

Alcester Academy WEEKLY BULLETIN



7th June 2024

Good afternoon,

Welcome back after half term. I hope that you all had a relaxing break.

Well done to year 11s who attended the various revision sessions on during the break and thank you to staff for running these. The GCSEs continue until Thursday 20th June.

It was a pleasure to welcome the Paris trip back safely on bank holiday Monday.

Mrs Weatherley has written a report for your interest later on in this bulletin. She is about to launch Paris 2025 too! The students were exemplary during this experience. Many of our year 10s then went on to visit Stratford College this week in order to find out about post 16 courses available in readiness for next year.

Miss McKenzie has also been with our year 9s at the Greig Hall today for our first Three Rivers Alliance joint student conference. This year we have focussed on sustainability as a theme. Our year 9 geographers joined her for this. A full report will be featured next week for your interest.

By far this is one of the busiest half terms for us. I've included a few key dates for your own diaries later on. I'm sure the next few weeks will fly by. We are celebrating everything around Pride this month in school. Mrs Gorner

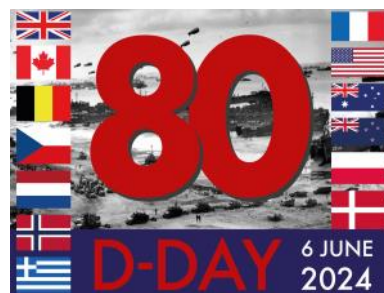


has provided an update on this later on.

Yesterday, we took time out during an extended tutor session in order to discuss the importance of the 80th D-Day anniversary. Like you I'm sure, I was moved by some of the incredible footage that various news channels covered. This might be a

theme that you want to pick up for more discussion at home.

Thank you to Mrs Hatcher who arranged for a genuine Dingo to visit the school yesterday as part of this work. It was wonderful to see how enthusiastic the students were about this.



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Congratulations year 10 Further Mathematicians

This group took their first GCSE this week. We are extremely proud of them bearing in mind that this is twelve months earlier than usual.

Year 7 and 8 small business opportunity

Mr Martin has launched a small business opportunity for three young companies to develop products to sell at the Summer Family Quiz Night. For year 8 parents, you might recall that this was very popular last summer and raised a considerable amount of money for the Friends of Alcester Academy PTA. We have refined this slightly for 2024. Students can access information from their tutor, or directly from Mr Martin if they want to be involved.

Standards

I led assembly on Monday this week to re-establish the high standards expected at school. During these assemblies I always update the students on the half term ahead and any changes that they might need to be aware of.

Thank you for your close attention to uniform standards. Our largest consumption of time is still spent on students arriving wearing multiple earrings, inappropriate false nails and eye lashes. If you can help to support these areas at home, I'd be very grateful. Boys should also be wearing black socks.

Damage to property

It is very rare that I highlight anything of concern to you as parents. In my assembly this week, the students were also made aware of my disappointment regarding recent, targeted damage to some toilets. I find it so upsetting that a very small minority feel the need to treat school in this way. If you hear anything at home to help us with this, please do let us know.

I hope that you stand behind me as I continue to strive for the highest standards at school. This close attention then resonates into driving more



positive behaviours, greater classroom attainment, and opportunities for our students in a much wider sense because of our great reputation. Trust remains the biggest value that I could ask of the students.

We are regularly seeing this mindless destruction and disrespect within toilets. The financial costs to repair these issues is growing to be quite vast now. On a recent tour of the Academy governors were extremely shocked to hear how a few students feel that they can treat the school. I'm sure that the majority of students in the school feel as frustrated about this situation as I do.

Do reach out to me if you hear of anything around this matter head@alcesteracademy.org.uk.



Dates for this half term:

Pride Month	June 2024
Tuesday 11th June	Year 7 STEM day
Sunday 9th June	Alcester Street Market. Please visit us!
Wednesday 12th June	Immunisations year 9
Wednesday 12th June	Rock Academy World Tour continues at primary schools (and other dates this half term)
Monday 17th June	Year 10 exams start (MFL speaking exams start the week before this)
Wednesday 19th June	Year 9 Fashion Trip
Thursday 20th June	Year 8 Big Bang Trip
Thursday 20th June	Year 11 Prom
Thursday 20th June	Year 6 pre-transition morning (invited students)
Wednesday 26th June	Year 6 online meetings with key staff and new parents
Thursday 4th July	Celebration Evening (by invitation)
Friday 5th July	Wimbledon Trip
Monday 8th July	New Parents' Evening for year 6 parents. Live in school.
Wednesday 10th July	Year 6 Induction Day
Friday 12th July	Sports Day
Saturday 13th July	Year 10 D of E Expedition
Last week of term	School Show Auditions
Friday 19th July	School finishes for the summer at 12.40pm

Also included this half term is the South Warwickshire athletics competition, year 7 and 9 full reports will be out this half term and various residential trips will be launched—these were communicated last half term to you.

As ever, this is just a flavour of this half term for you. I'm sure that there will be other things to report on.

Don't forget that we are in Alcester on Sunday for the Street Market. Please come and support the Friends of Alcester Academy PTA stall. Thank you for all of your bottle donations to help make this another huge success as a fund raiser.

Finally, we wish Mr Yarrington a very special and significant birthday this weekend. Happy birthday from the Alcester Academy community Mr Yarrington! And to Miss Bliss, who had a slightly different birthday number to celebrate but still a significant occasion! Best wishes from us all.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Best wishes

Mrs Sarah Mellors
Headteacher



Epraise Leaderboard—this week

Top Students—this week:

1	Grace	7LX	16 points
1	Alice	8TU	16 points
3	Grace	7RA	15 points
3	Jack	7TN	15 points
3	Jess	7TN	15 points
3	Lola	8TU	15 points
3	Monty	8TU	15 points
8	Jessica	8TU	14 points
9	Anthony	8GA	13 points
9	Eva	8SI	13 points

Top Staff—this week:

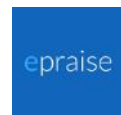
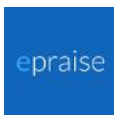
1	Mr Yarrington	314 points
2	Mrs Weatherley	233 points
3	Mrs Gorner	214 points
4	Mr Martin	199 points
5	Miss Lee	195 points

Top Subjects—this week:

1	English	596 points
2	Maths	564 points
3	Art	407 points
4	French	238 points
5	Science	186 points

Top Tutors—this week:

1	8TU	290 points
2	7TN	223 points
3	7LX	199 points
4	7RA	197 points
5	8SI	183 points
6	7WI	175 points
7	8GA	162 points
8	8YA	159 points
9	7KO	151 points
10	9MA	104 points



Alcester Academy's 

**SUMMER
RAFFLE** 

LOTS OF FANTASTIC PRIZES

1st Prize: £150 Cash
2nd Prize: 2 Tickets to Classic Ibiza 2025
3rd Prize: 4x 18 Holes of Golf at Bidford Grange

Plus many more:
 £50 Arrow Mill Voucher - Italian Afternoon Tea at Artari Touchwood -
 £50 Voucher for Johnsons Coach Trips - Paddleboarding for Two at Spot on Wake -
 Family Pass for 4 for a round of Frisbee Golf at Gillys - £20 Voucher for Alcester Butcher -
 £20 Voucher for The Nail Company - £20 Voucher for Mavericks -
 Cream Tea for Two at Hillers Tea Room - £10 Voucher for Cardamom

Tickets

1. Tickets available from the School Gateway (Wednesday 15th May) until Wednesday 26th June 2024,
2. The school office 8:30am until 4:00pm until Friday 28th June.
3. Tickets will be available at the Summer Quiz until 8.00pm.

*Thank you to all the businesses who
have donated prizes!*

**£2
Per Ticket** 

WANTED SAUCEPANS

The Food Technology department would like to request donations of stainless steel medium sized saucepans (16cm or 18cm),

Do you have any of these items at home that are no longer needed?

Would you be willing to donate them to school?

Thank you for all the donations gratefully received

—we only need 26 more!

Thank you! Mr Tuckey—Food Technology teacher



Notre fabuleux voyage scolaire en France

Over May half term, students from year 9 and 10 spent 4 days in Paris, France.

We stayed at the Château de Grande Romaine in Lesigny, a small village 15 km from the centre of Paris. We had amazing weather and thoroughly enjoyed our visit. Students took part in a range of activities at the Centre and enjoyed some free-time when they could play football, pool, go swimming or just relax. In addition, we spent a busy day in Paris climbing the Eiffel Tower, enjoying a cruise on the Seine and some shopping in Montmartre. On Sunday we visited both of the Disney parks and had an amazing time on the rides and shopping. A fantastic time was had by all and I look forward to next year's trip with our current year 8/9 students.

Here is a report of the trip from Liv

Our trip to France was incredible. We climbed all of the steps to the second floor of the Eiffel Tower and went on a riverboat on the Seine. We then went to the second highest view-point—the Sacre Coeur.

Our day in Paris was packed but brilliant. After a restful night's sleep we headed to Disneyland. Mickey ears



were bought, many rides enjoyed and Churros eaten. Both parks were amazing and we are so lucky to have been able to go to both.

Overall our time in Paris was so good and I would definitely recommend going on the next one. We would also like to thank all of the teachers that gave up their time.

Mrs Weatherley—Head of MFL



LGBT+ Extra-Curricular Club

I am delighted to provide an update on the recent activities of our LGBT+ extra-curricular club, particularly in light of June being Pride Month. Our club, which convenes every Thursday during lunchtime, continues to serve as a safe haven for all students seeking support and understanding.

For the past six months, I have had the privilege of collaborating with the charity organisation, *Just Like Us*. This partnership has enriched our club's offerings and enabled us to delve deeper into issues faced by the LGBT+ community.



In late May, our club members had the opportunity to partake in a virtual talk led by three inspiring individuals from *Just Like Us*. These young speakers, aged between 19 and 20, shared candidly about their personal journeys as LGBT+ individuals, offering invaluable insights and strategies for navigating the complexities of self-identity and societal acceptance. Moreover, they illuminated the significance of allyship and how individuals can actively support and champion the LGBT+ community.

The virtual talk proved to be a resounding success, leaving a lasting impact on our students. Many found the narratives shared by the speakers to be not only enlightening but also profoundly thought-provoking.

As we commemorate Pride Month this June, it is imperative that we continue to cultivate an inclusive and supportive environment within our school community. Our LGBT+ extracurricular club stands as a testament to our unwavering commitment to diversity, equity, and respect for all individuals, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

I look forward to further enriching our club's activities and initiatives in the coming months, ensuring that it remains a beacon of acceptance and advocacy within our school.

Mrs Gorner—
LGBT+ Club Coordinator and
Teacher of English



Design Technology Work of the Week

I was just delighted to see the work being completed in DT, with year 7, 10 and 11s specifically, at the moment. Congratulations to all students. Such high quality! *Mrs Mellors*



"FRIENDS" OF ALCESTER ACADEMY  "FRIENDS" OF ALCESTER ACADEMY 

FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 28th June 2024
@ Alcester Academy

Cash Prizes!!
1st—£100 2nd—£50 3rd—£25


Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start
£15 per team
(maximum of SIX in any team)
Bar & Tuck Shop Available

Pre-booking recommended.
Book now on the School Gateway,
online or via the school office.
[Friends of Alcester Academy \(sumupstore.com\)](http://FriendsOfAlcesterAcademy.sumupstore.com)
Tables will be allocated per team.




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Alcester Academy
TO BE THE BEST THAT WE CAN BE

IF YOU'RE WAITING HERE, PLEASE SWITCH OFF YOUR ENGINE.

A car left running produces **twice as much exhaust fumes** as one that's moving.



KIDS NEED CLEAN AIR!

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court clarified has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). 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.

The regulations regarding Leave of Absence (The Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) Regulations 2006 as amended by Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013.) advise:

- Head teachers **shall not grant any** Leave of Absence during term time **unless they consider** 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. When making an application for Leave of Absence in advance parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is their responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent ie the parent with whom the child normally resides.

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.

Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence and could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case-by-case basis and on its own merits.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'. This may result in legal action against the parent, by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice. 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 96,366 half day sessions of absence
due to holiday in the Academic year 2021/22.**

Attendance Updates

Whole School Attendance this week is 91.3%.



Top tutors this week:

7TN with 98.7% attendance
 8SI with 97.9% attendance
 9BW with 95% attendance
 10PW with 100% attendance!
 11GO with 87% 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



Hello everyone

We are the new Young Enterprise team at school—called Friendly Fabrics!

To start our exciting business venture, we are asking for donations of fabrics and buttons. Please could you take a look through your haberdashery collection and bring in donations to the school main office?

Here's hoping for some amazing fabrics and buttons!

Thank you, Friendly Fabrics

New Tab



2023-2024

Term: *Summer term*



Come along and try out a new club!

SUMMER Extra- Curricular Clubs

Monday

LUNCH

Acoustic Group
Music Hut

Art rooms
Available for all art students

AFTER SCHOOL

Ornithology
T4

Tuesday

LUNCH

Young Enterpsie
E6/5

Pop Band
Music Hut
2

Art rooms
Available for all art students

AFTER SCHOOL

Choir
Hall 4.15 finish

Polish club

Wednesday

LUNCH

Chess/Board Game
M4

Digital Fashion
T3

Language Ambassador Club
MFL

Y7 African Drumming
Music

Art rooms
Available for all art students

AFTER SCHOOL

Rock Academy
Music

Thursday

LUNCH

Environment Club
E2

LGQTQ+IA
E4

Rock Band

Humanities Film Club
Top of the Tower

Art rooms
Available for all art students

AFTER SCHOOL

Art Club
Starting 25th April- Sign up
with Mr Yarrington

Musical Theatre Club
Drama Studio

Friday

LUNCH

Chess/Board Game
M4

Dance club
Drama Studio

Guitar Orchestra
Music Hut

Art rooms
Available for all art students

Saturday

Rock Academy
10am-11.30am



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College visit for our year 10 students



On Tuesday, year 10 students were given the opportunity to visit Stratford-Upon-Avon College and participate in a variety of subject sample lessons. Lessons included fashion design, computer graphics, sports and musical theatre plus many more.

This was a wonderful first insight into options available post 16. It allowed students to see the working environment and consider the differences between school and college life.



Year 10 are currently in the process of having one-to-one career discussions about their future options, and visiting local schools and colleges is an integral part of the decision-making process. Visits such as this will help to prepare them for year 11 when they will begin the application processes required to secure courses post Alcester Academy.

Miss Bartlett



Alcester Academy Academic Terms and Holidays

SUMMER TERM 2024

Summer Term ends Friday 19th July 2024 at 12.40pm

AUTUMN TERM 2024

School closed Monday 2nd September—Teacher training day

Autumn Term begins

Years 7 and 11 only Tuesday 3rd September 2024

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

All students back Thursday 5th September 2024

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

Back to school Monday 4th November 2024

Autumn Term ends Friday 20th December 2024 at 12.40pm

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

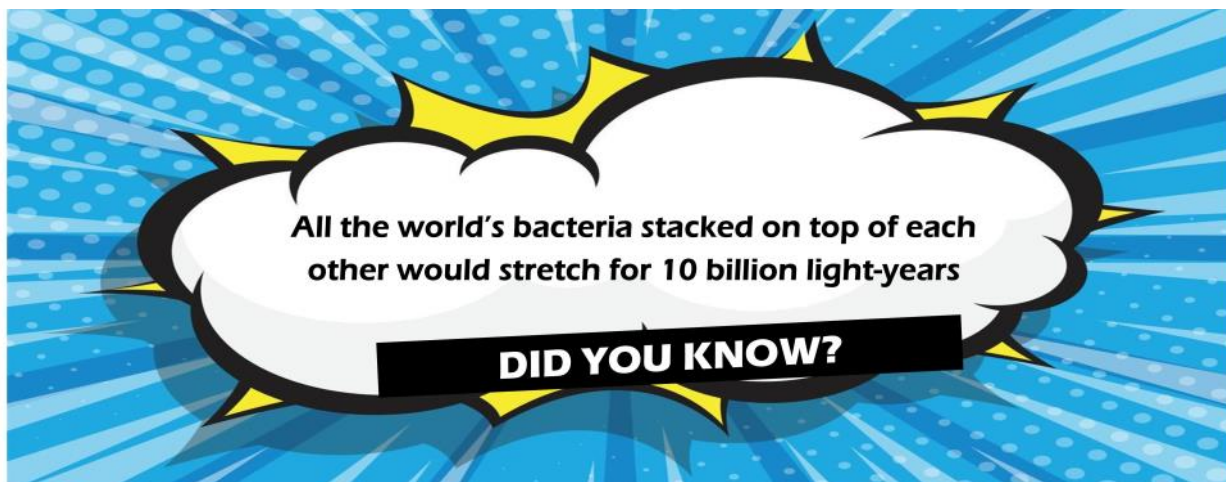
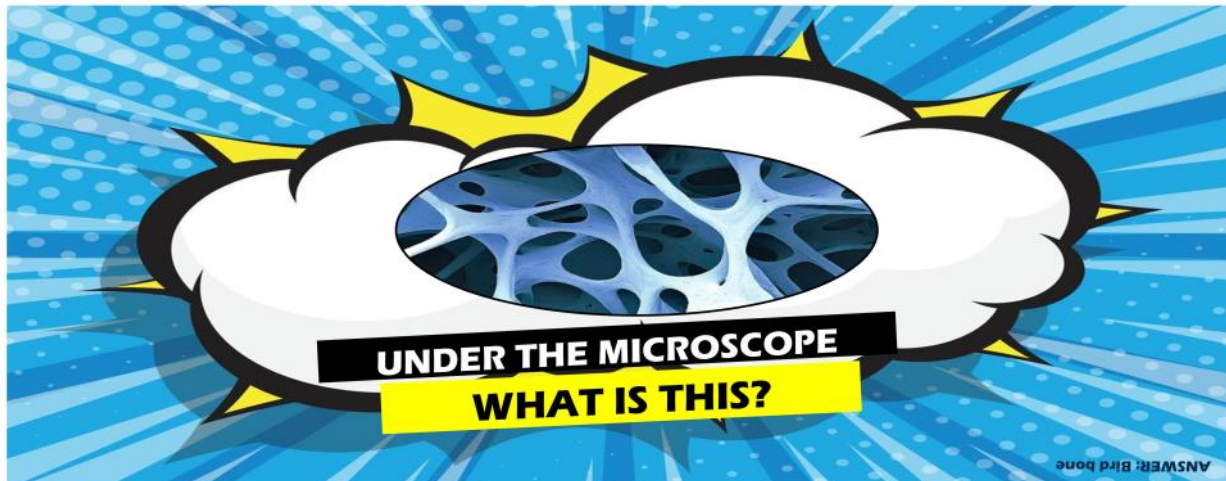
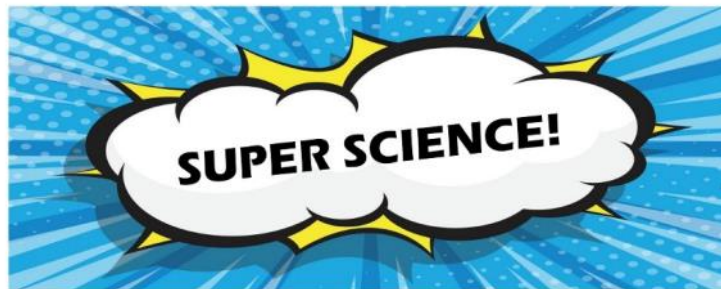
A letter has gone out via email with full details.

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

Please feel free to contact Mrs Farnell for more information.



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School's Athletics County Championships

Wishing the best of luck to our athletes representing South Warwickshire at the County Championships this weekend:

- Arthur, Will and Jake (year 9)
- Tom (year 10)
- Tilly (year 8)
- Amelia, Scarlett and Marijke (year 9)
- Darcie and Emmy-Lou (year 10)



We are very proud of all of our athletes for qualifying to represent the district, and look forward to reporting on their results from this competition in next week's bulletin.

House Sport

I am delighted to be able to share the results from our Summer House Sport competitions where all students in years 7-10 have been busy competing in both rounders and tennis, representing their Houses.

YEAR 7 ROUNDERS		YEAR 7 TENNIS	
1	BILLESLEY	1	RAGLEY
2	GREVILLE	2	GREVILLE
3	OVERSLEY	3	BILLESLEY
4	RAGLEY	4	OVERSLEY

YEAR 9 ROUNDERS		YEAR 9 TENNIS	
1	BILLESLEY	1	RAGLEY
2	GREVILLE	2	GREVILLE
3	RAGLEY	3	BILLESLEY
4	OVERSLEY	4	OVERSLEY

YEAR 8 ROUNDERS		YEAR 8 TENNIS	
1	RAGLEY	1	RAGLEY
2	BILLESLEY	2	OVERSLEY
3	OVERSLEY	3	GREVILLE
4	GREVILLE	4	BILLESLEY

YEAR 10 ROUNDERS		YEAR 10 TENNIS	
1	BILLESLEY	1	RAGLEY
2	GREVILLE	2	OVERSLEY
3	OVERSLEY	3	GREVILLE
4	RAGLEY	4	BILLESLEY

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Next Week's After School Clubs



THIS WEEK'S SPORT: W/B 10/6/24



Day	Extra-Curricular Club & Staff	Location
Monday	Year 7 Super 6 Athletics- PW + PE	Stratford School
Tuesday	U13 and U15 Boys Tennis v Stratford- MO Year 8 Girls SW Rounders tournament PW	AA AGS
Wednesday	All Years Athletics- MO and PW	Field
Thursday	Year 9 and 10 Girls Rounders- PE	Field

Next Week's Lunchtime Clubs

- Lunchtime sports clubs to start w/b Monday 15TH April on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
- 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	<u>MONDAY-MO</u>	TUESDAY - MO	WEDNESDAY - PW/PE	THURSDAY - MO
15/4	<u>Y11 Revision-PE1</u>	Year 11 Indoor Football	Y11 Sport Studies Assessment- Table Tennis	Year 11 Indoor Football
22/4	<u>Y11 Revision-PE1</u>	Year 11 Indoor Football	Y11 Sport Studies Assessment- Table Tennis	Year 11 Indoor Football
29/4	<u>Y11 Revision-PE1</u>	Year 11 Indoor Football	Y11 Sport Studies Assessment- Table Tennis	Year 11 Indoor Football
6/2	<u>Y11 Revision-PE1</u>	Year 11 Indoor Football	Y11 Sport Studies Assessment- Table Tennis	Year 11 Indoor Football
13/2	<u>Y11 Revision-PE1</u>	Year 11 Indoor Football	Y11 Sport Studies Assessment- Table Tennis	Year 11 Indoor Football

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This Week's Fixtures:

This week saw the return of competitive athletics for the Academy with our year 8 and 9 students representing in the Super 6 Athletics competition held at Stratford School. Well done to all students selected to represent the school in these events.

Year 8 and 9 Girls Super 6



Year 9 Girls—4th Place finish



Year 8 Girls—6th place finish

Year 8 and 9 Boys Super 6



Year 8 Boys—4th place finish
Year 9 Boys—3rd place finish

U13 and U15 Girls Tennis v Stratford



Despite the awful weather on Tuesday our U13 and U15 girls took on Stratford-Upon-Avon School in the LTA Schools' Tennis League.

The format was played with each team competing in x4 singles matches and x2 doubles matches with the scores being combined to produce the overall winner of the fixture. It was brilliant to see such competitive tennis being played across all 12 individual matches. Our U13 girls came away with an 8-4 victory, with our U15 Girls falling to 10-2 defeat.

Well done to all who represented the Academy in this competitive fixture.