

# Alcester Academy

SEN Information Report



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Warwickshire's Local Offer can be found at <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/send>

The school believes that:

*Alcester Academy provides an outstanding education through the delivery of a high quality, diverse curriculum which allows all of our students to fulfil their own, personal potential.*

*We aim that our students will become responsible members of the community with high moral values, self-discipline and resilience. They will progress successfully into education, employment or training, holding a valuable combination of knowledge and skills in preparation for their future lives.*

Mission Statement, 2022

The core values that underpin our everyday work at the Academy are:

- Honesty and Integrity
- Tenacity and Perseverance
- Kindness & Compassion
- Curiosity and Creativity
- Respect & Tolerance

**The following facilities/resources are made available to all Alcester Academy students as required:**

Equipment is provided for all students as required; exercise books, paper, rulers scissors, glue sticks, calculators, netbooks, practical equipment, coloured pencils, highlighters, dictionaries, mini whiteboards.

All students at the Academy have access to learning resources via the internet.

**Note to parents; we do expect children to attend school with the basic equipment that they require to learn.**

***'They bring the right equipment, and are ready to learn'.***

**(Ofsted Inspection Handbook September 2018)**

There are inspirational classroom displays to promote or support learning further  
There is IT equipment in every classroom; projector and screen available in all classrooms. Many classrooms have interactive whiteboard facilities.  
Specific marking and feedback within work designed to provide targets for further improvement and progress.

In additional all students have access to:

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| Google Classrooms for Alcester Academy.   |
| The Accelerated Reader programme (KS3/4) and Bedrock Vocabulary.  |
| The award winning library (Learning Resources Centre) containing over 6,000 books and e readers to borrow.  |
| Subscriptions to My Maths fort KS3 and KS4 and also for KS4 access to drfrostmaths.   |
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| Doodle for supporting homework in science.  |
| Specific Science equipment to complete practical work; Bunsen burners, data loggers etc.  |
| Textiles equipment ranging from sewing machines, embroidery machines, batik pot and die cutter. Food rooms have cookers, pasta makers, hand blenders and food processors. DT rooms have sublimation printers, 3D printers and a laser cutter. In the workshop there is also a band saw (staff only), pillar drill, vacuum former, hand power tools, mortiser and scroll saws. |
| We run Adobe Photo shop in art, mainly used for the GCSE Photography students.  |
| Apple Mac Pro Recording Studio using Logic and Sibelius 7 in Music. Rehearsal rooms in Music and instruments ranging from electric guitars to drum kits. Class set of Djembe drums. Class sets of ukuleles. Half class set of MacBooks Air with GarageBand software and MIDI control keyboard.  |
| The PE Department is equipped with a selection of adaptable resources, as well as a wide selection of indoor and outdoor environments including a sports hall/gymnasium, activity hall, playground and playing fields.  |
| Props and costumes in Drama; staging and lighting facilities for performance times.   |

The Academy supports the welfare of all students by:

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| Providing a planned and structured PSHE curriculum.  |
| Providing a personal tutor for students.   |
| The Assistant Head, Wellbeing, who oversees the pastoral and behaviour System.   |
| A Learning Support Unit staffed by experts in behaviour, attendance and family and student support open to all students. |

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| Having a Careers Advisor on site.   |
| Issuing a homework planner and timetable to help students get organised.  |
| Providing a Rewards Scheme as an incentive for students.  |
| Providing wider opportunities for all students to engage in additional learning opportunities; clubs, teams, trips, residentials. |

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**The following facilities/resources are made available to students requiring additional classroom support:**

- Bespoke 'pupil profiles' (formerly Individual Education Plans) in order to drive personalised learning
- Access to Higher level teaching Assistants or Level 2 TAs
- Provision of intervention/break out spaces
- Time out cards
- Differentiated choice of texts
- Printed worksheet or power points
- Coloured overlays or copies
- List of key words
- Dictation devices; Dragon dictation
- Laptop use in lesson
- Structured conversations
- Differentiated home learning for students with additional learning needs
- Small group intervention as required; Fresh Start, Accelerated Reader (KS4), Power of 2, Handwriting club etc
- Learning buddies
- Therapeutic putty/suitable fidget aids
- Raised writing platforms
- Writing frames
- Cloze exercises
- Chunking of activities/story board use
- Lesson rest breaks
- Use of exemplar materials
- Catch up sessions
- Homework club
- Visual prompts
- Pictorial timetables
- Access Assessments for exam support
- Friendship Group



Access arrangements for assessments and exams (such as reader, scribe, extra time, small room, modified text, work processors where assessed as appropriate).




Reader/Scan pens

Claro 'Text to Speech' software





Exam approved Reader pens

**The Academy works in conjunction with various organisations to further support the needs of learners with specific needs:**


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|   | <p>SENDAR (Special Educational Needs and Disability Assessment and Review Board for Warwickshire) – Assessment, Statementing and Review Service (Warwickshire)</p> <p><a href="http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/send">http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/send</a></p> | <p>SENDAR is responsible for co-ordinating the statutory assessment of pupils with special educational needs, issuing Education healthcare plans (EHCPs) of SEN if appropriate and monitoring and reviewing the provision made in school for pupils with EHCPs of SEN.</p>   |
|  | <p>SENDIAS (Special Education Needs Information Advice and Support Services), Warwickshire</p> <p><a href="#">Warwickshire SENDIAS   KIDS</a></p>   | <p>Warwickshire SENDIAS (Special Education Needs Information Advice and Support Services) supports parents and carers of all Warwickshire children with special educational needs and disabilities, from 0 - 25 years of age. It is a free, confidential and impartial service for parents and carers, children and young people up to 25 years. There is a SENDIAS in every local authority.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Information regarding the local offer, local policy and SEN/disability law from independently trained staff;</li> <li>•Advice for parents/carers, children and young people on gathering, understanding and</li> </ul> |

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|   |   | <p>interpreting information and applying it to their own situation;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personalisation of personal budgets;</li> <li>• Information on the county council's processes for resolving disagreements, its complaints procedures and means of redress;</li> <li>• Signposting children, young people and parents to alternative and additional sources of local and national information, advice and support;</li> <li>• Individual casework where needed including support in attending meetings, contributing to assessments and reviews and participating in decisions about outcomes for the child or young person.</li> </ul> |
|  | <p>SEN Services (Worcestershire)</p> <p><a href="http://www.hsendiass.co.uk">SENDIASS Worcestershire and Herefordshire</a><br/>(<a href="http://hsendiass.co.uk">hsendiass.co.uk</a>)</p> | <p>The SEND Information, Advice and Support Service covering Herefordshire and Worcestershire. Advisors offering legally-based and easily accessible information and advice about special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).</p>  |
|  | <p>SENDSupported</p> <p><a href="https://sendsupported.com/">https://sendsupported.com/</a></p>   | <p>SENDSupported is a team of education consultants dedicated to supporting learners with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Individual experts in each area of specialism collaborate to create bespoke packages of support tailored to the SEND needs.</p>  |
|  | <p>Educational Psychology</p> <p><a href="https://apps.warwickshire.gov.uk/Wes/services/4531">https://apps.warwickshire.gov.uk/Wes/services/4531</a></p>                                  | <p>Warwickshire Educational Psychology Service is a professional psychological support service for children and young people (aged 0-25), their families, schools, communities and other settings.</p> <p>Educational Psychologists (EPs) have expert knowledge of psychology, child development, social interaction, learning, behaviour and motivation, as well as experience of working with</p>   |





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|   |   | children and young people.   |
|  | <p>Integrated disability service; IDS</p> <p><a href="http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ids">http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ids</a></p>  | <p>The Integrated Disability Service is a partnership, bringing together Warwickshire County Council and the NHS.</p> <p>One contact opens the door to a range of services to support disabled children and young people and their families at home, school and in other settings.</p> |
|  | <p>Warwickshire Flexible Health Team</p> <p><a href="https://www.warwickshire-flt.org.uk/offer.shtml">https://www.warwickshire-flt.org.uk/offer.shtml</a></p>   | <p>A support service for Warwickshire primary and secondary schools for pupils unable to attend school through ill-health or pregnancy. Ill-health includes physical illness and injury as well as diagnosed mental health conditions.</p>   |
|   | <p>Speech and language therapy; SALT</p> <p><a href="https://www.swft.nhs.uk/our-services/children-and-youngpeoples-services/speech-and-language-therapy">https://www.swft.nhs.uk/our-services/children-and-youngpeoples-services/speech-and-language-therapy</a></p> | <p>Speech and language therapy is concerned with the management of disorders of speech, language, communication and swallowing in children and adults. Speech and language therapists (SLTs) are allied health professionals.</p>  |
|   | <p>Alternative provision, Elmscote School.</p> <p><a href="https://emscoteschool.org/">https://emscoteschool.org/</a></p> <p>and The Vinyard Learning Centre:</p> <p>Vineyard Learning Centre - Home (<a href="http://vlc.org.uk">vlc.org.uk</a>)</p>                 | <p>Works directly with children, young people and families who are at the margins of society; or getting involved in anti-social behaviour or are at risk of becoming permanently excluded. These provisions are only used in conjunction with the local authority.</p>                |



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|    | <p>Heads Up</p> <p><a href="https://headsup.warwickshire.gov.uk/heads-up-7-february-2019/we2-an-empowering-curriculum/alternative-provision-a-framework-of-approved-providers-now-in-place">https://headsup.warwickshire.gov.uk/heads-up-7-february-2019/we2-an-empowering-curriculum/alternative-provision-a-framework-of-approved-providers-now-in-place</a></p> | <p>Warwickshire's Alternative Education Provision Alliance</p>   |
|    | <p>Life Space</p> <p><a href="http://www.lifespace.org.uk/">http://www.lifespace.org.uk/</a></p>   | <p>Lifespace provides mentoring and education for young people (aged 9-19) and a small amount of housing in the Stratford-on-Avon district.</p>  |
|    | <p>CAMHS and RISE</p> <p>CAMHS (Child and adolescent mental health services)</p> <p><a href="https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/nhs-services/mental-health-services/child-and-adolescent-mental-health-services-camhs/">https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/nhs-services/mental-health-services/child-and-adolescent-mental-health-services-camhs/</a></p>              | <p>CAMHS is used as a term for all services that work with children and young people who have difficulties with their emotional or behavioural wellbeing. Local areas have a number of different support services available. Rise is the name for all emotional well-being and mental health services for children and young people who are registered with a Coventry or Warwickshire GP. <a href="https://cwrise.com/">https://cwrise.com/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Specialist Mental Health Services (formally known as CAMHS)</li> <li>•Eating Disorders</li> <li>•Looked After Children (LAC)</li> <li>•Neurodevelopment (conditions such as Autistic Spectrum Disorder, Attention, Deficit Disorder)</li> <li>•Primary Mental Health</li> </ul> |
|  | <p>Children's Services</p> <p><a href="http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/supportforchildrenandfamilies">http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/supportforchildrenandfamilies</a></p>  | <p>We provide, or arrange to provide, services that support children and families who are facing difficulties. We also support children who have disabilities and their families.</p>  |
|   | <p>Primary Mental Health Team</p> <p><a href="https://www.nfer.ac.uk/publications/PMH01/PMH01.pdf">https://www.nfer.ac.uk/publications/PMH01/PMH01.pdf</a></p>   | <p>Designed to help the increasing number of children and young people with mental health needs in Schools.</p>  |



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|    | <p>COMPASS - Warwickshire<br/>(School Health and Wellbeing Service)<br/>(Formerly known as the school nursing service)</p> <p><a href="https://www.compass-uk.org/services/warwickshire-school-health-wellbeing-service/">https://www.compass-uk.org/services/warwickshire-school-health-wellbeing-service/</a></p> | <p>Compass is a school nursing service is led by school nurses for the promotion, prevention and protection of children and young people's health and wellbeing. It offers a confidential and free service to school aged children and young people aged 5-19 (up to 25 for people with SEN) and their families and carers.</p>  |
|    | <p>Birmingham Children's Hospital</p> <p><a href="http://www.bch.nhs.uk/">http://www.bch.nhs.uk/</a></p>  | <p>There are a nationally designated specialist centre for epilepsy surgery and a trauma centre for the West Midlands; a national liver and small bowel transplant centre; a centre of excellence for complex heart conditions, the treatment of burns, cancer and liver and kidney disease; and we have one of the largest Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services in the country with a dedicated Eating Disorder Unit and Acute Assessment Unit for regional referrals of children and young people with the most serious problems.</p> |
|  | <p>Diabetic Nurses</p> <p><a href="https://www.swft.nhs.uk/our-services/adult-hospital-services/diabetes-and-endocrinology">https://www.swft.nhs.uk/our-services/adult-hospital-services/diabetes-and-endocrinology</a></p>   | <p>The Diabetes and Endocrinology Department is based at Warwick Hospital. We provide specialist services for NHS patients with a wide variety of diabetic and endocrine conditions to South Warwickshire and the surrounding areas.</p>   |

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|    | <p>REACH</p> <p><a href="http://www.cwmind.org.uk/reach">http://www.cwmind.org.uk/reach</a></p>  | <p>Reach offers a range of services and self help tools supporting children and young people to manage their emotional well-being.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Counselling - Face to face or on-line</li> <li>• Therapeutic Group Work</li> <li>• Peer Support Groups</li> <li>• Online self help tools and activities</li> </ul>   |
|    | <p>Family Action</p> <p><a href="https://www.family-action.org.uk/">https://www.family-action.org.uk/</a></p>  | <p>Provides practical, emotional and financial support to those who are experiencing poverty, disadvantage and social isolation across the Country. They aim to strengthen families and communities, build skills and resilience and improve the life chances of everyone they work with.</p>  |
|  | <p>Occupational Therapy</p> <p><a href="https://www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk/service-detail/health-service/occupational-therapy-childrens-23/">https://www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk/service-detail/health-service/occupational-therapy-childrens-23/</a></p> | <p>The Occupational Therapy service enables children and young people to participate as fully as possible in activities as part of their daily lives.</p>  |
|  | <p>General Practitioners</p>   |  |
|  | <p>Sharp Minds</p> <p><a href="http://www.youngpeoplefirst.org.uk/">http://www.youngpeoplefirst.org.uk/</a></p>  | <p>Professional youth workers build trusting relationships and create a non-judgemental atmosphere so young people feel safe and comfortable being themselves, sharing their interests and revealing their concerns. Young people develop new friendship groups, grow in confidence, develop coping strategies and resilience, have improved emotional well-being, re-engage in school and are able to focus on their futures.</p> <p>Named 'Sharp Minds' by young people, our programme grew from</p> |

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|   |   | a series of commissions from the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service and follows the NHS 'Five Steps to Mental Wellbeing'. Our programme combines group activities with one-to-one mentoring for isolated young people to build their confidence, skills, resilience and emotional well-being.   |
|    | Young Carers<br><a href="https://carers.org/about-us/about-young-carers">https://carers.org/about-us/about-young-carers</a> | Carers Trust helps young carers to cope with their caring role through specialised services across the UK.  |
|   | Family Information Service (FIS)<br><a href="https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis">https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis</a>   | Provide information, advice and one-to-one support for families with children and young people aged 0 to 25 across Warwickshire on issues including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•family relationships</li> <li>•finance</li> <li>•housing</li> <li>•parenting support</li> <li>•special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)</li> <li>•childcare</li> <li>•health and wellbeing</li> </ul> |
|  | <a href="https://safeline.org.uk/">https://safeline.org.uk/</a>   | Work with students who have been involved in sexual abuse or rape.  |
|  | <a href="https://entrustcarepartnership.org.uk/">https://entrustcarepartnership.org.uk/</a>                                 | Counselling for ASD students<br>We offer a range of services for children, young people and adults with a disability, ranging from one-to-one support in or around the family home to life skills group training. We also support parents and carers.   |
|  | <a href="https://www.barnardos.org.uk/">https://www.barnardos.org.uk/</a>   | We are here to support children, young people and their families. If you need help with going back to school, parenting advice, mental health and counselling, coping with  |

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|   |   | family stress and more, get support now.   |
|  | <a href="https://www.guysgift.co.uk/">https://www.guysgift.co.uk/</a>   | <p>Bereavement Counselling</p> <p>Guy's Gift delivers bereavement support for children and young people throughout Coventry and Warwickshire.</p>  |
|  | <a href="https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/find-help/">https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/find-help/</a> | <p>Mentoring service in school</p> <p>Provides young people with tools to look after their mental health. Our website is full of advice and information on what to do if you're struggling with how you feel. We empower parents and adults who work with young people, to be the best support they can be to the young people in their lives. And we give young people the space and confidence to get their voices heard</p> |
| Claire Gibb   |   | CBT Counsellor   |