

Alcester Academy

Headteacher: Mrs Sarah Mellors
Deputy Headteacher: Mr Nick Cooke



Assistant Headteacher: Miss Karen Buckthorp

16th September 2026

Dear Year 9 Parent/Carer

I hope you and your families had a lovely break and that our Year 9 students are feeling refreshed and ready for the new term.

It is a pleasure to welcome our Year 9 students back to school as we begin another important stage in their education and begin their GCSE courses. We are looking forward to supporting them as they continue to develop their confidence, independence and academic progress.

This year will bring many opportunities for students to challenge themselves, develop new skills and make positive progress. Year 9 students get the opportunity to participate in numerous trips including Cornwall Watersports which is open to the whole year group and also trips to Paris and Berlin if you are studying French and History.

As always, communication between home and school is extremely important. If you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing, learning, friendships, attendance or academic progress, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We are here to listen, offer support and work together with you to help your child.

Likewise, we encourage students to speak to a trusted member of staff if they are worried about anything. No concern is too small, and we want our students to know that they have people around them who are ready to help. We want every student to feel happy, supported and able to achieve their very best.

To help with communication, your child's tutor is a great first point of contact, all their details are on the school website.

My email is Juliebennett@alcesteracademy.org.uk

Miss Buckthorp (Assistant Headteacher) continues to oversee 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.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the term and to seeing our Year 9 students thrive.

Wishing everyone a happy, successful and positive new term.

Kindest regards

Julie Bennett
Head of Year 9



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