

# Alcester Academy

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Dear Year 10 Parents/Carers

You may be aware that year 10 exams commence from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Do note that not all subjects will be involved at this stage and, unfortunately, there will be no capacity to arrange catch up opportunities.

Please be reassured that the results of these exams will not solely dictate any future group moves but will provide your child with further experience of the formal process and support teachers with planning year 11. The exams will also help inform the summer data report, and pupils will be made aware of their results in class after the examination window. There will be a further full mock examination window in the autumn term of year 11 for your child.

Additionally, if your child studies MFL, we will be running practice speaking examinations w/c 29<sup>th</sup> June- time slots to be confirmed.

*If your child receives regular support from the SEND team, and has specific and established access arrangements already in place (such as extra time or a scribe), this will be provided. The access used in exams must be a normal way of working across the school day however. Miss McKenzie will inform the parents of children who will have access arrangements after the half-term holiday.*

*Eligibility for access arrangements is now stricter than ever and in many cases we will scrutinise the work produced in the exams as potential evidence. This means that any new access requests or queries will not be applied for examinations at this stage. Without a clear and recent evidence bank for an access need, JCQ (the examination regulatory body) will not approve arrangements for year 11.*

Teachers will continue to explain exam content in subjects after half term, so that your child has some preparation time, and the year group will receive a reminder assembly on the procedures. There will also be an exam focus week w/c 8th June whereby lessons will be specifically focused on exam content and technique. A list of subjects that will be examined in the window is included below and this will be followed by an exam timetable as soon as this has been finalised.

Core examinations	Option examinations
English language	Geography
English literature	History
Maths	Media Studies
Science	iMedia
Religious studies	Computer science
	Food
	French and German



If you have any general concerns, do please contact myself by emailing [nickcooke@alcesteracademy.org.uk](mailto:nickcooke@alcesteracademy.org.uk). For exam access concerns please only contact Miss McKenzie by emailing [charliemckenzie@alcesteracademy.org.uk](mailto:charliemckenzie@alcesteracademy.org.uk)

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nick Cooke', written in a cursive style.

Nick Cooke  
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