

T and L Updates 2016-17



Alcester
Academy

Summer 2017

Miss Cotterill successfully trained to become a Level 2 TEEP practitioner.

A new Homework Policy was launched under consultation with parents ready for a launch in September 2017. This involved returning to a dedicated Homework timetable for each year group and encouraged the concept of 'Quizzing' as a strategy to support students with the demands of the new GCSE specifications and the vast knowledge base to learn in each subject.

Mid-term plans were updated in all subject areas in line with the demands of new GCSE specifications.

Early Star Literacy' was launched as part of the Accelerated Reader Programme in order to further support those students finding this area difficult.

The academy was pleased to learn that the 'The Shires' teaching alliance was to welcome its' first trainees in Autumn 2017.

Spring 2017

There are been numerous updates in the areas of T and L since Christmas 2016 as follows:

- The academy has been successful in gaining National Support School Status (March 2017) and Mr Hyde, Head teacher has become a National Leader of Education.
- Mrs Mellors, Mr Seager, Mr Cooke and Mrs Muldowney have all been awarded SLE status (Specialist Leader of Education) through The 'Shires' Teaching School Alliance.
- The academy has been notified that they are in the top 20 schools in the area for the performance of disadvantaged students at KS4.
- The staff have participated in a SWEP training day aimed at Subject Leaders' across the South of Warwickshire collaborating together. This has supported the introduction of new KS4 specifications and grading systems especially.
- The SWEP Head teachers' have collaboratively drafted a response to the Government's Fairing Funding proposal and have collectively asked parents to support joint concerns.
- The Art department have entered the Saatchi Gallery Schools' Competition (announced in April 2017).
- The school have entered several categories within the TES Awards for a second year running.
- MFL and the LRC have developed new social media sites:
@AcademyMFL
@AA_LRC_Library
- Work scrutiny, learning walks and classroom observations continue in order to share great ideas across staff.

Autumn Term 2016

We have had a very productive Autumn Term at the Academy consisting of:

- A new bespoke Teaching and Learning CPD programme for individual staff has been implemented. This meets the individual needs of teachers.
- The Academy has subscribed to 'Doddle' as an effective on line system for completion of home learning.
- We have launched new presentation guidance to students regarding their work. Work Scrutiny indicates that students now take a greater degree of pride in their work.
- Two successful Parent Forums have been organised based around Life Without Levels and the demands of Year 11. Both were very well attended.
- Alcester Academy is proud to be associated as an Alliance School with The Shires Teaching School.

- There have been significant data developments around new assessment measures. Expected Attainment Pathways (EAP) are now being used.
- Our exceptional maths team have been working along-side Coughton Primary School in order to develop learning opportunities further.
- Our award winning maths team continue to have members who work for Edexcel as Consultants. Mr Seager and Mrs Muldowney work across the country delivering high quality CPD to practitioners.
- Mr Hyde and Mr Seager have led a Pupil Premium Review in two local schools.
- SWEP Subject Leaders have met with common agendas in order to share expertise and knowledge around new specifications and assessment procedures. This work will be developed in January 2017 at the SWEP collaborative training day.
- We have revisited our Renaissance Accelerated Reader Strategy with all Year 7 and 8 students. Positive impact with this is being noted.
- We continue to share great ideas as practitioners through our regular internal Teach Meet opportunities.
- Our Year 8 students embarked on a Most Able day at Studley High School with members of staff from both schools contributing. This was a most successful day.
- Alcester Academy continues to contribute to the work of the Area Behaviour Panel, SWEP T and L Group and the SWEP SENCo Forum.