

# Alcester Academy WEEKLY BULLETIN



8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Good afternoon parents and carers,

I hope that you have had a good week.

Things have been extremely busy in the Academy yet again this week and there are lots of individual reports on events for your interest later on including Super Learning Days, MARS Day, World Book Day, our five million word reader and much more. Events in this week's bulletin also span back to last weekend where there were three school groups out and about representing the Academy for Mass In Blue in Worcester, Young Enterprise in Leamington Spa and D of E in the Cotswolds. Thank you to staff who helped to make these opportunities possible. Young Enterprise secured two amazing awards at their trade fair; what an achievement!



to achieve a place at KES Sixth Form. We were grateful to her for spending time with us and sharing her tips for creating a strong CV.



## Thank you—Young Minds Matters

The final amount raised last Friday for Young Minds Matters was £816.50. Thank you all so much for supporting this cause.

## Visit from former student

Thank you to Bea, former student, for visiting some year 10 and 11 students this week to talk about her journey from year 11 at Alcester Academy, to her successful Oxbridge application. Bea was one of the first female students

## Good luck year 11s

...for AGS interviews being held at the Academy next Friday.

## Parents' Evening—online or live?

After the Parents' Evening last week, I asked if you preferred online or live events. 42 year 11 parents responded with 20 saying that they preferred in person, and 22 saying online. Sadly, this is not conclusive enough to change anything that we're doing yet, and we'll continue to offer a mixture of both opportunities throughout the academic year.

## Year 6 Offers for September 2024

In a change to the administration this year, please let us know at school if you DO NOT wish to take up your offer of a place

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for September 2024 for your year 6 child. With thanks.

## Year 8 Super Learning Day Talking Heads



We welcomed Loudmouth into school this week to talk to our year 8s. Here is a flavour of this very important workshop content:

*This programme debunks the myths around mental health, giving young people the space to learn how to talk about mental wellbeing and emotions sensitively. The programme uses drama plus a discussion workshop to show young people the common types of mental ill health and their possible causes e.g. social media, as well as giving simple, proven strategies to support positive mental wellbeing e.g. physical exercise.*

## Congratulations to...

Jess in year 9 for superb achievement in her dancing last weekend again at Stratford upon Avon Feis.

11GO for reaching 100% attendance last week. This is fabulous!

Faith, in year 9, who started learning the art of fencing in August last year and has just qualified to compete in the Under 16 Sabre Fencing competition at the British Youth Championships in Sheffield in May. Good luck Faith from us all!

## Year 11 Easter sessions:

### Monday 25th March:

Maths	10am—12 noon,
Literature	12.30pm—2pm

### Tuesday 26th March:

Performing Arts	10am—2pm.
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And finally, I'm looking forward to seeing many of you later for our family bingo night here at school. Thanks to The Friends of Alcester Academy, PTA for their hard work organising this.

Wishing you all a super Mother's Day on Sunday, whilst we also remember those wonderful mums who might no longer be with us too. I appreciate that it can also be a really challenging day for some.

Next week, we're off to the races with year 8s for their maths day out, and we're getting Mock Trial ready. Watch this space and do have a relaxing weekend.

With best wishes

Sarah Mellors—Headteacher

**Happy Mother's day to all the moms, grandmoms, foster moms, stepmoms, surrogate moms, mother figures, moms-to-be, and to all the men out there that are doing the mother and father jobs too. I hope everyone has a wonderful day!**



We are due a very special  
careers drop-in today  
when Warwickshire Police Dog Section visit...

SEE THE ARTICLE IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN!

ALCESTER ACADEMY PRESENTS

Family



**TONIGHT!**  
Friday 8th March

Doors 6.00pm — Eyes down 7.00pm

Bar  
Tuck Shop  
& Snacks  
available

Book (6 Games) - £2

6 Books (6 Games) - £10

Pre-booking recommended.

Book now online or via the school office.



<https://friendsofaa.sumupstore.com>



### Some dates for your diary this half term:

Friday 8th March 2024	PTA EASTER Bingo. 7pm start.
Tues 12th/Wed 13th March 2024	Year 8 trip to the races with the maths team
Saturday 16th March 2024	Mock Trial Competition, Worcester
Monday 18th March 2024	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
	Rock Academy Acoustic Concert Grieg Hall at 7pm
Tuesday 19th March 2024	Year 11 group and individual photos
	Year 8 Climate Conference (provisional)
Wednesday 20th March 2024	Year 9 Super Learning Day <i>Calling It Out</i>
	Sports Awards Evening (invited students)
	Warwickshire Book Award Final
	Year 11 music assessment
Thursday 21st March 2024	Berlin trip leaves
	World Poetry Day
Friday 23rd March 2024	Early finish 12.40pm. One way system on Gerard Road.

As ever, this is not a complete list. It is for guidance only. This half term includes written year 10 reports and data reports for other year groups. In school, we are celebrating Women's History, Science Week, National Careers Week, LGBT History Month and many other things.

## February's Linguists of the Month

### French

Phoebe, Sam, Charlie, Jun and Iris.

### German

Oliwia, Freya, Ashlyn and Katherine.

*Congratulations!*

*Mrs Weatherley—Head of MFL*



**FELICITATIONS!**

**Glückwunsch!**

**Congratulations!**

## Interactive performances for our GCSE history students

Recently the year 11 history students visited *The Doctors Show*, and the *Inquisition of Queen Elizabeth I*, both are interactive performances that tell the story of the development of health and medicine, and Elizabeth I's reign directly related to their GCSE course.

*The Doctors Show* told the story of a thousand years of medical beliefs and practices, bringing to life the key events and people who shaped the understanding of medicine and the human body. Whilst Elizabeth I is put on trial various people they have studied come to either her defence or to see her convicted as a traitor.

As well as acting out different subjects for the students to see people they have studied come to life, the cast led the students in workshops to help understand how these stories related to their GCSE course. They broke down exam-style questions, offering students advice on how they should approach these. The performers showed students past exam questions, then they



unpicked these together to help students see how they would receive top grades. The shows are a great way to bring the stories alive but also create an invaluable experience for students preparing for their exams in the summer.

The students showed exemplary behaviour, truly reflecting the high standards upheld by the Academy.  
*Miss Bishop*

## Accelerated Reading News—we have a 5 million-word reader!

Congratulations go to Jack in year 7, who has amazed us all by reading and quizzing on 58 books since September. At the time he was presented with his certificate, Jack had read 5,019,398 words!

I had previously been told that Jack had always wanted to plant a tree, and so as a special surprise to mark the occasion, Mrs Mellors agreed to purchase two Red Robin shrubs. Jack will be given the honour of planting one within the school grounds, so that he can watch it grow... the other he has taken home.

Well done Jack, keep reading!

*Mrs Hands*



## Accelerated Reader



## Warwickshire's Supported Internships Fair

14 March, 3pm - 7pm  
Eliot Park Innovation  
Centre, Nuneaton

**Are you  
aged 16-25  
yrs with an  
EHCP?**

**Find out  
about the  
benefits of a  
supported  
internship**

Young people aged 16-24 with an Education, Health and Care Plan, and their parents and carers, are invited to find out more about supported internships. **What is a supported internship? Is it right for me? How do I apply and what support will I receive?**

At this free, drop-in event, you will be able to:

- Pick up a copy of the new guidance to take away
- Talk to local employers and colleges about their Supported Internship programmes
- Hear from others who have experience of supported internships
- Talk to local organisations for more information and advice

**Thursday 14 March 2024, 3pm to 7pm at  
Eliot Park Innovation Centre, Nuneaton, CV10 7RH**

For more information or queries email [sendchange@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:sendchange@warwickshire.gov.uk)



## Young Enterprise fair in Leamington Spa

For the last couple of months, the SILVA Organix team have been busy preparing for the Royal Priors Trade Fair in Leamington Spa. We have been spending many hours, including lunchtime, after school, and our own time, preparing and putting together all of our products, including the exciting launch of our new product: SILVA Organix pin badges.

We set off with Miss Buckthorp in the school minibus at 8am to ensure that we had plenty of time to set up our SILVA Organix stand at the Royal Priors in Leamington Spa. Miss Bartlett was a fantastic support and provided us with refreshments to keep our energy levels up throughout the day as well as helping on the stand.

From the very start of the day we had a steady flow of customers and we really enjoyed interacting with everyone at the fair and telling them all about our products. We were also very excited to have a special visit from Mrs Mellors who came along to support us.

There was a wide variety of products from other Young Enterprise teams which included jewellery, bookmaking, board games, and my personal favourite, bags made from coffee sacks. It was lovely to interact with the other teams and share stories about our Young Enterprise journeys.

The rest of the day was very successful and we made numerous sales, receiving excellent customer feedback.

I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Mellors for coming to support us, Miss Buckthorp for transporting us in the school minibus and Miss Bayliss for all the work leading up to the fair.

Finally, the biggest thank you goes to Miss Bartlett who has given up so much of her own time to help and support us, making sure we were on track, and staying with us all day at the fair.

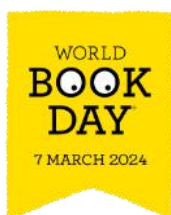
I think all of us at SILVA Organix can agree that our success and motivation comes from a team effort and we are very proud to be part of Alcester Academy Young Enterprise this year.

*SILVA Organix*





## World Book Day at Alcester Academy



### Matchbox Book Competition Winners

1st place—*Look out of the window* by year 7 student Luisa

Runner up—*Harry Potter* by year 7 student Chloe

**Congratulations!**



### Beat the Librarian Competition Winners Students

Ben (year 8) 2:19 minutes

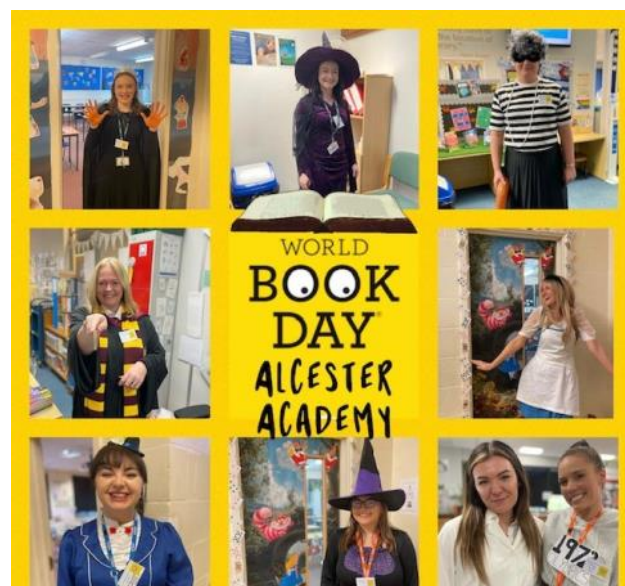
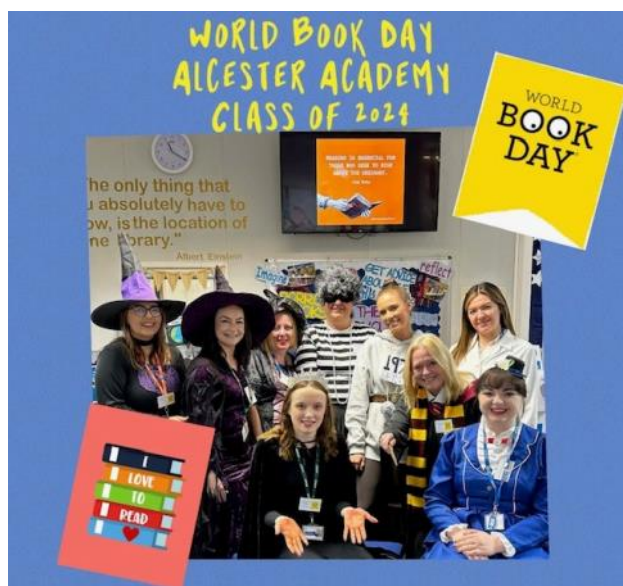
Tia (year 7) 3:23 minutes

Adelena (year 11) 3:04 minutes

### Staff

Miss Gruszczynska 1:32 minutes

The two LRC competitions were both organised by Jess (year 11), as a project towards her Platinum Student Librarian Award.





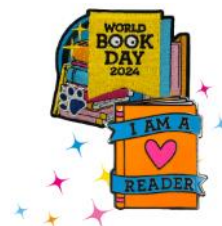
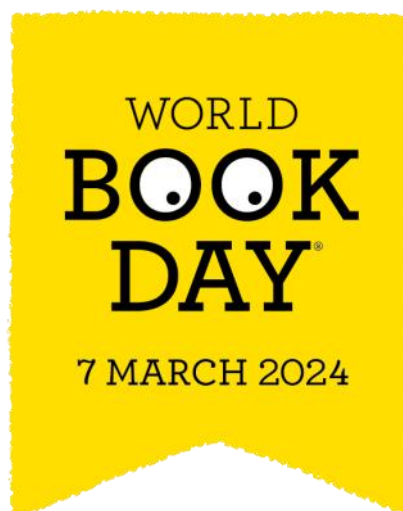
## World Book Day 2024

A wonderful day was had by all celebrating World Book Day on Thursday. There was a whole range of events taking place during the course of the day from teachers dressing up as literary characters to staff readings from favourite novels and loads of competitions for students and staff to take part in. Students were also given free books, and a £1 book token to take to their local book shop and choose a book for themselves.

It was a fantastic opportunity for us all to celebrate our collective love of reading. We often talk about how much reading benefits the academic journey of a young person and this is, of course, very true. Below are some ways in which current research shows how reading benefits young people. However, sometimes we forget to remind ourselves just how enjoyable reading is. It is one of life's greatest pleasures and we are so lucky to have a school library that enables us to enjoy that pleasure for free.

If you have a child at home who has not yet discovered the joy of reading, one of the single most important things you can do is to point them in the direction of the school library, and our fantastic librarian Mrs Hands. She works incredibly hard to ensure we have a wonderful library and Learning Resource Centre. It is full of interesting and exciting books, inspiring displays, and recommendations. Mrs Hands will help them discover the perfect book; everyone has one. If they haven't found enjoyment in reading yet, they just haven't found it.

*Miss Bayliss*



### The benefits of reading for pleasure:

- ◇ Improved reading attainment and writing ability.
- ◇ Improved text comprehension and grammar.
- ◇ Greater breadth of vocabulary.
- ◇ Positive reading attitudes.
- ◇ Self-confidence as a reader.
- ◇ Pleasure in reading in later life.
- ◇ Higher scores on the cognitive and social/attitudinal competencies.
- ◇ Consistently higher scores in mathematics, reading, logical problem-solving and attitude.
- ◇ higher average scores for engagement in school, positive communication and relations with family, and positive friendships.
- ◇ Less risky behaviour.
- ◇ Higher levels of motivation towards school.
- ◇ An increase in empathy and social skills.
- ◇ Improvement of health and wellbeing.
- ◇ Enjoyment and stimulating the imagination.

[Reading for pleasure — a door to success | Services to Schools](#)

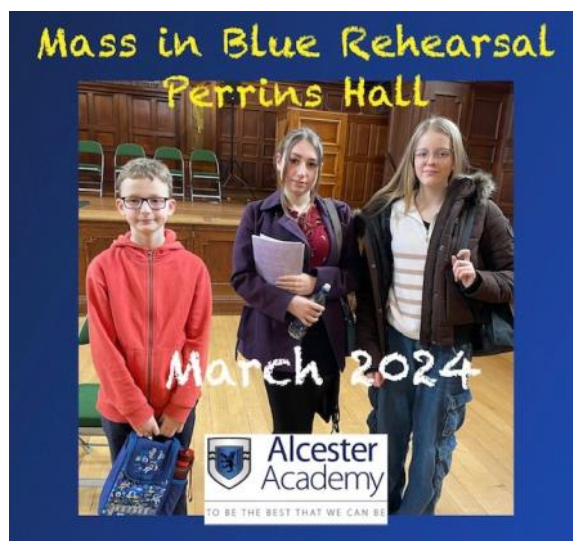
## Mass in Blue

Pupils embarked on their second rehearsal for the upcoming performance of Will Todd's *Mass in Blue* at Worcester Cathedral on Saturday 27th April 2024.

The performance will include a full professional band with the composer himself Will Todd at the piano, the Will Todd ensemble, soloist soprano Lorna James and BBC Symphony Chorus Director Neil Ferris as conductor.

Guest artist saxophonist Jess Gillam will also be performing with the 180 strong choir at this incredible concert. This is a performance not to be missed so please come along and support our fabulous Alcester Academy singers!

*Miss McKenzie*



## Mars Day at Alcester Academy

This week, a group of year 9 students took part in *Mars Day* as part of a STEM activity across the country. During the day, they had a live Q&A session with Tim Peake! The group also took part in a number of activities including a coding session for a rover to collect a sample from the planet Mars. This enabled them to think logically and ask questions about computer programming careers. They made whoosh bottles with Mr Gaskell and tested these (as seen in the photo) these were very successful. This experiment demonstrates how much chemical energy is released from a small quantity of fuel whilst creating the bright blue flame and the whoosh sound. There was also time spent learning about solar energy and how this is used to power lunar rovers. They were then challenged to design their own battery powered rovers in small groups. It was a really interesting day for the students and hopefully gave them an insight into different careers within the different industries in STEM.

*Miss Wincup and Mr Gaskell*





## Music Trip to Wales

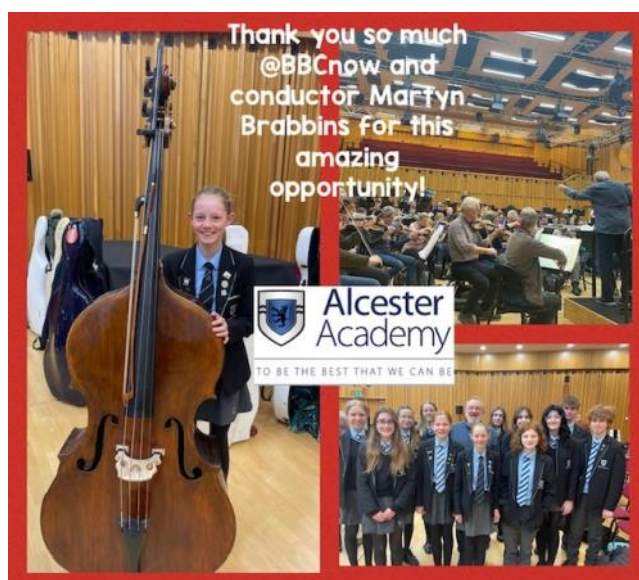
This week the music department took 12 pupils for an unforgettable experience, travelling to Cardiff to see the BBC National Orchestra for Wales, in rehearsal for their upcoming concert. Pupils could not contain their excitement as we were led to the front row with the opportunity to ask the musicians and famous conductor Martin Brabbins questions.

It was truly incredible for the pupils to experience a day in the life of a professional musician and be treated to the most stunning live orchestral music. The orchestra were fresh from their performance on The One Show the previous evening,

and were very proud to tell us that that they recorded the most recent BBC Doctor Who TV theme music and were regular performers on BBC Radio Three.

The BBC and all musicians made us feel incredibly welcome and commented on the excellent etiquette of our pupils, and how polite and respectful they were during the rehearsal. Thank you to Mrs Bennett for transporting us to Wales and back via the school minibus and being the most wonderful support. It was a truly memorable day that we won't forget, and the pupils were amazing!

*Miss McKenzie*



## Worcester Magistrates Court visit



Yesterday, Mrs Farnell and Mrs Bennett took the mock trial team to Worcester Magistrates Court to witness some live trials being heard that day.

The students had the opportunity to chat to magistrates and lawyers, as well as listened to plea bargaining and deliberations. This was a fantastic opportunity for the students to make some final preparations for their day in court next week!



## Alcester Academy Term Dates

### SPRING TERM 2024

Spring Term ends (Easter) Friday 22nd March 2024 at 12.40pm

### SUMMER TERM 2024

Summer Term begins **Monday 8th April 2024**

May Bank Holiday Monday 6th May 2024

Half Term Monday 27th – Friday 31st May 2024

**Back to school Monday 3rd June 2024**

Summer Term ends Friday 19th July 2024 at 12.40pm

## WANTED: Saucepans and Electric Whisks

The Food Technology department would like to request donations of stainless steel medium sized saucepans (16cm or 18cm), and electric hand held whisks.

Do you have any of these items at home that are no longer needed? Would you be willing to donate them to school?

In addition, any left over empty Celebrations or Roses tubs would be gratefully received as well.



Thank you!  
Mr M Tuckey—  
Food Technology teacher





# STUDIO APPEAL!

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## Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Navigation Day

On a very cold Saturday morning 48 year 10s, set out to complete a navigation training day in the Cotswolds.

Working in groups with an instructor the students completed a long and very muddy days walking, learning navigation, map and compass skills. Luckily the students were all properly kitted out for the weather as it was bitterly cold, turning very wet in the afternoon. All the students involved embraced the experience fully, showed super resilience and had a fantastic, positive attitude towards the day. *Mrs Jones*



### Careers News

<https://www.unifrog.org/>



Following the success of the *Unifrog* platform that we used during our year 10 Work Experience Week, we are delighted to have started rolling this out across the Academy.

This week all year 9 students have been given the opportunity to create personalised accounts which they will be able to use during their time at the Academy.

They will also be able to transfer these accounts to their new post-16 destinations! Please see the link for further details.



## Careers News

There has been lots going on at Alcester Academy this week to support National Careers Week 2024.

To support all students, we use quality CEIAG resources that link education with the world of employment, to ensure that students get an important insight to the future of work and further learning.

Working alongside industry role models we strive to ensure our students are better-informed to ensure better decision making as they move towards post-16 selections. Please see the link below to access *The Parents Guide To National Careers Week 2024*.

<https://ncw2020.co.uk/booklets-guides/>



Year 11 DT students were offered the chance to visit the new Oversley Castle site at Wixford this week. This exciting project will see the first castle to have been built in the UK for 110 years! The castle is being built using a new product call 'Isotex' instead of the traditional masonry stone, which is made essentially from pine trees. Site very kindly donated one of these bricks for students to explore further in school.

Students took their portfolios with them to show the various tradesmen what they are doing in school.

The highlight of the day was when Ollie was offered an apprenticeship with Lloyd, the site carpenter.

Congratulations Ollie, we're excited to see where this journey will take you!



# Mindful March 2024

MONDAY



4 Notice how you speak to yourself and choose to use kind words

TUESDAY



5 Bring to mind people you care about and send love to them

WEDNESDAY



6 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down

11 Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee

12 Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying

13 Pause to watch the sky or clouds for a few minutes today

18 Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels

19 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today

20 Focus on what makes you and others happy today  
dayofhappiness.net



25 Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted

26 Choose to spend less time looking at screens today

27 Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are



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## THURSDAY

## FRIDAY

## SATURDAY

## SUNDAY



1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness

2 Notice three things you find beautiful in the outside world

3 Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive

7 Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day

8 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture and smell of your food

9 Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others

10 Get outside and notice how the weather feels on your face

14 Find ways to enjoy any chores or tasks that you do

15 Stop. Breathe. Notice. Repeat regularly

16 Get really absorbed with an interesting or creative activity

17 Look around and spot three things you find unusual or pleasant

21 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else

22 Notice something that is going well, even if today feels difficult

23 Tune into your feelings, without judging or trying to change them

24 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do

28 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible

29 Choose a different route today and see what you notice

30 Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling

31 Discover the joy in the simple things of life

together



## 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: 93.3%**



### Top tutors this week:

*7KO with 97% attendance*

*8GA with 99.3% attendance*

*9SA with 91.7% attendance*

*10RO with 98.8% attendance*

*11CR with 100% 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).

### Top House this week:

*Greville with 95.9%*

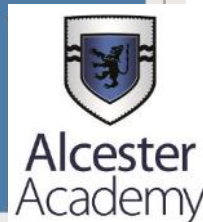
Thank you, *Mrs Hatcher*





## Extra Curricular Clubs—Spring Term 2024

<p><b>Monday</b></p> <p><u>LUNCH</u></p> <p>Science Club KS3 S3</p> <p>Acoustic Group Music Hut</p> <p>Art rooms Available for all art students</p> <p><u>AFTER SCHOOL</u></p> <p>Ornithology T4</p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b></p> <p><u>LUNCH</u></p> <p>Young Enterpsie E6/5</p> <p>Pop Band Music Hut</p> <p>Mock Trial E2</p> <p>Art rooms Available for all art students</p> <p><u>AFTER SCHOOL</u></p> <p>Choir Hall 4.15 finish</p> <p>Polish club</p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b></p> <p><u>LUNCH</u></p> <p>Chess/Board Game M4</p> <p>BBC Young Reporters E1 ( KS3 only)</p> <p>Digital Fashion T4</p> <p>POKEMON club PE1</p> <p>Y7 African Drumming Music</p> <p>Art rooms Available for all art students</p> <p><u>AFTER SCHOOL</u></p> <p>Rock Academy Music</p>
<p><b>Thursday</b></p> <p><u>LUNCH</u></p> <p>Environment Club E2</p> <p>LGQTQ+IA E4</p> <p>Rock Band</p> <p>Humanities Film Club Top of the Tower</p> <p>Art rooms Available for all art students</p> <p><u>AFTER SCHOOL</u></p> <p>Art Club KS4 only</p>	<p><b>Friday</b></p> <p><u>LUNCH</u></p> <p>Chess/Board Game M4</p> <p>Dance club Drama Studio</p> <p>Guitar Orchestra Music Hut</p> <p>Art rooms Available for all art students</p>	<p><b>Saturday</b></p> <p>Rock Academy 10am–11.30am</p>



## Year 11 revision timetable

Please find attached our revision timetable for this half term. Pupils need to ensure that they have their prom/hoodie card signed by their teachers after completing a successful revision session. *Mr Cooke*

Day	Option lunch 1.50-2.20pm	Option after school 3.35-4.15pm
Monday	French, Sport PE1 / Study room M5	
Tuesday	Further maths PE1 Study room S5	English
Wednesday	ICT Creative iMedia Media Studies catch up Study room E2	Computer Science Hospitality and Catering DT
Thursday	German/Study room E2 Geography H2 and H3	Art & Photography History
Friday		Science

## Epraise Facts & Figures

### Student Leader board:

1	Chloe	7KO	321 points
2	Ethan	7KO	300 points
3	Maddie	7KO	296 points
4	Jack	7TN	295 points
5	Ilani	8GA	282 points
6	Phoebe	7KO	279 points
7	Zachery	7KO	275 points
7	Noah	7RA	275 points
9	Isabella	7RA	274 points
10	Lauren	7TN	273 points

### Top Students—this week:

1	Jack	7TN	59 points
2	Liv	10AN	25 points
2	Michael	10RO	25 points
4	Violet	10RO	24 points
4	Maya	10SO	24 points
6	Jessica	10HL	23 points
7	Olivia	7WI	14 points
8	Hannah	10AN	12 points
8	Ilani	8GA	12 points
8	Eva	8TY	12 points

### Top Tutor—this week:

1	7TN	183 points
2	11GO	160 points
3	7LX	150 points
4	7KO	144 points
4	10SO	144 points

### Top Staff—this week:

1	Miss Lewis	430 points
2	Mr Martin	304 points
3	Mrs Gorner	262 points
4	Mr Rossiter	246 points
5	Mrs Weatherley	233 points



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

### Student Spotlight

I am proud to this week be able to feature the sporting success of three of our KS4 students who are reaching outstanding achievements in their sports participation outside of school. Well done to Darcie, Kyra and Jack.

#### Darcie (year 10) – Athletics



Congratulations to Darcie in year 10 who continues to excel within athletics. Darcie is an exceptional athlete and after taking silver at the Midlands Championships last year she finished the outdoor season ranked an incredible 18th in England! Darcie has only run three indoor races as a rookie U17 and has ranked number 1 in the West Midlands, 40th in England over the 60m Hurdles already, despite being towards the lower end of her competitive age group—incredibly positive signs for the future. We are all very proud of your achievements within athletics Darcie, well done and good luck for the summer season ahead!

#### Kyra (year 11) – Football

Congratulations to Kyra in year 11 for your continued success within football. Kyra has been offered an ability and academic success-based position with Stratford Town Football Club Academy on their Scholars Programme for 2024, where Kyra will look to go on to study for the extended Diploma whilst continuing to develop her play on the football field.



Kyra has gone from strength to strength in recent seasons having two seasons as Captain with the

U16 Inkberrow girls and will continue into the U17s next season. In addition to this Kyra has also been invited to train with the ladies Inkberrow squad in preparation for the 24/25 season, which will be a fantastic experience.

We wish Kyra the best of luck with her upcoming attendance at the FA Women's England Talent Pathway where Kyra will attend Talent ID sessions in the near future.

#### Jack (year 11) – Football



Well done to Jack in year 11 who this weekend was called up to the Claverdon Football Club Men's 1st team for their league match last weekend against Kings Heath Rangers. Despite his first competitive match for the club and the pressures of his position as a goalkeeper, Jack put in an outstanding performance in goal for Claverdon in his first match playing Men's Football and contributed brilliantly to his team's 13-0 victory. A great achievement and performance from Jack and his new team.

### This week's sport roundup

#### Netball

Our year 8 girls took part in the South Warwickshire Netball Tournament on Monday. They played in very cold and wet conditions but didn't complain and were a credit to the school. Well done! Special thank you to Mrs Marshall who came and umpired for us.





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### Lunchtime Sport



## \*\*SPRING 2 LUNCHTIME SPORT\*\*



- Lunchtime sports clubs to start w/b Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 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	MONDAY – MO	TUESDAY - MO	WEDNESDAY – PW/PE	THURSDAY - MO
26/2	<u>Y11 Intervention</u>	Year 11 Indoor Football	Y11 Sport Studies Assessment- Table Tennis	Year 11 Indoor Football
4/3	<u>Y11 Intervention</u>	Year 11 Indoor Football	Y11 Sport Studies Assessment- Table Tennis	Year 11 Indoor Football
11/3	<u>Y11 Intervention</u>	Year 11 Indoor Football	Y11 Sport Studies Assessment- Table Tennis	Year 11 Indoor Football
18/3	<u>Y11 Intervention</u>	Year 11 Indoor Football	Y11 Sport Studies Assessment- Table Tennis	Year 11 Indoor Football

### After School Sport



## \*\*THIS WEEK'S SPORT\*\*: W/B 11/3/24



Day	Extra-Curricular Club & Staff	Location
Monday	Year 10 Basketball v Stratford School - PW	Away
Tuesday	Archery (Selected) – Bowmen of Alcester – PW Year 7 and 8 Girls Football match v Studley - MO	Gym Field
Wednesday	Year 10 Football match v Aylesford – MO Year 7 Junior NBA competition - PW	Away Away
Thursday	Year 9 Football v Champion – MO Year 10 Rugby v AGS + Tudor Grange - PE	Away AGS

## Teaching Assistant

**Working term time only (39 weeks including 5 Teacher Training days)**

**Scale F range 6-11 FTE £21,968 starting salary (Actual pro rata £18,811)**

**Starting: ASAP**

**Closing date: Friday 15th March 2024 at 12 noon**

**Interviews: week commencing 18th March 2024**

### [ADVERT ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE](#)

#### **Learning Support at Alcester Academy**

Working under the supervision of the responsible teacher, assist and support teaching and learning, working with individuals or groups, and assist in providing general care, safety and welfare for pupils.

#### **The Post**

This is a full time, term time only post working 39 weeks per year (incl. 5 teacher training days). We are particularly interested in hearing from applicants with experience of working with children with communication and interaction needs, including autism, though this is not essential.

This is a temporary post for 12 months in the first instance with a view to becoming permanent after this period.

#### **The Application Process**

Please complete an Alcester Academy application form which can be found above. A written statement in support of your application will be accepted but we do not consider CVs. Please send your completed application to [admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk](mailto:admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk).

If you have any questions with regard to this vacancy or wish to visit the school, please contact [admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk](mailto:admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk). We look forward to receiving your application.

*Please note that this school is committed to safeguarding, equality of opportunity, and promoting the welfare of children and young people.*

*An enhanced DBS check will be required.*





## Teacher of Science (Maternity Cover)

**Salary: TMS**

**Contract Type: Full Time**

**Contract Term: Temporary (maternity cover)**

**Required: From May 2024 (start date negotiable)**

### ADVERT ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

A vacancy has arisen to become part of an outstanding science department within a high performing and friendly school. Alcester Academy enjoys a strong reputation locally and nationally as a result of our caring ethos and excellent academic performance.

The successful applicant will join an ambitious and supportive science team as maternity cover. At Alcester Academy, teachers enjoy the freedom to deploy their individual skills, and talents, whilst conveying a passion for their subject and delivering excellent outcomes.

The science department is proud of the progress that students make. As a team, we have an established record of excellent results; in 2022 results far exceeded National Averages: P8 for the whole school was +0.46 and science achieved a VA of +0.55. In 2023 86% achieved a minimum of 2 grade 4s in science with 71% achieving at least 2 grade 5s. Applicants will be considered from all points of experience, including early career teachers. In Key Stage 3, teachers would have sole responsibility for a class and are expected to deliver all content. At Key Stage 4, teachers are given more opportunity to teach within their specialist area. As a small department, flexibility and teamwork is particularly important. An ability to teach physics at Key Stage 4 would be desirable, however not essential. At KS4 both combined and triple science is offered. We currently work with AQA.

If you feel that Alcester Academy could be for you, please feel free to arrange a conversation or a school tour with our Head of Science, Debbie Marshall or simply complete the application form. Email address—[admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk](mailto:admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk).

*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.*



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A poster for the Junior Bake Off competition. It features a light blue background with a white tent and a string of colorful bunting. The text is in various colors and fonts, including red, green, and white. The website URL is in blue.

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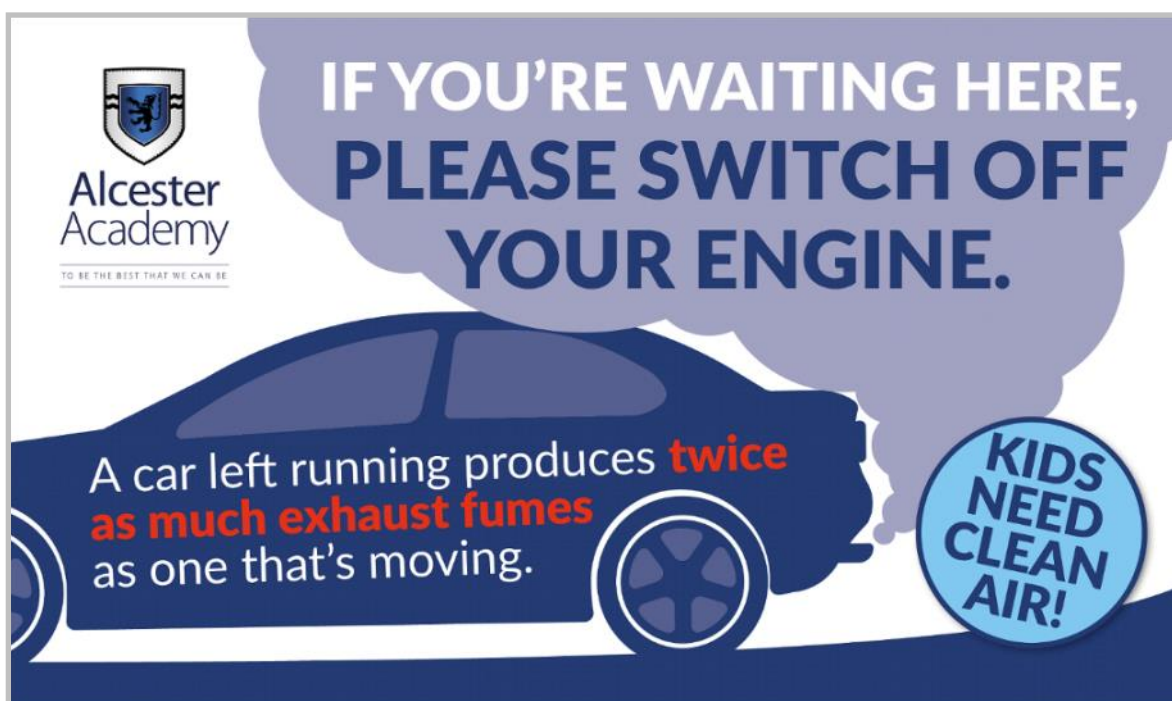
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A poster from Alcester Academy about car fumes. It features a dark blue car silhouette with a large purple cloud of fumes coming from the exhaust. The text is in white and blue, with some words in red. The Alcester Academy logo is in the top left corner.

  
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