

Alcester Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

Do see a list of key dates and information relating to year 11. This is a busy time of year in the lead up to the summer examinations for your child, so hopefully the following will be useful in supporting your child next term.

Week commencing 23rd March: Written reports and exam timetables

We are aiming to ensure that these are both sent to you in the last week of this term. Reports will contain some clear targets for your child in each subject, along with the latest data. As we move closer to the examinations, this data is more accurate in understanding GCSE outcomes for your child. Timetables will feature all the examinations your child is to be entered into. There are often final changes to consider- such as tiers for science, but this document will enable your child to begin preparing. Please note that we are expecting exam results for CAMNAT sport and music this week also.

Access arrangements for examinations

For those students entitled to access arrangements, we are finalising applications and will write to parents with the outcome once confirmed. Both our SENCO and exams teams have worked hard to ensure we conform to the tighter regulations and policing of access arrangements.

Prom invites: Thursday 25th June at Kings Court Hotel

The year group has received an assembly this morning led by Miss Buckthorp. We have outlined the criteria for this event, which, like each year, is based on attendance and behaviour. The first set of invites are to be sent out where students meet the criteria at this point- we are monitoring eligibility closely, so do bear with us and try to refrain from emailing the school directly about prom matters at this stage.

The criteria for an invitation is as follows:

- above 90% attendance from February 23rd 2026 (adjusted from previous years)
- good behaviour onwards measured from January 2026
- engagement in revision
- sit all summer exams you are entered for
- positive ATL and attendance at lessons

Leavers' hoodies

Your child will have the opportunity to purchase a leavers' hoodie and we will communicate the order process in due course.



Bowling (Friday 27th March)

We will also send out the invite letter and payment details for the morning bowling trip by the end of this week. The trip will cost approximately £10 and is during the school day. You will recall that to be eligible for this trip, pupils need to demonstrate good attendance and behaviour, alongside a commitment to revision and completion of all coursework required. This event was organised to recognise the hard work of the year group this term.

Easter holidays: Easter School- 7th, 8th and 9th April

The following sessions will be offered during the holidays:

*Tuesday 7th April - **Art**: 9.00am-12noon*

*Thursday 9th April - **French**- 9.00am-10.30am*

*- **German** 10.30am-12noon*

*- **Further maths** 10.30am-12noon*

In addition, the office is also processing invites for individual pupils for History- if your child has not received an invite for History, they are not expected to attend please. Do note that these sessions rely on the goodwill of staff.

Please encourage your child to build in some revision time during the holiday period. The Super Six booklet (link below) will offer a range of ideas and strategies- this is the last opportunity to purchase revision guides and materials, so do reach out if you need any guidance. Short and regular bursts of revision each day will ensure your child is prepared and establishes a healthy routine.

Super Six Booklet - [The Super Six Booklet](#)

Week commencing 13th April: Art, photography, French and German exams

These exams will commence the first week after the Easter holidays. French and German speaking exam slots have been shared with pupils and parents, and the art and photography department will share exam days with your child. We wish all of these students the very best.

We will be in touch once again at the start of the summer term to outline the support and information we provide during the exam period which will include the launch of our alternative timetable package and the formal process for sitting examinations. Please let us know if you have any queries- this is an intense, and often stressful time for all, and we are here to help.

Kind regards



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