

# Alcester Academy WEEKLY BULLETIN



9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy week here to include year 11s finishing off mock exams, many students taking controlled assessments, catch up for DT practical work and some important sporting fixtures for the upper school.

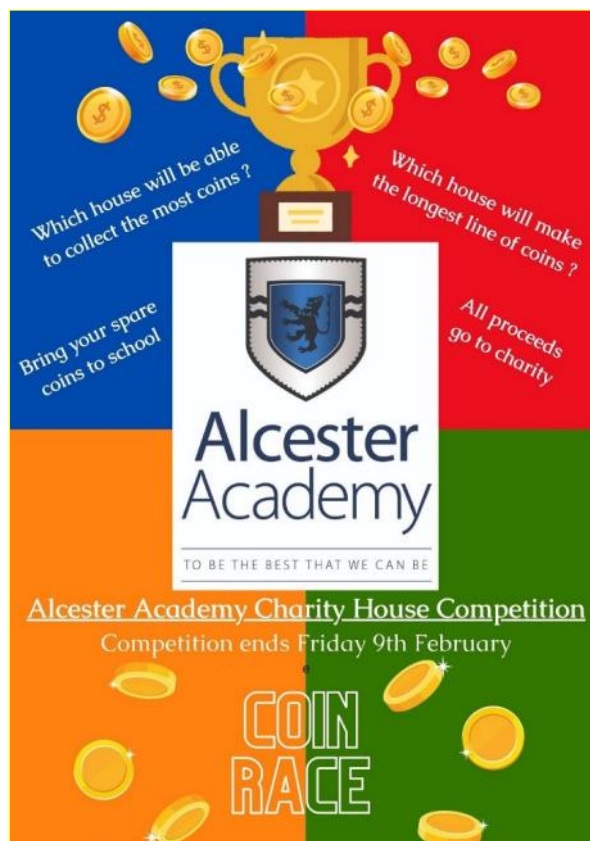


For the sports results, please see Mr Moffatt's bulletin section later on with some updates. Tuesday's match was won in spite of terrible weather conditions. Well done to all involved! Thanks to those parents who braved the rain too. I'll look forward to the final results after this afternoon's match.

During half term, we're looking forward to seeing some year 11s in school and online on Wednesday 14th February for history and English revision. A separate communication has gone out about this. Mrs Hatcher, Attendance Officer began some useful meditation and relaxation strategy sessions during the year 11 mocks and, at the request of students, she will continue these in the summer series.

Thank you to the teaching assistants who have worked extremely hard to support the year 11 exams for specific students.

Today, we held our House Coin Race too. This was an exciting lunch time trying to raise



funds for some House specific causes. I cannot wait to share the amounts raised with you after half term, and the nominated charity causes.



## What's inside this week...

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## National Apprenticeship Week

We have been celebrating National Apprenticeship Week this week during tutor time. For more details see [National Apprenticeship Week](#). Our year 10s had some specific workshops around this topic yesterday.



## Children's Mental Health Week

This week was also Children's Mental Health Week too, and so we will be looking at learning around this theme after half term.

[Children's Mental Health Week](#)

## Good Luck year 9s...

...as they step into exam week when we return after February half term. We have focussed upon exam skills and techniques this week in class. Miss McKenzie led assembly on Monday to go through the exam expectations with students. Please be sure that students have all of the equipment they need for this period. Thank you.

## Congratulations Jess, year 9

I was absolutely bowled over to read of Jess' success last weekend with her Irish Dancing in the Wiltshire Open, as follows:

- 1st Intermediate Slip Jig,
- 2nd Intermediate Treble Jig
- 3rd Intermediate Hornpipe
- 5th Open Reel
- Wiltshire Intermediate Premiership Champion.

As a parent of two former Irish dancers, I know how rigorous the training for this can be. Such wonderful news Jess. Huge congratulations from everyone at Alcester Academy.



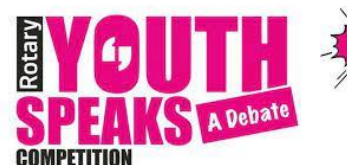
## Good luck to Caja, year 10

Caja takes part in the next round of the Rotary Young Chef Competition this weekend at Campion School, Leamington. We wish her every success with this!



Good luck to the year 10 *Youth Speaks Debate* group Osian, Charlie and Jessie, who take part in the next heat of the public speaking competition.

Mrs Gorner has written about this event later on for you. We send the team our very best wishes and lots of good luck. It looks like an exciting Sunday ahead.



## Year 8 Parents' Evening

It was great to see you all last night at the start of our options process. Please let us know if you need anything followed up.



# STUDIO APPEAL!

## ALCESTER

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## ROCK ACADEMY

After many awesome years of Rock-N-Roll mayhem—  
the famous *Rock Academy* or *Music Hut*—has come to the end of its life!

This was a crucial performance space for our musicians and performing artists.  
As a result we are looking to fit out a new studio which will be our new home  
moving forward! So far we have raised £5,000 of our £15,000 target through  
our many live music events, over the last few years!

Alcester Rock Academy has always been a community-based  
non-profit venture, and has helped to inspire and nurture  
hundreds of budding musicians over its sixteen year existence.

### CAN YOU HELP US?

If you would like to make a donation you can do so by scanning  
the QR code or visiting Friends of Alcester Academy at  
[www.friendsofaa.sumupstore.com](http://www.friendsofaa.sumupstore.com/)

If you work in the trade and are able to help in any way,  
please email [friends@alcesteracademy.org.uk](mailto:friends@alcesteracademy.org.uk).

Please help us to support our Alcester Rock Academy.



## Year 10 Super Learning Day

Today, we worked with Loudmouth on a day called *Safe and Sound*

[PSHE Workshop: Relationship Abuse, Consent and Control](#)

The objectives of the day were:

*Supporting young people to have positive and healthy relationships.*

*This sensitive programme uses a drama and discussion workshop that follows a young couple as their relationship develops. Looking in on their relationship the pupils are shown the characteristics of both a healthy and unhealthy relationship exploring the concepts of respect, privacy and consent including learning about sexting and abusive and coercive behaviours within relationships.*

## Alliance Updates

I had the pleasure of meeting the Alliance headteacher's this week. It was a productive session looking at the opportunities that have already happened for staff development across the five schools, and to look forward to some student events for the future.

## What is your child learning?

All of the long term curriculum plans are on the school website for you to review [Subjects](#).

## Thank you Rotary

We are very grateful to Alcester Rotary for helping to sponsor the Rock Academy Studio Appeal, with a generous donation. Please let us know if you think you might be able to help us in anyway. If not financially, maybe in materials? Huge thanks.

## Thank you all

Huge thanks for your continued parental support this half term. I do value us all working in partnership very much indeed. Five weeks flew by, and it is another short half term when we return then too.

Sincere thanks also to all of the staff for providing some fabulous opportunities for the students in this time. I wish them all a relaxing week ahead. We enjoyed a lovely lunch and baby



shower on Tuesday for Miss Taylor and Miss Elliott. Good luck to both of our mums to be!

Wishing you all a successful Shrove Tuesday next week in the kitchen! I'm aware that the Alcester Town races are on next week. Please do send us any photos if your child takes part (or you!). Mrs Weatherley and the MFL staff team are looking forward to the pancake entries for our half term competition. Mrs Gould, Canteen Manager put on some pancake specials this week for the students that went down well. Equally, I wish you all a super Valentine's Day too.

And finally, I'm certain, like me that you were extremely shocked to hear the health news regarding His Majesty, King Charles III earlier this week. We send our school wishes to him and his family, and remember so many of our own loved ones going through similar experiences at this time. I found this image comforting.

Have a safe and happy half term break. We look forward to seeing all students back on Monday 19th February 2024.

Best wishes  
Sarah Mellors—  
Headteacher







On Wednesday 7th February, three teams of students participated in the Youth Speaks Debate competition held by the Bidford, Alcester and Stratford Rotary club at the newly refurbished Grieg Hall. They competed against teams from all the local schools, having spent weeks preparing their debates.

First up was the Intermediate team, which consisted of three year 9 students: Chairperson Natasha, the Proposer Alice and the Opposer Clara, and they performed a very impassioned and interesting debate surrounding the harmful use of Artificial Intelligence. All the students performed admirably and demonstrated mature debating skills, which was especially impressive as they have never experienced being part of a debating team before.

Later that evening, it was the turn of the Senior teams, which consisted firstly of Jessica as the Chairperson, Charlie as the Proposer and Osian as the Opposer. They performed an insightful and lively debate surrounding growing up and maturity. They managed to answer the questions posed to them by the judges in a very successful manner, thinking on their feet with carefully considered responses. The second senior team comprised of Grace as the Chairperson, Maya as the Proposer and Liv as the Opposer. They raised very topical and thoughtful ideas about popularity in school. The judges all commended them on the way they handled themselves and worked together as a team.

Overall, all three teams performed brilliantly and demonstrated incredible public speaking skills. The first Senior team were awarded first place and go on to compete in the district final this Sunday!

*Mrs Gorner*



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

WOW what a week! Last week saw 100 of our year 10 cohort leave the comfort of the Academy to take part in our work experience scheme. This is a voluntary scheme which offers students the opportunity to look closely at potential career choices for the future. It allows them to make informed decisions post-16 and is a valuable support to the careers advice we offer in school.

Nothing can compare to a lived experience, and thankfully with the support of the wider community we have been able to once again offer this opportunity to students. We have had overwhelming support from families, friends and businesses within not only Alcester, but also much further afield. Mae was lucky to visit the Isle of Wight and you can learn more about her week later!

We have been incredibly humbled at the lengths our support network has gone to in order to offer exciting, motivational and inspirational experiences. The vast majority of students received a visit from staff during the week, and on Thursday our Vice Chair of Governors, Mrs Hodgetts went to Stratford to see for herself the wonderful experiences students were having. We were sincerely grateful for this.

A number of students have potential weekend job offers following the week, and other students have said it has been invaluable so far as them making career choices moving forward.

I think you'll agree it's been a very special week. I hope you enjoy looking at some of the employer comments, Kobe and Mae's memories of their week at *Edgbaston Cricket Club* and *Dinosaur Isle Museum*, and photos that were taken throughout the week. I cannot wait to begin the process again with the current year 9s later this year.

Miss Bartlett—  
Careers Coordinator





# WORK EXPERIENCE

# FEEDBACK

Jay has got on really well and has been a pleasure to have. We've enjoyed taking him through some immersive tech and he's also been over to Warwick Uni and been involved there too.

*Hollywood Games*

It was nice working with Charlie yesterday. Just wanted to let you know he was a pleasure to work with and was very helpful setting up, feeding and coaching the children throughout the session. If he ever has any questions or wants some extra work experience, please do let me know and I'm happy to try and offer him some extra opportunities in the future.

*Complete Cricket International*

Charlie has been a pleasure to have on site! He spent the week in the lab and took part in some lab work too.

*Abbotts Toxicity Ltd*

All employers have been sent a feedback questionnaire, and students will be able to see their replies on their Unifrog accounts!





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The BBC Young Reporter's club is a competition in which students can submit articles on topics of their own interest; with the chance to have these articles published in the BBC. Miss Lewis' reporter's have been working hard at developing their interview and article writing skills ahead of submitting their own articles for the competition. Amelia and Ben in year 8 took their investigative skills one further by interviewing Kobe and Mae in year 10 about what they got up to during their work experience last week!



#### **Why did you choose to go there?**

I am very interested in taking part in sports and when I got the invitation, I couldn't turn it down.

#### **How long have you been playing cricket?**

I have played cricket since the age of 8 in All Stars. but now I'm in the U15s so I have gone through the age groups one by one.

#### **What jobs did you do whilst working at the club?**

I worked in Edgbaston taking part in helping with the grounds work and the fixtures for the league.

#### **What skills did you gain from this experience?**

I gained a lot of independence and responsibility from working there.

#### **How long were the working days?**

8.30am until 4.30pm—7 hours a day.

#### **Why did you choose Edgbaston rather than one of the other clubs?**

At other clubs it would just be the practical side of things, I wanted to see the more technical side of things—like sorting out the leagues.

*Kobe, year 10*





**Why did you choose to go to the dinosaur museum?**

I am interested in science and paleobiology (studying animals, plants and fossils) and I think that it is a respectable science field. I have a passion for it.

**What did you learn from this experience?**

They are very specific with the order of everything. There is a lot of attention to detail and processes can take from months to years to complete. One fairly small bone took 8 hours to prepare!

**How long did you work there for?**

I worked for 29 hours overall. So around 5 hours a day.

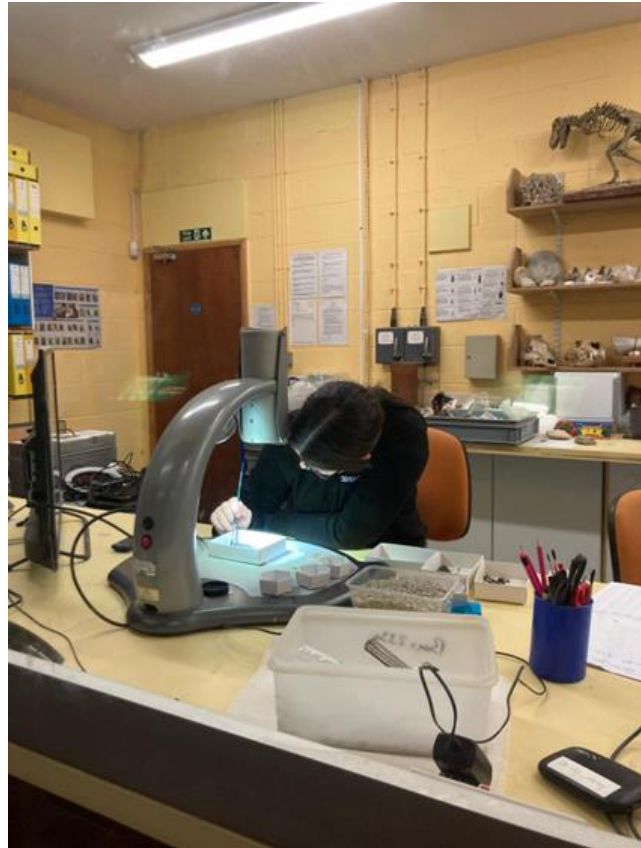
**Is this something you would want to pursue in the future?**

Possibly. I would like to work in a biology field in the future. Which is working in DNA and anatomy specific.

**Why did you choose to go to a museum and not an archeological site?**

I prefer to work in lab work rather than on a site. I enjoy looking at visual things and how it pieces together.

*Mae, year 10*





<i>VIP Fitness</i>	<i>Edgbaston Cricket Stadium</i>	<i>Offenham Primary School</i>
<i>Tudor Grange</i>	<i>Alveston Manor</i>	<i>The Bear</i>
<i>Teddy Bear Corner</i>	<i>Calgavin Ltd</i>	<i>St Marys Primary</i>
<i>Tilly Rose Beauty Boutique</i>	<i>Roses Theatre</i>	<i>Marks and Spencer</i>
<i>Nash Business Systems</i>	<i>P&amp;H Services Ltd</i>	<i>The View</i>
<i>St. Nicholas Primary School</i>	<i>Dinosaur Isle Museum</i>	<i>Annie's Market Garden</i>
<i>Ellenden Farmshop and Cafe</i>	<i>BDR Group</i>	<i>Evesham Leisure Centre</i>
<i>UK Teleport</i>	<i>Eden Hotel Collection</i>	<i>Meadow View Care</i>
<i>Redditch Dog Walking</i>	<i>Snips</i>	<i>Hotel Indigo</i>
<i>Camilla Jones Jewellery</i>	<i>The Ark Vet Practice</i>	<i>Spearhead Machinery</i>
<i>Heller Machine Tools</i>	<i>Viezu Technologies</i>	<i>Stratford District Council</i>
<i>Hillers</i>	<i>Annabel's Country Canines</i>	<i>Full Potential Therapy</i>
<i>Blade Motorcycles</i>	<i>Oakley and Irvine</i>	<i>Wickes Home Improvements</i>
<i>Walls and Ceilings Ltd</i>	<i>Warwick Sports Shop</i>	<i>The Ark</i>
<i>Bidford Primary School</i>	<i>Castle Fine Art</i>	<i>Cass Worldwide</i>
<i>Robert Powell and Co</i>	<i>CNC Routing Ltd</i>	<i>Chin Badger Media</i>
<i>CSA Environmental</i>	<i>Bridge Garage</i>	<i>P Hughes Ltd</i>
<i>MTD Training</i>	<i>Pets at Home</i>	<i>Daisy Corporate Services</i>
<i>Purnell's Restaurant</i>	<i>Logex Ltd</i>	<i>Welford Primary School</i>
<i>The CE Marking Association</i>	<i>DaMand Installs Ltd</i>	<i>P Owen Plumbing &amp; Heating</i>
<i>HL Throne and Co</i>	<i>Aunty Jen Productions</i>	<i>Annabel Sarah Bridal</i>
<i>IMA Swiftpack Ltd</i>	<i>Haselor Primary School</i>	<i>Abbotts Toxicity Ltd</i>
<i>Evesham Leisure Centre</i>	<i>Korec Group</i>	<i>Serenity Hair and Beauty</i>
<i>Ragley Hall</i>	<i>Alcester Nursery Studio</i>	<i>Dunnington Primary School</i>
<i>Lodders Solicitors</i>	<i>Giant Cycles</i>	<i>Mavericks Hair and Beauty</i>
<i>Broom Tavern</i>	<i>Morris Mica</i>	<i>Hollywood Games</i>
<i>Clarke Brothers Building Contractors</i>	<i>Temple Grafton Primary School</i>	
<i>De Montfort Veterinary Hospital</i>	<i>Apple Vale Home Farm</i>	
<i>McGettigan's Veterinary Surgery</i>	<i>4X4 Development Land Rover Specialists</i>	
<i>Complete Cricket International</i>		



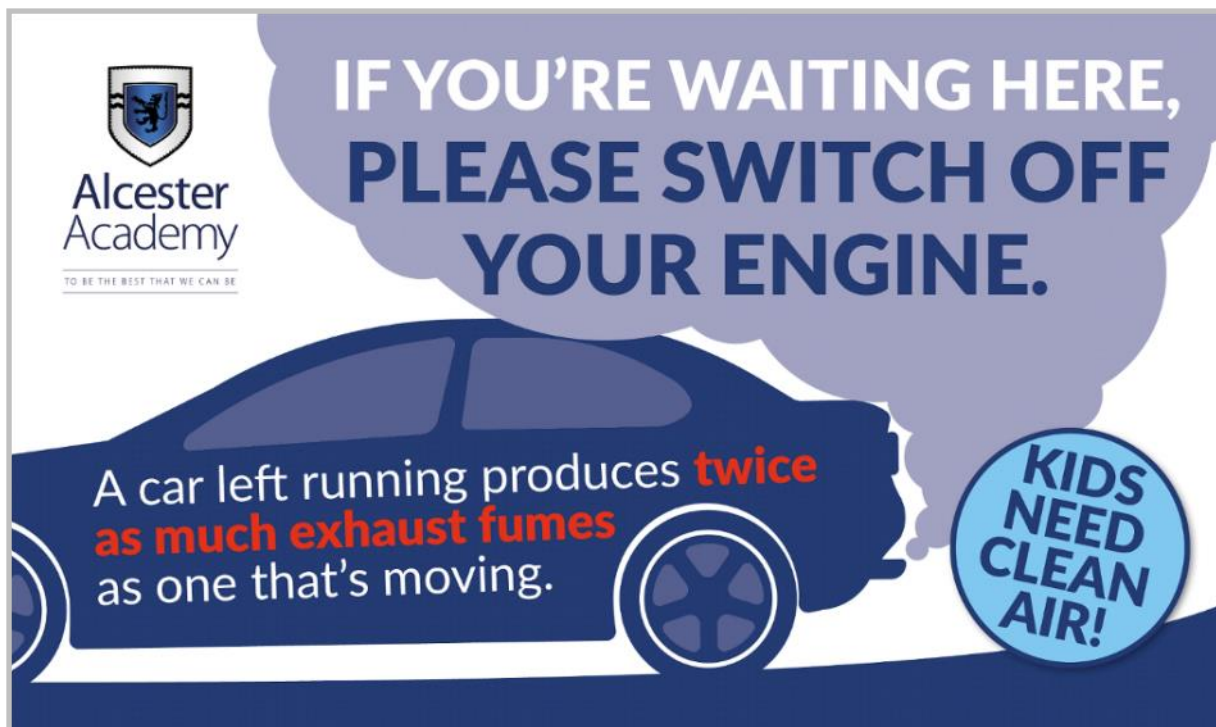
### Family Support Worker Drop In

Thursday 29th February, 1 – 3pm, at Alcester Academy

We are pleased to invite you to a Drop In with one of our Family Support Workers, who can listen, support and offer you advice and guidance, if you and your family are struggling with any issues.

Please contact the LSU if you would like some more information.

Email: [juliequirke@alcesteracademy.org.uk](mailto:juliequirke@alcesteracademy.org.uk)





To support National Apprenticeship Week students have had a variety of activities to complete during tutor time. Apprenticeships are a fantastic alternative to sixth form or college and it's important that students are aware of the opportunities available to them. Whilst it's a competitive market, apprenticeships may be a more viable option for some.

We were fortunate to have a visit from Mr Bryan Anderson from Stratford-Upon-Avon College this week who delivered an assembly to showcase apprenticeship opportunities within our local community.

For those parents wishing to understand more about apprenticeships please use the link below to access the guide pictured.

*Miss Bartlett*

### [The Parents' Guide to National Apprenticeship Week 2024](#)





## Celebrate La Chandeleur!

In France, La Chandeleur marks the end of the Christmas period. It is exactly 40 days after Christmas Eve. It marks the return of light, a symbol of protection and prosperity.

To mark this occasion and to celebrate Shrove Tuesday, the MFL faculty are running a pancake competition for year 7.

The task is to make and decorate a pancake, preferably with a French theme, and then to

attach a photo of your pancake to the assignment on Google classroom. Teachers will go through the task in lessons.

The deadline for entries is Monday 19 February and there will be prizes!

*Mrs Weatherley*



## Alcester Academy Term Dates

### SPRING TERM 2024

Half Term Monday 12th – Friday 16th February 2024

**Back to school Monday 19th February 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

# World Book Day 2024

## Matchbox Books and Beat the Librarian

WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**  
7 MARCH 2024

### Matchbox Book - a matchbox with your own design on the front.

On the front of your matchbox, design your own version of a pre-existing book cover or a design to do with your favourite book and make it as creative as possible. Please hand these in to the LRC week beginning 4th March with the last day for submission being Wednesday lunch with your name and tutor group. The winners will be announced on World Book Day at lunchtime.

Judges:

- Mrs Hands
- Miss Lewis
- Mr Yarrington
- Jess - y11

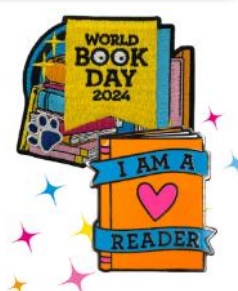


### Beat the Librarian

The aim of this is to shelve all of the set books into alphabetical order faster than one of our student librarians. This will be run each day by the student librarian on duty and students name, tutor group and time will be recorded. If any of the students beat the librarian, the fastest student will win a prize.

- On the week of World Book Day (week beginning 4th March), come into the library one lunchtime to have your time recorded.
- You will be trying to beat the time of the fastest student librarian.
- This competition will be run during Monday-Thursday breaks. Winners will be announced World Book Day lunchtime.

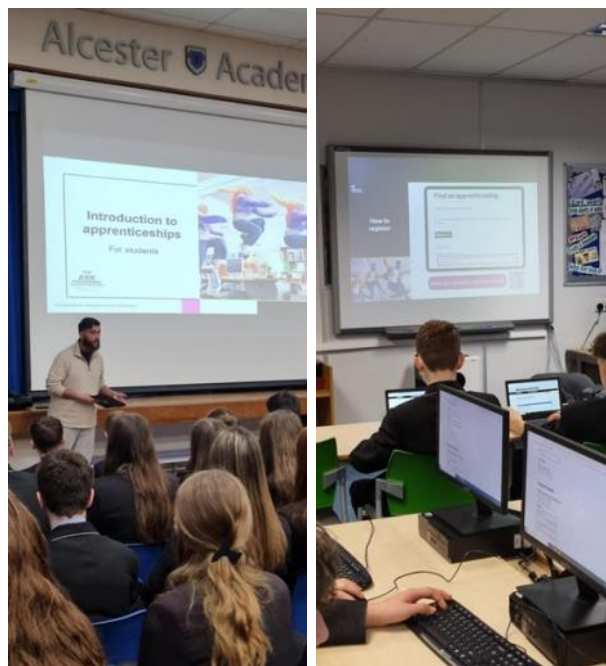
- For each competition, a prize will be given to one person from Key Stage 3 (years 7 and 8) and one person from Key Stage 4 (years 9 and above).
- Both competition winners will be announced on World Book Day lunchtime (more information on this to follow).





## Ask Apprenticeships

Yesterday year 10 students had an assembly with *Ask Apprenticeships*. Sincere thanks to Hassnain for visiting. This was followed by a workshop to discover more about the opportunities available post-16, and to register for their own accounts with the government website. Students will now be able to track suitable opportunities as they arise.



## World Thinking Day—Girl Guiding

World Thinking Day—Girl Guiding  
Alcester Academy is very happy to support *World Thinking Day* with the Girl Guides if any members would like to wear their uniform to school on this day. 22nd February 2024.



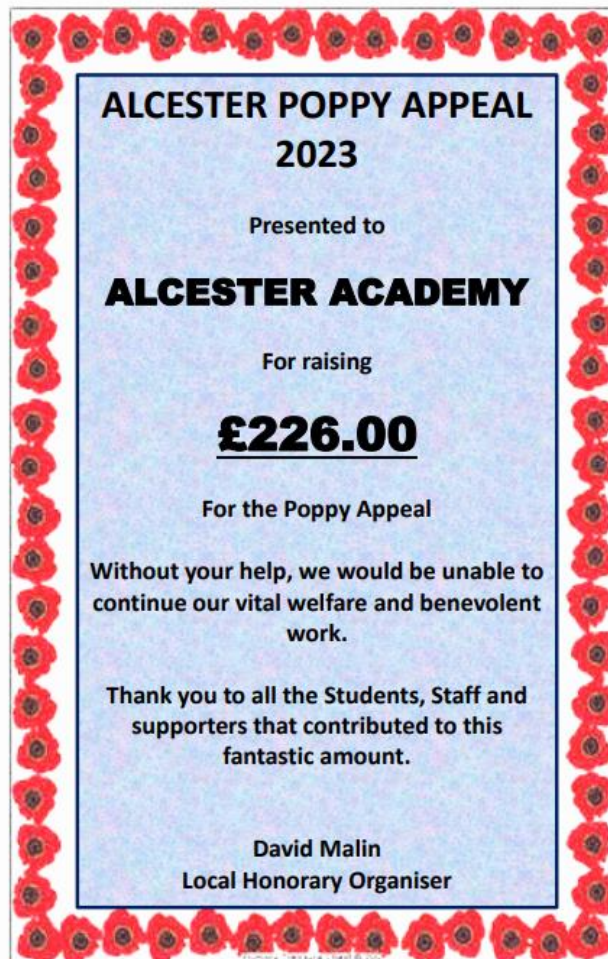
**World Thinking Day – 22nd February 2024**

World Thinking Day is a worldwide celebration that has taken place on every 22nd February since 1926. It remains a day for all Guides and Girl Scouts to think of each other and celebrate their sisters all around the world.

Girlguiding is part of the largest women's organisation in the world; with more than 10 million members across 152 countries. There has been a long tradition of inviting school children who are members of Girlguiding and Scouts to wear their uniforms to school on 22nd February, adult members will often do the same. Alternatively, members can be asked just to proudly display their promise badges on their usual school uniform.

We would like to ask that children from your school who are members are invited to wear their uniforms this year as World Thinking Day falls on a school day.

Many thanks for your support and if you have any queries, please feel free to contact us on [alcester.avonguidingdc@gmail.com](mailto:alcester.avonguidingdc@gmail.com)



## Court Leet Pancake Races

The Alcester Court Leet Pancake Races take place this year on Tuesday 13th February. The annual Shrove Tuesday event will be held in Alcester High Street. Please come along, join in and support the community event!

[www.alcestercourtleet.co.uk/activities/pancake-races-2/](http://www.alcestercourtleet.co.uk/activities/pancake-races-2/)



Alcester Court Leet



Do you have any spare empty matchboxes you would like to donate for a World Book Day activity? Please bring in your donations to Mrs Hands in the LRC. Thank you!



## SCIENCE REVISION GUIDES

Calling all year 9 students:  
science revision guides  
are now in stock!

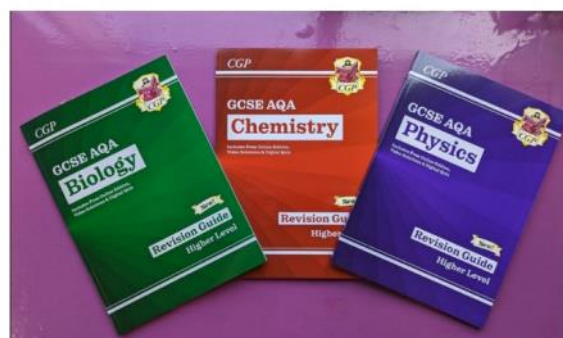
Available from the  
science department, get yours  
today to help revise for your  
upcoming exams.

**Prices:**

**Triple award: £10 (3 books)**

**Combined: £6.50 (1 book)**

*Please speak to a member of the  
department to get yours.*





## Attendance Updates

### Whole School Attendance: 92.4%

#### Top tutors this week:

7LX with 97.8% attendance

8TU with 96.8% attendance

9SA with 96.5% attendance

10PW with 99.2% attendance

11ES with 98.6% attendance

#### Top House this week:

Greville with 94.2% - Undefeated!

If your child is absent from school, please inform the Attendance Officer, Mrs Louise Hatcher, of the reason before 9.30am each day.


This can be done through SchoolComms, by calling 01789 762285, or by emailing [louisehatcher@alcesteracademy.org.uk](mailto:louisehatcher@alcesteracademy.org.uk).

Thank you, Mrs Hatcher



## TEXTACADEMY

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






I'm being bullied - I don't know what to do -

*textacademy to 07563130478*

*with your message*

or

*email your message to:*

*[textacademy@alcesteracademy.org.uk](mailto:textacademy@alcesteracademy.org.uk)*

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## Extra Curricular Clubs—Spring Term 2024

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



## Year 11 Revision—new timetable launched for next half term

Please find attached our revision timetable for next 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	272 points
2	Maddie	7KO	261 points
3	Ethan	7KO	257 points
4	Phoebe	7KO	252 points
5	Noah	7RA	251 points
6	Anna	7KO	250 points
7	Alfie	7LX	249 points
8	Amber	7WI	247 points
9	Zachery	7KO	246 points
10	Bella	7KO	245 points

### Top Students—this week:

1	Amelia	8TY	18 points
2	Faith	9SA	17 points
3	Georgia	9BW	16 points
4	Anna	7KO	15 points
5	Tegan	7KO	14 points
5	Aleysha	7WI	14 points
5	Mia	10SO	14 points
5	Ilani	8GA	14 points
5	Molly	9BW	14 points
5	Poppy	8SI	14 points

### Top Tutor—this week:

1	7WI	225 points
2	7KO	200 points
3	8TY	196 points
4	7LX	172 points
5	7RA	171 points

### Top Staff—this week:

1	Mrs Gorner	377 points
2	Mr Rossiter	339 points
3	Mr Yarrington	322 points
4	Mrs Weatherley	261 points
5	Mrs Kowal	237 points





ALCESTER ACADEMY PRESENTS

# Family



# Night

Friday 8th March

Doors Open 6.30pm — 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.



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### Lunchtime Sport



## **\*\*SPRING 1 LUNCHTIME SPORT\*\***



- Lunchtime sports clubs to start w/b Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 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 - PE	TUESDAY - MO	WEDNESDAY - PW	THURSDAY - MO
15/1	Girls 'Just Dance'	Year 11 Indoor Football	All years Table Tennis	Year 11 Indoor Football
22/1	Girls 'Just Dance'	Year 11 Indoor Football	All years Table Tennis	Year 11 Indoor Football
29/1	Girls 'Just Dance'	Year 11 Indoor Football	All years Table Tennis	Year 11 Indoor Football
5/2	Girls 'Just Dance'	Year 11 Indoor Football	All years Table Tennis	Year 11 Indoor Football

### After School Sport



## **\*\*THIS WEEK'S SPORT\*\*: W/B 19/2/24**



Day	Extra-Curricular Club & Staff	Location
Monday	No clubs- Staff training	
Tuesday	Year 7 and 8 Boys Basketball- PW Year 7 + 8 Girls Football- External Coach KS4 Girls Football- MO	Gym Field Field
Wednesday	Year 7 Football Training- MO KS4 Boys Basketball- PW	Field Gym
Thursday	Year 10 Football Training- MO Year 7 and 8 Netball- PE	Top Field Courts

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

### **This week's sport roundup:**

#### **Year 10 Rugby v Lawrence Sheriff School**

Our year 10 Rugby team travelled to the origin of rugby union this week to take on Lawrence Sheriff School.

Despite coming up against strong opposition who compete in regular rugby fixtures at the week-ends, our lads put in a spirited performance coming away with three well worked tries as well as many things to work in going forward.

Well done to all who represented the school in this fixture and to Jake in year 9 who was voted player of the match by the team after the game.



#### **Year 11 Football v Southam College**

Congratulations to our year 11 team on progressing to the District Cup final with a hard fought 1-0 victory versus Southam College on Wednesday. The team were met with high winds and rain throughout the match and showed brilliant commitment and determination against Southam.

The lads worked tirelessly throughout the match, defending brilliantly as a team and creating a number of good goalscoring opportunities on the counter-attack also. Year 11 will look forward to their second cup match this week on Friday against Sidney Stinger School from Coventry which we will update you on after half-term. Well done to all involved in this achievement.



#### **Year 10 Basketball v Stratford School**

Unfortunately, Stratford School had to postpone our year 10 basketball cup match due to be held this week.

We will be in touch next half-term with the rearranged date.

*Mr Moffatt*



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

\*\*\* Amazing Opportunity \*\*\*

### Become an Alcester Academy Sports Leader

**A reminder that the deadline for Sports Leader applications is Monday 12th February—please email Mr Moffatt to apply.**

To express an interest in becoming a Sports Leader for this year please email Mr Moffatt ([paulmoffatt@alcesteracademy.org.uk](mailto:paulmoffatt@alcesteracademy.org.uk)) with a brief summary of:

- 1) Why do you want to be a Sports Leader
- 2) What do you feel you could bring to the role?

**Deadline – Monday 12<sup>TH</sup> Feb 2024**

## Alcester Academy Sports Leaders 2023-2024



#### **Roles:**

- Act as a student leader within PE
- Edit and produce reports from fixtures
- Represent the PE department at events – Open evening/Sports Award Evenings etc.
- Mentor younger students within your specialist sport
- Lead your House on Sports Day
- Attend Sports Leader meetings each half -term to have your say on all things PE and Sport!

#### **Opportunities:**

- Enhance your CV and leadership experience in Sport!
- Have your say on what sports are taught in PE
- Be a part of the House Sport launch for 23-24
- Coach/Lead at lunchtime and after school clubs
- Give your opinions on future Sports trips and sports tours!
- Support at local Primary school's Sports Days and provide sports coaching to local Primary Schools
- Attend relevant coaching/officiating/leadership courses



# Routes into STEM Virtual Experience 2023/24

Routes into STEM virtual experience provides an exciting opportunity to explore the various routes you can take towards your STEM career. This course is designed to enable young people to work through activities and projects at their own pace, tour a variety of institutions virtually and also have access to live career sessions and mentor panels with STEM employers.

## Who is it for?

- Students in Year 9 or 10 / S3 or S4 / equivalent who are interested in exploring a career in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)
- All you need is an interest in STEM and curiosity about the future. The course is open to all academic abilities

## What's involved?

- Approximately 20 hours of study virtually at a pace that suits you
- Exploring different Routes into a STEM career including College Courses, University Courses, and Apprenticeships and learning from industry what is involved in a STEM career as well as enhancing your skills
- Live interactive sessions over the half-term breaks, school holidays and after school, allowing you to listen and ask questions to STEM students and professionals
- Getting to work on a project set by a STEM company to look further at a career area that interests you

## What do you get out of it?

- Find out about different Routes into a STEM career from industry experts, college and university leaders, as well as young people who are currently on that path
- Engage in projects and activities that will enhance your problem-solving, critical thinking, creativity and innovation skills and inspire you to find career motivation. Projects include a Biopharm challenge from GSK, a Design challenge from Balfour Beatty, an RSC Chemistry challenge and many more exciting challenges in all areas of STEM.
- Create your own personalised action plan to see your own Route into STEM
- Learn about your career skills and how you could write about this in your CV/ Personal Statement or Application form
- Receive an Industrial Cadets Bronze Award showing all that you have achieved on the course



[www.etrust.org.uk](http://www.etrust.org.uk)



## When is it?

This experience runs from 2 October 2023 until 2 August 2024 with live sessions running throughout the duration, over the half-term breaks, school holidays and after school

## Cost

£75

If cost is a barrier, fully funded places are available, please indicate your interest on the application form

## How to apply?

To apply, please visit our website [here](#) or scan the QR code!



## What previous students have said

*"This experience has shown me just how varied STEM is. I know that I can have a career that suits me, no matter my academic merit or personal qualities. I've also heard a lot from people who study and work in STEM, and it has been inspiring and encouraging to hear about their positive experiences and ambitions for the future. Industrial Cadets has also taught me key skills such as problem-solving and communication, which I am eager to apply to my future education and career."*

*"I've always loved STEM things but I always worried about not being able to make it, but now getting a STEM career seems more achievable."*

*"Before, I was fixed on a regular plan to go into 6th form, go to you university, and move forward without looking for any non-linear pathway. Routes into STEM has shown me that many of those who end up in STEM careers have not pursued that linear pathway, and this has made me more open to options such as apprenticeships, which I had never considered previously"*

94%

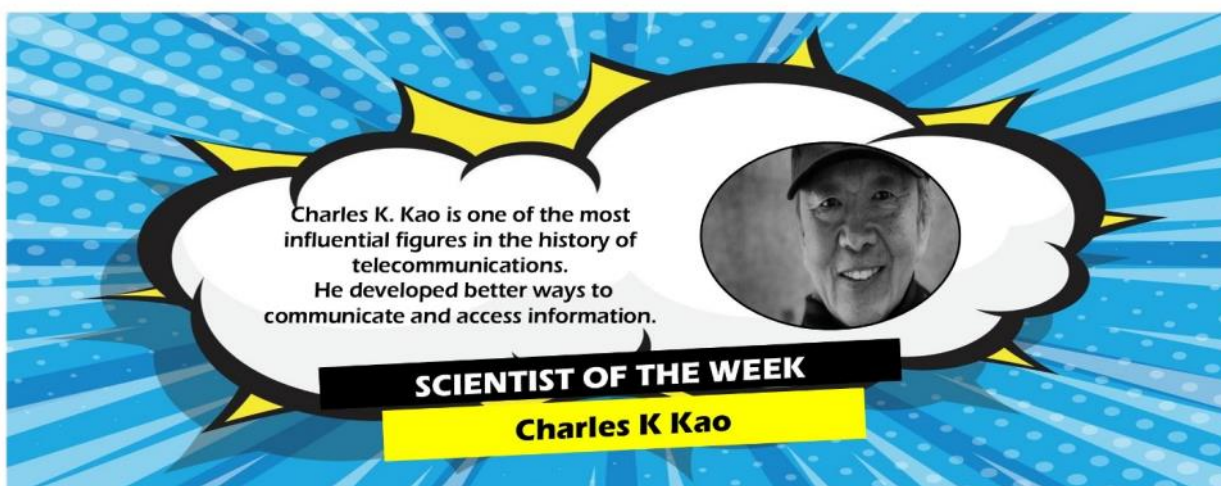
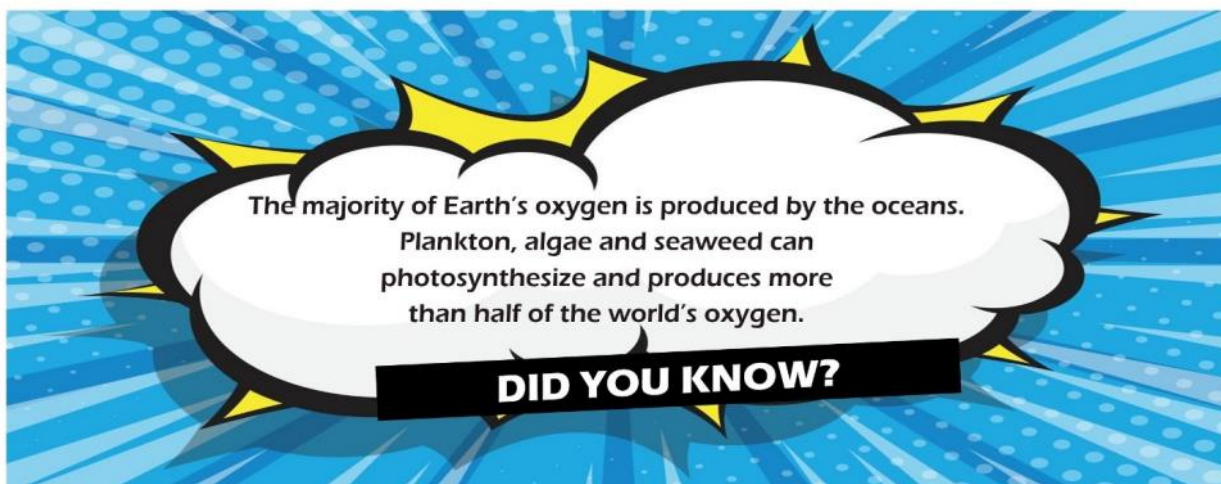
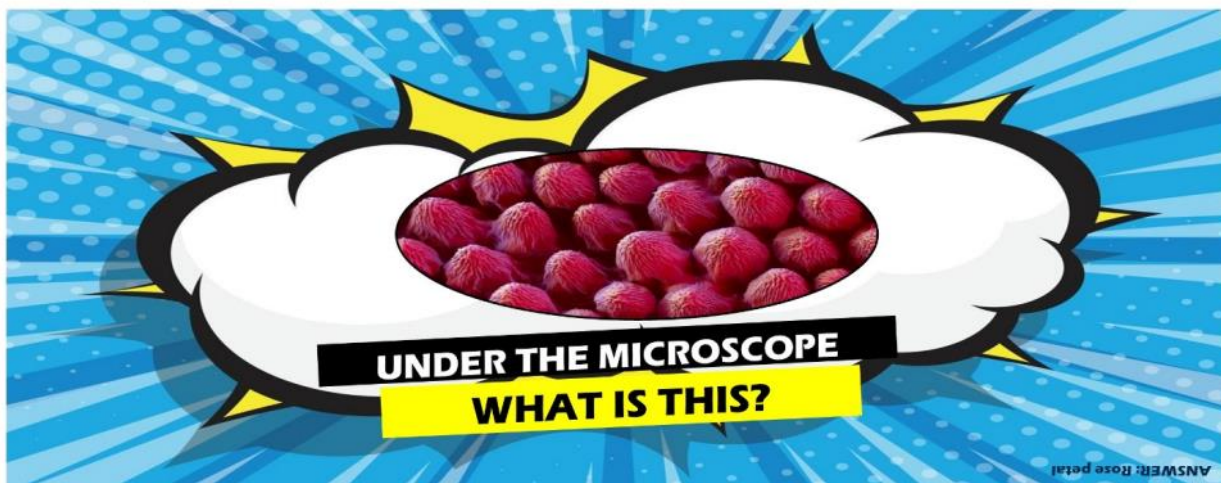
of students felt confident about making future career choices following their course

99%

of students felt they know more about the STEM careers opportunities available to them



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## 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.*



## Teacher of Art and Photography - Maternity Cover

**Starting June 2024 until June 2025 MPS/UPS**

**Closing date: Friday 1st March 2024 at 12 noon**

**Interviews: Week commencing 4th March 2024**

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

A vacancy has arisen to become part of an outstanding art 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 thoroughly supportive teaching team which works within a highly successful art and design technology cluster. 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 art department is proud of the progress that students make. As a team, we have an established record of excellent results; last years' results far exceeded National Averages: the open block subjects achieved a P8 of +0.77 and the school was in the top 5% in the country for progress. This is a temporary 12-month post covering maternity leave.

Applicants will be considered from all points of experience, including newly qualified teachers. We are seeking applications from candidates with a specialism in photography, including digital aspects, but also a willingness to deliver KS3 Art. Experience of the external Set Task (examination) element of GCSE Photography would be beneficial, but not essential.

If you feel that Alcester Academy could be for you, please contact the Subject Leader, James Yarrington for informal discussion via email at: [jamesyarrington@alcesteracademy.org.uk](mailto:jamesyarrington@alcesteracademy.org.uk) or simply complete the application form.

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## 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: Thursday 22nd February 2024 at 12 noon**

**Interviews: week commencing 26th February 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**

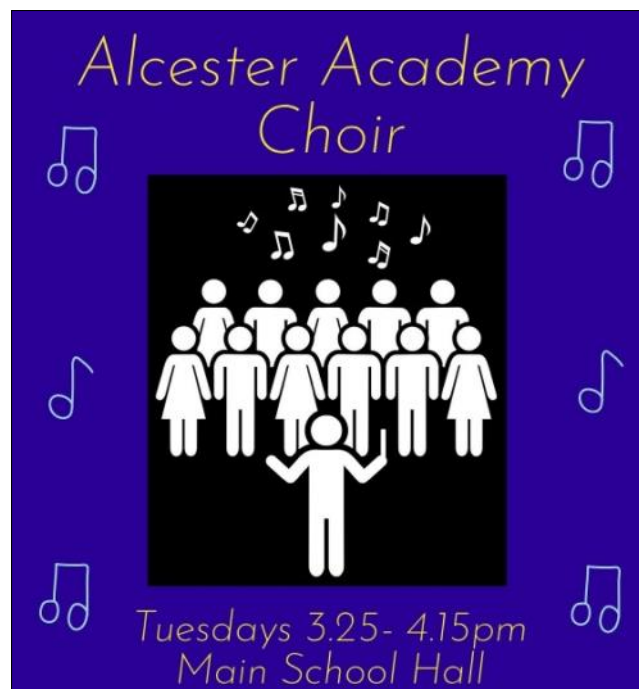
Please complete an Alcester Academy application form which can be found above. A written statement in support of your application will be accepted but we do not consider CVs. Please send your completed application to [admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk](mailto:admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk).

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.*






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**STRATFORD YOUTH THEATRE presents**

**The Spiderwick Chronicles**  
Live on Stage at  
The Bear Pit Theatre

The Very First Stage Adaptation of the Beloved Children's Books Promises to be Highlight of February Half-term for Families

The story follows The Grace family, who, after finding a mysterious, handmade field guide in the attic of a ramshackle old mansion, Jared, Simon and older sister Mallory, discover that there is a magical and maybe dangerous world existing parallel to their own — the world of Faerie. They find themselves hunted by a band of menacing goblins and constantly pranked by their very own house brownie who will stop at nothing to prevent the secrets of the book from being revealed...

The FIRST EVER stage adaptation of the BESTSELLING books by TONY DITERLIZZI & HOLLY BLACK

Directed by AARON BIXLEY  
Adapted by SARAH FLOWRIGHT

**14TH - 17TH FEBRUARY 2024**  
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## Alcester Town Football Club

### Under 14 Footballers 2024/25

ALCESTER TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB IS LOOKING TO START UP A NEW UNDER 14 TEAM FOR NEXT SEASON (2024/25). THE TEAM WILL LIKELY BE PLACED IN POOL C OF THE AMBASSADOR EVESHAM FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

WE ARE ADVERTISING FOR PLAYERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER AN INTEREST. CHILDREN WHO'LL BE IN SCHOOL YEAR 9 IN SEPTEMBER 2024.

**\* NEW PLAYERS NEEDED \***

IF YOUR CHILD IS INTERESTED IN PLAYING AT ALCESTER TOWN NEXT SEASON PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST ON THIS LINK:  
<https://forms.gle/LebayisvsNiAjPhk6>

OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO ACCESS THE FORM.

**SCAN ME**





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## SPEND

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

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



*Come and spend time with people who understand.*

**NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY 8TH MARCH 2024 - 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

## FIND YOUR SQUAD



**TIME AND DATE:** Starting on Sunday 25th February at 10.30am

**LOCATION:** Sports Pavilion, The Big Meadow, Bidford on Avon, B50 4PQ

**WHO WE ARE:** Bidford Juniors Football Club

**NEXT STEPS:** VISIT [WWW.ENGLANDFOOTBALL.COM/SQUADGIRLSFOOTBALL](http://WWW.ENGLANDFOOTBALL.COM/SQUADGIRLSFOOTBALL) TO BOOK YOUR FIRST SESSION, OR CONTACT US TO FIND OUT MORE:  
[info@bidfordjuniorsfc.co.uk](mailto:info@bidfordjuniorsfc.co.uk)

## SQUAD

GIRLS' FOOTBALL





## STRATFORD TOWN ACADEMY

FULL TIME 16-19 FOOTBALL & EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

### BOYS & GIRLS OPEN DAYS



**FRIDAY**  
**16th FEBRUARY**  
**2024**

Sessions runs from  
**10:00am - 12:00 noon**



SCAN QR CODE  
TO REGISTER

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

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

[academy@stratfordtownfc.co.uk](mailto:academy@stratfordtownfc.co.uk) 07719018878

[www.stratfordtownacademy.co.uk](http://www.stratfordtownacademy.co.uk)



## Bring the family to the Kids Lunch Club

**Wednesday 14th February**

at The Depot, Eric Payne Community Centre, off St Faith's Road, Alcester B49 6AG

Doors open at 12.30pm  
12.30pm - Hot lunch  
1.00pm - 2.00pm - LEGO workshop  
1.15pm - Pizza making for the kids  
1.30pm - Purple Spider, the Learning Bus

Limited number of food bags available with ingredients to make a great pasta dish at home, plus a few goodies thrown in!

Orbit will be holding a Better Days Event in the adjoining rooms from 12.30 - 4pm with activities and support






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**Alcester Give and Take**



Bring along your unwanted toys, books and games  
Pick up any new ones that take your fancy!  
No need to bring an item to take one

**Saturday 10th February**  
10am - 12pm  
Alcester Baptist Church  
Church Street  
Alcester  
B49 5AJ




Any queries please email -  
alcestergiveandtake@hotmail.com



**GP Exercise Referral**

Everyone Active's GP Exercise Referral scheme is the perfect way for people with long-term health conditions to move more to improve their health and wellbeing. We want everyone to be able to enjoy at least half an hour of physical activity, five times a week, and we're here to help you!


The Greig Leisure Centre

To join the scheme, simply speak to your GP, nurse, physio or other health care practitioner today!

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**THE DEPOT YOUTH CLUB**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
At The Depot Youth Club




Passionate about helping young people?  
Interested in sport, mentoring, music, or games?

Would you like to make a difference to young people's lives?

Available on a Thursday evening between 6:30 - 8pm?

Contact Wendy for more information:  
info@alcester-tc.gov.uk Tel. 01789 766084 or just pop along on either a Tuesday or Thursday evening and ask for Becky

No experience necessary, just enthusiasm



**HELPING EVERYONE KEEP FIT AND HEALTHY**

**CHAIR-BASED EXERCISE CLASS**

**EVERY THURSDAY, 10AM**  
**GRAFTONS VILLAGE HALL, NEW ROAD, TEMPLE GRAFTON, B49 6NU**

Chair-based class for those who prefer or require exercise to be seated. Ideal for those with mobility limitations and conditions or breathing challenges.


**Benefits:**

- Increased flexibility and strength
- Increased coordination
- Increased circulation
- Reduced risk of falls because chair-based exercises improve posture and balance
- Increased confidence and self-esteem

Bookable on the Everyone Active app (select Stratford Community site)  
For more info call 01789 268826, Option 4.  
or email Amywidman@everyoneactive.com

THINK Active

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A vibrant poster for 'Redditch Has Talent 2024 Auditions'. The background features a rainbow-colored curtain with vertical stripes. In the center, three silhouettes of performers are shown: a singer on the left, a dancer in the middle with arms raised, and a performer on the right. The text '★ ★ REDDITCH HAS TALENT 2024' is at the top in yellow, and 'AUDITIONS' is in large white letters across the center. Below that, 'APPLY ONLINE' is written in white. At the bottom, a purple banner contains the text 'PRIZES FOR EACH AGE CATEGORY INCLUDING £250 OVERALL JUDGES' CHOICE'. On the left of the banner is a QR code with a 'SCAN ME' button. To the right of the QR code is a paragraph of text providing details about the auditions, including a website link, a deadline of 11th March 2024, and contact information for the producer, Maria Brannelly.

★ ★ **REDDITCH HAS TALENT 2024**

**AUDITIONS**

**APPLY ONLINE**

**PRIZES FOR EACH AGE CATEGORY INCLUDING  
£250 OVERALL JUDGES' CHOICE**



**SCAN ME**

Send us a short video: see website for more details and to enter  
<https://www.redditchpalacetheatre.co.uk/redditch-has-talent/>  
Singers, dancers, bands, schools, entertainers - all welcome!  
**DEADLINE 11th MARCH 2024** (Schools must enter by the  
deadline, and book their audition visit by 12th April)

**PRODUCER: MARIA BRANNELLY** **RHTPALACE@GMAIL.COM**