonds – 07540 476934
academy@stratfordtownfc.co.uk



HM Government



Test and Trace

Twice weekly rapid COVID-19 testing

Test at home
Report online
Keep life moving

Let's take this next step safely.

GET YOUR TESTS
FROM SCHOOL OR COLLEGE



SPORTS NEWS * SPORTS NEWS * SPORTS NEWS

Practice Schedule Summer Term 2021

Day/Date	Activity	
Tuesday 11th May	Year 9 Tennis	
Wednesday 12th May	Year 10 Athletics & Cricket	
Thursday 13th May	Year 7 Athletics & Cricket	
Tuesday 18th May	Year 8 Tennis	
Wednesday 19th May	Year 9 Athletics & Cricket	
Thursday 20th May	Year 8 Athletics & Cricket	
Tuesday 25th May	Year 9 House Football	Schools' Football Week 2021
Wednesday 26th May	Year 8 House Football	
Thursday 27th May	Year 7 House Football	

School Attendance — up to 6.5.21

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Whole School
95.8%	93.7%	92.7%	91.0%	92.0%	93.1%

Top Tutors — congratulations!

7BW - 99.1%, 8CA - 99.0%, 9TN and 9WA – 93.8%, 10RO – 97.6%, 11DY - 97.5%