Alcester Academy WEEKLY BULLETIN

9th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Good afternoon. Where did that week go then?

We've spent this week beginning to celebrate the superb achievement of our students and a couple of days were taken up with the recording of our virtual celebration event for your enjoyment. This will be followed by our '*Review of the Year'* that will be a published video for you to watch at the end of term with your family. We are so proud of all the students as we draw nearer to the end of term. In our last full Governors meeting of the academic year this week, the Trust wished to convey their thanks to the students for their mature approach to life during the pandemic. It has been another…interesting year at Alcester Academy for sure! My week was so positive after reading the year 9 and 10 reports and I have issued a bumper number of commendation letters as a result of sheer hard work and determination for those students with the very best attitude to learning scores. These reports will be issued to parents/carers next week.

I've included a few photos for us to reflect upon later on in the bulletin, of events that have taken place during this academic year. I enjoyed recalling these days and remembering the amazing personal qualities shown by the students as they embarked upon these opportunities however difficult coronavirus has made this academic year.

Tenner For Tom

Back in March, you all helped to raise £620 for NHS charities. We have chosen to send this to Myton and Shakespeare Hospices. We can't thank you all enough for this support.

Next week sees the *Reward Trip* day. This is always a great day followed by Sports Day later on. Mr Powell, Head of PE has created a fantastic video in preparation for this. Have a look on twitter for a quick clip of the students in action in former years @AlcesterAcademy For students who are new to Sports Day at Alcester Academy, it is vital that the House Colours are worn in support:

Ragley — Red
Billesley — Blue
Greville — Green
Oversley — Orange

Students tend to bring face paint and glitter to show their support on the day whether competing or not (as long as parents allow this of course!). Mr Powell will send out specific Sports Day details to you all ready for Thursday 15th July. Friday 16th July is reserved just in case we need another day on wet weather grounds! Thank you to the staff team for supporting these great days; these are often the ones that create the strongest memories for the students. They simply couldn't happen without the hours of time that go into planning these.

Thank you to year 6s who had a tremendous day today with us virtually as part of their induction to Alcester Academy. Miss Hammond will write a longer piece on this next week for the bulletin. We enjoyed meeting the students if only by video. I've been more involved in the year 6 Summer School plans this week and it sounds like an amazing opportunity for our new students.

We welcomed Miss Bishop back after her maternity leave this week. It was great to see her.

Miss Lewis also joined us this week in the English team covering for Mrs Scott:

After studying for my A – Levels in English, Chemistry and Mathematics, I then went on to complete my undergraduate degree in English at the University of Gloucestershire. I then completed my teacher training at the University of Worcester, and I was very lucky to have the opportunity to work with Alcester Academy whilst on my first placement. I am now extremely excited to be able to come back whilst Mrs Scott has her baby. Outside of school, I love being able to travel (Covid permitting!) and visit new places. I also like to relax by reading, as well as taking my dog out for walks. I am passionate about inclusivity and encouraging students to make a difference. I look forward to being able to share my passion for English!

We're slowly beginning to get the school back in shape ready for a full return to normal in September. This includes returning equipment to subject classrooms. Students may begin to bring exercise books home for safe keeping. Please remember that under covid guidance this year, we were unable to mark these as you might be used to seeing in previous years.

Student equipment for September

It is essential that students have a full set of equipment for September please to consist of:

- Black pens to write neatly with
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Pencil Sharpener
- Highlighter
- Coloured pencil crayons are useful
- Calculator

School Attendance — up to 8.7.21

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Whole School
95.9%	94.0%	93.3%	91.6%	90.3%

This week's top Tutor Groups

7WI– 98.4%, 8CA – 97.3%, 9AN – 98.0% and 10RO – 97.4%.

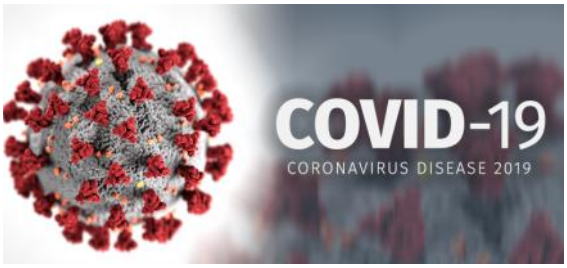
D of E

Thanks to year 9s today who successfully completed the final stages of D of E Bronze. No rain either! Thanks to Mrs Evason and her team for organising this.

Buses from September 2021

We are working with all operators for September to launch a school '*Bus Behaviour Contract'*. This will tie in with the Behaviour Policy and will set out expectations for role modelling our high expectations at all times whilst the students travel independently. I know that you will support this with us in order to irradicate the poor behaviour of just a few individuals, thank you.

Coronavirus updates



The school remains covid free for students still. We're extremely pleased. There is no doubt that face masks help with this.

Having seen the update from Gavin Williamson about returning to school in September, we do aim to have *all systems go* for a normal return as we head into Step 4 of the *Road Map*. I will write to you towards the end of the summer however just to be sure.

At present it means that we **do not** have to operate bubbles in September, we **can** hold assemblies and we **do not** need to contact trace; Track and Trace will apparently help us with this; let's see! Safety measures will only be adopted as we know them now if a localised outbreak occurs.

There are a few changes for September for the students to get used to as follows:

- Years 7/8—the key stage three school entrance/exit will be via the door at the bottom of the tower.
- Years 9, 10,11—the key stage four entrance will be the door by the careers room and the English corridor. We hope that this makes it easier for students to enter and leave calmly.
- Students will have assigned toilets to try and use in school; naturally in a rush, any are available!
- We will continue to run a grab-and-go food service and call students into the canteen by year group.
- Warwickshire are still recommending that face coverings should be worn on school transport please

Full school uniform will return on all days with PE kit bought in on PE lesson days. No hoodies are to be in school.

We will continue to have sanitisers around the school and we will still promote good handwashing; hopefully face coverings will no longer be needed. We should use LFD as good practise still.

Please continue to let school know immediately of any positive covid cases until term end in case we have to look at close contacts head@alcesteracademy.org.uk

Trip Day – Tuesday 13th July

Students staying in school on trip day do not have to wear uniform; please ensure that non uniform is school appropriate clothing please though.

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Student Leadership Team

Last week we introduced you to our new Student Leadership Team. Let's find out a bit more about these students:

Louie—Head Boy

Head Boy — Louie

Hi my name is Louie and I'm Head Boy at Alcester Academy, I am very proud to be at Alcester Academy because of the very supportive staff and the great community of the school. As Head Boy I will try to make the school a pleasant and fun place for your child to learn and develop their character. I will try to cater for everyone's needs. Thanks, Louie

Poppy—Head Girl

Head Girl — Poppy

Hi, I am Poppy, and I am Head Girl at Alcester Academy. Being a student at the Academy is great. Whenever I compete or perform with the school, I feel proud to be a student here. We have had great opportunities here, like doing the school shows, the trips, the sporting competitions, D of E and many other events and activities.

I have competed with the school, my club (Stratford Athletics Club) and for Warwickshire, by doing athletics, and would love to compete at even bigger events.

I have represented the school in many ways and would love to encourage all of the other students, including the new year sevens in September, to do the same. I would not have been able to be where I am now without the school. All of the teacher and the students are such lovely people and have helped me in all ways.

Being a student at Alcester Academy is such an honour and being head girl just tops it off. Thank you. Poppy

Tiago – Deputy Head Boy

Deputy Head Boy — Tiago

I was born in Portugal, and lived there until I was 10 years old. I have contributed to the Academy through the form of music, as I have been singing and playing guitar in Rock Academy and other school bands since year 7. Music is my favourite thing to do, as it allows me to communicate with people whether that's through words or notes.

I love studying at Alcester Academy, because all of the staff and teachers are incredibly friendly and encouraging, so I'm very grateful to be the Academy's Deputy Head Boy, as I thoroughly enjoy helping and supporting fellow students from every year group.

Rock 'N' Roll!

Gabrielle – Deputy Head Girl

Deputy Head Girl — Gabrielle

I'm Gabrielle and I'm proud to say that I am now Alcester Academy's Deputy Head Girl. I am proud to be a student at Alcester Academy and enjoy all aspects of school.

Personally my favourite subjects are Photography and English Language, and I have a passion for anything creative such as art, writing and poetry. I am extremely grateful for this opportunity and I am excited to start tackling my responsibilities and helping out around school. I hope that I can bring an element of creativity to the position and be a good role model to other students!

News from the year 10 Project with Miss Elliott

We have had a fantastic opportunity to coordinate a research project with help from members of Oxford University. The project is called Project SOS and is all about exploring the stereotypes and their effects on a range of people. Our group consisted of Matilda, Amelia, Olivia and meand we chose to look into gender stereotypes and their effects on aspirations.

We have discussed our idea, constructed a survey and are now in the process of writing up our final report which encompasses our findings. It has been incredibly interesting to experience the levels of scientific research and to also learn more about the gender stereotypes that are frequent on our day to day lives. By Freya, year 10.

During my experience with Oxford, we have been researching various stereotypes in sport. I have researched the prize money gap in Wimbledon across the years with the organisation of the numbers in a table and then presenting in a bar chart. we were then set to explain and define the stereotype we have researched in our section of the report.

To get more accurate data, we introduced a survey for the entirety of the school to take, including questions of what gender you would expect in a certain job. Nearer the end of the term we will present our findings with the organisers.
By Andrew, year 10.

For our project SOS my group and I have decided to research stereotypes in prosecution and society. We have been asked to put together a PowerPoint or some sort of presentation where we explain our studies and display any conclusions we have drawn.

So far in our research we have looked at a variety of different aspects of discrimination in the courtroom. One of these being a study completed by Stirling and Aldrich which showed 936 of 1204 child support orders were to the non custodial father while the other 133 were to the non custodial mothers. In the same study the number of men paying child support outweighed the women by over 800. Clearly showing a disparity across child custody cases where gender became a main factor.

To give you some insight into what we have looked into, here is an extract of something we've written: Stereotyping by definition is a preconceived notion, about a specific group of people. Stereotyping has emerged as a human rights law topic. Stereotypes assign certain roles and characteristics to a group. Examples include the notions that women are nurturing and weak, men combative and powerful, and gays promiscuous and unsuited to parenting. Such stereotypes can deeply impact human rights. They reinforce inequality and discrimination.

An example of this is that black people receive sentences that are almost 10 percent longer than those of comparable white people arrested for the same crimes. (University of Chicago press journals), another example is the fact that the odds of black arrestees facing such a charge are 1.75 times higher than those of white arrestees.

We have much more work and research to continue but we've all really enjoyed this opportunity and can't wait to put together our presentation.
By Will

MFL Idiom of the Week

English: Times change
French: Autres temps, autres moeurs
Literal meaning: Other times, other customs
German: Die Zeiten enden sich
Literal meaning: Times end

Sport England Update from PE

We have been asked to take part in a short survey with the students as follows:

Sheffield Hallam University would like to inform you about research taking place at your child's school to evaluate the effectiveness of a new initiative to improve students experience of PE and physical activity, that is currently being offered to all secondary schools in England. The research project requires students to complete a short on-line survey that asks their opinion of the Physical education, physical activity and sport opportunities available to them at school.

Thank you in advance for supporting this.

English work by Jay in year 7

Very though- provoking work. Well done Jay.

Black Lives Matter
by Jay

Hi I am Jay,
Can I just say,
This isn't a dream
black lives matter they are a human being,
Black lives are in danger
DON'T, be a stranger
you have a choice
to use your voice,

Open your heart door,
Make a new law,
Save lives
Without knives,
Help the need
Let them breathe,
From pain,
Without any gain,
Let them take a breath
Without fear of death,
Please care
Don't make it rare!

Year 7 DT students

The year 7s were extremely proud of their tie dye work this week in Textiles. Maybe some cooking or washing up in the summer holidays might follow now?

Extra Curricular Offer for September 2021

Watch this space for a really exciting extra curricular offer coming in September!!

Ofsted Parent View

Parent View runs from September to July each academic year. If you have therefore not given your views yet this year, please can you? Thanks. We have received just 50 responses to date. I'll be re-setting this again for next year in September. Much appreciated.
https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/

- 98% of parent/carers say that their child is happy at Alcester Academy
- 98% of parents/carers say that their child feels safe at school
- 94% of parents/carers indicate that school ensure that students are well behaved; 4% indicate that they don't know
- 94% of parents would recommend this school to someone else.

As a reminder, if parents have any concerns about life at school, please contact us. Weekly staff leadership sessions will resume in September 3.30-4.30pm each Wednesday after school.

Warwickshire SEND Local Offer

For parents/carers wanting to seek further advice about Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, please go to the Local Offer https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/send or contact Mrs Bush, SENCO at Alcester Academy.

Warwickshire will be having a SEND Local Area Inspection by Ofsted next week where they look at all aspects of SEND provision across the county. A report will be published following this and I will sign post you to it.

Mr Cooke

We are delighted to let parents know that Mr Cooke was promoted to an SLT position for September 2021 this week. Mr Cooke will be working on student progress especially as one of the areas of responsibility.

Warwickshire Library Sessions over the summer:

On Saturday 7 August, Matt Black will lead a "friendly and enjoyable session exploring the variety of poetry, with poetry writing warm-ups, and having a go at writing different kinds of poems. The aim will be to have fun and relax into finding our own voices."

On Saturday 14 August, Steve Pottinger will explore writing poetry to a theme, how to find inspiration in the most unlikely places, how to make your poem stand out from the crowd, and how to have fun doing it!

On Saturday 21 August, Emma Purshouse will lead a fun, friendly workshop designed to encourage confidence when reading your poetry to an audience. Bring along some of your poems to share.
The sessions are open to 13-17 year olds, whether or not they are thinking of applying to be our next Young Poet Laureate. Places are limited.

Family Information Service – Warwickshire

The Family Information Service are available to help any of our families over the summer with any concerns or areas that need further clarification during the school summer break: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families

School Health have provided family information to support over the summer also https://www.compass-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Summer-holiday-booklet.pdf

Outdoor activities for the summer for younger children https://mcusercontent.com/efc6fb025a420bf354133fa1f/files/556de58c-f9f3-0287-149c-c5f892b22956/Warwickshire_Outdoor_Activities_06.07.pdf

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

The Department for Education (DfE) has made funds available to every Local Authority in England to coordinate free holiday provision, including healthy food and enriching activities. The programme will cover the Easter, summer, and Christmas holidays in 2021. The funding is for children who receive benefits-related free school meals (Reception to Year 11). Please refer to the letter at the end of the bulletin for details.

End of term update

We break up on Tuesday 20th July. This is a non-uniform day (no cost). Please ensure that students dress appropriately for school however! Thanks. We break up at 12.40pm and will release the students by year group calmly. We will operate the vehicle one way system from Captain's Hill on to Gerard Road and out via Throckmorton. This seems to operate very logistically to help everyone, thank you.

Phew! So much to report on! There will be one last bulletin of the academic year next Friday where we will celebrate some of the end of term activities. Before signing off this week however, I'd like to sincerely offer you all a heartfelt and huge thank you for your support as parents again this year in some challenging times. I have enjoyed communicating with many of you albeit by email and I'm grateful for your kind words throughout the year. I have appreciated this very much indeed and I consider that you are very much a special part of our community here at the academy. As I always say, you are not ever taken for granted.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend.
Best wishes

Sarah Mellors
Headteacher

SPORTS NEWS * SPORTS NEWS * SPORTS NEWS

YOUNG RSPCA—Competition for students

Whether you're an experienced photographer or a keen beginner, you've entered before or you're not sure where to start, you're in the right place!
The aim of our RSPCA Young Photographer Awards is to encourage an interest in photography and an appreciation and understanding of all the amazing animals around us. It's open to anyone aged 18 or under and all we want is for you to enjoy the process and get creative. Every year we're blown away by the incredible images you send in!

We can't wait to see your entries

Incredibly, the RSPCA Young Photographer Awards is now in its 31st year. In that time, it's grown to become an exciting and high-profile competition. Our panel of judges includes TV's Chris Packham, and winning entries often make it into national media. Lots of our winners have gone on to careers in photography, conservation or animal welfare. It's an opportunity not to miss.
With a range of subject and age categories to enter, there's a chance for everyone to get involved. You can enter multiple categories and submit more than one photo in each one. We give awards for every category and then the judges crown the overall RSPCA Young Photographer 2021. **Could it be you?**

You can enter up to five photos for each of the following categories:

- **Your age category - under 12, 12-15 Years or 16-18 Years**
- **Picture Perfect Pets**
- **Small World**
- **Mobile Phone and Devices**
- **Instagram**
- **Portfolio - in this category you can enter up to three portfolios each made up of five photos, all must be different subjects.**

https://young.rspca.org.uk/ypa/categories
Closing date 16th August 2021

Artwork of the Week

Year 7s are currently working on a self-identity Pop Art unit of work. Jeremy, year 7, has produced this fabulous example of onomatopoeia!

Outstanding work—*Mr Yarrington*

PARIS Extravaganza!

The MFL Faculty have organised a residential trip to Paris for May 2022. The trip will be open to all MFL students who will be in years 9 and 10 this September.

We will be staying at Le Château de Grande Romaine in a village on the outskirts of Paris. The centre has an outdoor swimming pool. The itinerary for the trip is likely to include a day at the Disney theme parks, climbing the Eiffel Tower, a boat trip on the Seine, a tour of famous landmarks, Paris zoo and a language challenge at the local French market.

More details to follow in September!
Mrs Weatherby

Projet Mr Men

A reminder to all French students in years 7 and 8. Please hand in your Mr Men projects by the end of next week. Thank you for the fabulous books that I have had in so far.

Madame Weatherley.

Memories of 2020-2021

SCHOOL memories

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Epraise Updates—week ending 8.7.21

Congratulations to the Top Students this year:

1	Harvey	7NE	314 points
2	Maya	7BW	276 points
3	Jack	7HT	255 points
4	Lucas	7WI	251 points
5	Isabelle	9WA	242 points

Top Scorers this week:

1	Lucas	7WI	11 points
1	Harvey	7NE	11 points
3	Tom	7HT	7 points
4	Holly	7HT	6 points
4	Brandon	7TY	6 points
4	Aaron	7HT	6 points
4	Bethan	8BL	6 points
8	Jack	7HT	5 points
8	Thomas	7WI	5 points
8	Brandon	7NE	5 points

Top Staff this week:

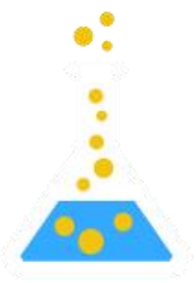
1	Mr Bowater	134 points
2	Miss Heitmuller	110 points
3	Miss Bayliss	62 points
4	Mrs Bush	58 points
5	Mr Yarrington	42 points
6	Miss Burgess,	38 points
7	Miss Tandy	30 points
8	Mr Badham	25 points
9	Miss Sacco	22 points
9	Miss Elliott	22 points

Top Tutor Groups this week:

1	8BL	91 points
2	7HT	90 points
3	7TY	47 points
4	7WI	41 points
5	9TN	37 points
6	7NE	35 points
7	7BW	24 points
8	8ST	23 points
9	9BI	22 points
10	8CA	21 points

Top Subjects this week:

1	Geography	136 points
2	German	64 points
2	Performing Arts	64 points
4	Science	55 points
5	Art	30 points
6	Maths	27 points
7	Music	26 points
8	PE	12 points
8	English	12 points
10	French	8 points



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Saturday 9:00am-6:00pm
Sunday 10:00am-5:00pm

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JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #17 - RETAIL BUYER

JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #18 - SPORTS COACH

Year 7-10 End of term trips (Covid permitting) — **Tuesday 13th July**
Sports Day (students only) — **Thursday 15th July**
Break up 12.40pm — **Tuesday 20th July**

The Summer term will once again finish at 12.40pm on Tuesday 20th July. In order to support the safe dismissal of all children we will be staggering the times that students will be leaving school (see below for details).

Year 7 and 8 – leaving at 12.40pm
Year 9 and 10 – leaving at 12.45pm

We are delighted to inform parents that the majority of buses can accommodate our early finish this year and the only services that CANNOT are 241 Stagecoach and 202 & 246 Meadway.

If you are collecting your child, please collect them from the area surrounding their bubble entrance whilst maintaining the one-way system along Gerard Road. Please enter Gerard Road via Captain's Hill and exit via Gerard Road leading into Throckmorton Road. Alternatively, parents can make arrangements to collect children from Captain's Hill.

If your child travels by a public service bus please ensure you either check the timetable for an earlier service or make alternative travel arrangements for their journey home.

Kind regards
School Office

Term Dates

SUMMER TERM 2021

Summer Term ends	Tuesday 20th July 2021 at 12.40pm

AUTUMN TERM 2021

School closed	*Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September 2021* *Teacher training days*
Autumn Term begins	
Years 7 and 9 only	Monday 6th September 2021
Years 8, 10 and 11 only	Tuesday 7th September 2021
All year groups back on	Wednesday 8th September 2021
School closed	*Friday 22nd October 2021* *Teacher training day*
Half term	Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October 2021
Back to school	Monday 1st November 2021
Autumn Term ends	Friday 17th December 2021 at 12.40pm

2021/2022 TERM DATES ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

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Warwick—Summer Holiday Camps—
https://warwick.ac.uk/services/holidaycamps/

Thursday 22nd July—Thursday 2nd September (excluding 30th August)

Warwick School—

https://www.warwickschool.org/holiday-activities

Warwick School has an extensive programme of holiday clubs and courses open to pupils from all schools, which run throughout holiday time across the course of the year.

They are open to all children from Reception to Year 7 (up to and including 12-year-olds) and are a fun way to experience new or favourite activities in a stunning environment with experienced staff.

The range of courses includes Swimming, Cricket, Art and Craft, Football, Multi-Sports, Mad Science, Badminton, Cookery and Netball to name but a few.

Coolsportz—
https://www.coolsportz.co.uk/warwick

Do you have an active child who needs entertaining over the school break? Do you want them to be in a fun, sociable environment?

Our holiday clubs cater for ages 5-15 years (we will take 4 year olds, for half days) and feature a range of fun, game-based, multi-sport activities in a safe indoor and outdoor environment.

TimeOutdoors—
https://www.timeoutdoors.com/events/runs/Mudnificent-7-charity-places

The most fun event of the year! A unique event & summer festival with an amazing course split into seven themed zones.

WCB—
https://warwickshirecricketboard.co.uk/wcbcamps/
WCB are excited announce that we will be running a number of action-packed cricket camps throughout the Summer break. These camps will run during the hours of 10am – 3pm,

All Active Camps—
http://www.allactivecamps.com/sportacademies/

We have been running sport specific camps at the West Warwickshire Sports Complex since 2007. The emphasis has always been on finding the right balance between having fun and improving skills in a safe environment.

Pershore Riverside Youth Centre – Summer programme **AUGUST 2021**

Day time youth group sessions with our fantastic team of youth workers.

PRYC have developed a 14-day Summer program with changes to meet Covid-19 safe working guidelines. In an environment where young people can be active, socialise, and most importantly have fun throughout summer. There are limited spaces, however there will be *additional* youth groups held around this program. Please enquire on the contact details below for more information.

- Ages 8 – 14.
- **Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays 12pm – 3pm.** (Starting 2nd August - Until 31st August).
- Fun activities and workshops each day with our Youth Workers and Partners.
- Water sports one day per week! Additional clothing needed for water sports activities day.
- Following all appropriate guidelines concerning COV-19.
  Including working outdoors as much as possible, regular cleaning and accessible hand sanitiser.
- Snacks and drinks will be provided - With regular breaks.
- Limited places available due to Covid-19.

Payment is required in advance to secure your place **£5 per day - £70 for all 14 sessions.**

For a booking form please contact:

Admin@pershoreriversidecentre.org.uk

Or Tel: 01386 554713 *for any further enquiries.*

PGL—https://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/adventure-holidays

Since 1957, over 8,000,000 children and parents have discovered what makes PGL, the UK's no.1 for children's 'summer camp' activity breaks. Our all-inclusive residential holidays offer children bags of fun activities, new friends and freedom to express themselves but in a safe, supportive environment with first class care.

Aztec Adventure—https://www.aztecadventure.co.uk/lower-moor/children-s-activites/holiday-courses/

Our holiday activity courses are an exciting and fun way to spend the school break taking place over half term, Easter and for an action packed 6 weeks of the summer holidays.
Take part for one or more action packed days or make a week of it in the summer and get the chance to work towards nationally recognised watersports certificates. Our courses run from 9.30am - 4pm and are suitable for 8 – 15 year olds. All watersports equipment and tuition is provided by our qualified and DBS checked staff.

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Apprenticeship Opportunities
2 x Engineering Apprenticeship Vacancies

Next Gen Makers is assisting an excellent engineering company in Alcester to recruit 2 apprentices at level 2, with the expected progression to level 3 after 12 - 15 months.

The vacancies would ideally suit school leavers from years 11 or 13 living locally.

Interested please contact:

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of Platt v Isle of Wight Council which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. 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.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless 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. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

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

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.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

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 31,196 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Autumn term 2019.

Alcester Academy

Open Evening 2021

Tuesday 21st September - 6.30pm to 8.30pm

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The Staff and Governors of Alcester Academy warmly invite you to our:

Open Evening

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Guided Open Mornings

Monday 20th September to Friday 24th September 2021

9.30am to include a SLT Q&A session

Alcester Academy is happy to open its doors to prospective parents for Open Week 2021. Respectfully we ask families to book just one guided open morning at their convenience during this week. Please call the main office on 01789 762285 in September or alternatively email admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk anytime.

'There is a culture of high expectation in lessons. Pupils are encouraged to aim high and teachers do not accept mediocre answers.'
Ofsted 2019

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