

Alcester Academy

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Good morning Parents/Carers

As we draw nearer to the Easter holidays, I wanted to write to you separately to the end of term bulletin. My first priority is to thank you all for your support this term yet again. Whilst a short term in length, we have packed such a lot in.

Reports

If there are any queries arising from the reports that Year 7,8 and 10 receive at the end of term, please do be in touch with us directly after Easter.

Uniform

The Summer term uniform sees shorts return! These should be mid grey, tailored and knee length. They should not have any cargo pockets. All students can wear these in any year group. Students should not return to school in eye lash extensions, or with additional piercings please. These issues take up unnecessary time and cause negative interactions that are not useful at the start of a new term.

Shoes should be black and polishable. Several fabric styles have crept in over the last couple of weeks.

Equipment

Students should have their own set of equipment in readiness to learn. We have especially noted Year 8s needing a reminder about this. Tutor checks will be carried out after Easter. As a minimum, students should have a ruler, a pencil and 2 working pens.

Alternative timetable

This starts on 6th May and involves key Year 11 teachers being taken off their normal teaching commitment in order to help the Year 11s get 'exam ready' directly before GCSE exams. Teachers do leave subject appropriate work for students when they are with Year 11s instead of other year groups. We have successfully run this system for several years now. Hopefully, in turn, all students do see the benefit of this system.

Save the dates

- Year 11 full written reports to be released w/c April 29th
- Year 10 exams will commence later in the summer term
- Year 9 parents' evening: Thursday 18th April 4-7pm on school cloud (details to follow)
- Year 7 and 8 reading parent forum on Teams: Thursday 25th April
- Year 8 options evening: Thursday 2nd May 6-7.30- live at school (this evening will also be supported by GCSE options taster week)
- Year 7 parents' evening: Thursday 23rd May 4-7 on school cloud



Early finish

It is a non-uniform day on Friday 22nd March. There is no donation needed this time. Please ensure clothes/footwear are suitable for a school day, with no bare midriffs, spaghetti straps, short shorts/skirts and no offensive tops.

Thank you also for arranging an early pick up as we finish at 12.40pm.

And finally, to wish you all a relaxing Easter break ahead.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Mellors
Headteacher