

Alcester Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

Good afternoon. I hope that you all had a super weekend.

The Three Rivers Alliance

If you recall, in January, I wrote to you to inform you that Alcester Academy, Alcester Grammar School, King Edward VI Grammar School in Stratford, Shipston High School and Stratford Girls' Grammar School had come together to form a mutually supportive and developmental Alliance across the five local schools. You may have seen the article in the Stratford Herald recently introducing The Three Rivers Alliance to the community. Further information about the Alliance is again attached to this letter in the form of 'frequently asked questions'.

The first year of this joint venture was very successful. As Headteachers, we want to ensure that the time and work that goes into our partnership adds value to the students, the staff and the wider community across our schools. Much of the work to date has gone on behind the scenes as we establish school to school relationships and support. However, the highlight on the student calendar in 2023-2024 was the very successful Sustainability Conference, organised and hosted by Alcester Academy, that some of our Year 9s attended, along with their peers from the other schools. I have attached an infographic that provides an 'at a glance' summary of the initiatives worked on during 2023-24.

For 2024-2025, the work is already underway. As part of this, we will be working to develop and extend the Subject Hubs already set up, looking at how we can support each other as we develop, embed and deepen the digital strategies within our schools, and provide further joint opportunities for personal development for students across our schools.

In conclusion, the first year has shown that the benefits of our schools working together are substantial. From sharing resources and knowledge to fostering a sense of community across the schools, improving financial efficiency, and addressing educational challenges, collaborative action creates positive change. I'm looking forward to this mutual work continuing across the next academic year. As always, I will keep you updated from time to time.

Yours sincerely

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