

Alcester Academy

Headteacher: Mrs Sarah Mellors
Deputy Headteacher: Mr Nick Cooke



Assistant Headteacher: Miss Karen Buckthorp

16th September 2026

Dear Year 10 Parent/Carer

I hope you and your family have had a lovely summer break. I am delighted to welcome our Year 10 students back to school and introduce myself as their Head of Year. Last year I had the privilege of being their Year 9 Head, so I am pleased to remain with them and look forward to getting to know them even better as they go through Year 10.

Year 10 is an important stage in your child's education as they begin to work towards their GCSEs. This year, we will encourage students to develop greater independence, take responsibility for their learning, and establish positive study habits that will support them throughout Year 10 and Year 11. We also have Work Experience to look forward to in the Spring term.

I ask for your continued support in helping your child to:

- Attend school regularly and arrive on time each day.
- Complete homework and coursework to the best of their ability.
- Bring the correct equipment and resources to lessons.
- Take pride in their work and behaviour.
- Ask for help when they are unsure or struggling.
- Make good use of revision and independent study time.

Communication between school and home is extremely important. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or if there is anything we can do to support your child.

The initial point of contact is the relevant Tutor, and all their details are on the school website.

Miss Buckthorp (Assistant Headteacher) continues to oversee all year groups and Heads of Year as part of her SLT Role Karenbuckthorp@alcesteracademy.org.uk

SLT also offer weekly drop ins on a Wednesday at 3.30 – 4.30pm.

My email is Janeaustin@alcesteracademy.org.uk

I am very proud of our Year 10 students and are excited to see them grow in confidence, maturity and achievement over the coming year, and I look forward to an exciting and successful year ahead. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Jane Austin
Head of Year 10

