

Alcester Academy

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Dear Year 11 Parents and Carers

I wanted to write to you with some more detail about Year 11 arrangements over the next few weeks. We are delighted with the start to the main exam season that Year 11 have had.

Weekend exam preparation sessions:

Saturday 31 st May - Geography	9-11am in school
Sunday 1 st June - History	6-7.30pm online
Saturday 7 th June - Biology	9-11am in school
Saturday 14 th June - Physics	9-11am in school - Groups TBC

(We will communicate with you before each session as always. If last minute sessions are requested by staff, again, we will update you in full).

This concludes the weekend preparation sessions now and I thank staff and students for these. Also, thank you as parents for arranging transport during the year for any live sessions.

Wellbeing Breaks

We have planned the following times when students are permitted to be at home for some well-deserved rest in between key exam dates:

- This Friday (16th May) – from 1.15pm.
- Next Friday 23rd May – students can go after their morning English Language exam.
- Monday 9th June- end of P3.

School Attire

This is just a reminder that full school uniform needs to be continued to be worn, or the school PE top and leavers' hoodie. Thank you. We're seeing various adaptations to this creeping in now and other garments are not acceptable. High standards and expectations will continue until the very last day.

Leavers' Assembly and Celebration

I can now confirm that the internal celebrations for Year 11s to commemorate their time with us will be on **Monday 16th June**. Students should arrive in school from 8am for Physics revision followed by the exam. We will then have a few treats lined up for the students as they convene for the last time together as a whole year group before Prom on 26th June.

On Monday 16th June, students need to wear their usual uniform on the day, or their PE shirt and leavers' hoodie. Students need to bring a spare shirt to school for signing. A sharpie pen is also



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useful (other brands are available!). We will allow phones to be used during an extended break time in order to capture some lasting memories through photos. Students will then need to be collected or make their way home with your permission from approx. 1pm (4:1 day).

If you can talk to the students about maintaining their exemplary behaviour on this day, I'd be extremely grateful. I want this to be a memorable occasion with plenty of positivity whilst we celebrate.

After 16th June, students are required to attend school, following the alternative timetable until their last exam is completed. For some students, their last exam is actually on 16th June. You will note some continued days where students can revise from home. We consider this to be well-being time on the alternative timetable.

What students need to do before 16th June:

- Consider donating any used revision guides to school. Thank you. Mrs Marshall is collecting these.
- Consider donating any unwanted uniform or PE kit. LSU will have this. Thank you again. We are extremely grateful for this.
- Use up all credit for the canteen. This cannot be transferred to siblings.
- Get student prom cards signed off and handed in.
- Please return any school library books (there is a genuine amnesty before leaving school – all books that were borrowed at any time can be returned).
- Return any items belonging to school; laptops especially if these have been on loan.
- Empty lockers and return rented padlocks to LSU.
- Note any coursework for subjects cannot be collected until after October half term 2025 usually.

Year Book 2025

This is taking shape with hard work from Miss Bishop and a group of Year 11 students. I will be in touch with you again about the details of how to order this when finalised.

Contingency Day

Do not forget that all of the students MUST be available on Wednesday 25th June, this is the national GCSE contingency date.

Prom Details – Thursday 26th June

We're getting closer now to prom! Arrival to prom should be from 6.30pm for a 7pm start please. Pick up is at 10pm, no later than 10.30pm. As a reminder, the venue is The Crowne Plaza in Stratford Upon Avon. I'm grateful to the staff team here in school for getting this organised and ready for the students' final celebration. I'm thrilled to recognise their hard work and respect for the Year 11 period.

The venue does create a turning circle for vehicles to arrive. Please ask chauffeurs to follow the usual driveway and the directions to the drop off point will be signposted. As a staff, we all adore watching the students arrive. It is absolutely fine for parents to be present for arrivals. Just give the students plenty of space nearby the entrance so that they can be seen clearly. I'd appreciate it if you do not enter the venue. Then allow us to get the party started in a timely fashion by quietly dispersing once you have seen the arrivals.

Thank You Students!

I continue to thank Year 11s for their hard work and commitment.

If you have any queries, please continue to get in touch. I will continue to update you if anything changes, and as we draw nearer to the leaving date.

Kind regards

Sarah Mellors
Headteacher