

## Principal'S UPDATE

## 16th October 2023



Dear Parents and Carers.

With just over a week of the half term left, it was a pleasure to welcome so many Year 7 parents into school for the Year 7 information evening, The year group has settled remarkably well and we are delighted that they have an average 'happiness score' of over 9 out of IO. This week I have also had the privilege of walking around school to observe students across all year groups in lessons and it has been fantastic to see so many students taking true responsibility for their own learning - a key theme that we have been pushing across the school since September.

I would particularly like to draw your attention to pages 7 to IO of this update, which includes exciting information about some changes to catering in school from after half term. I am delighted that from November 6th, ABM Catering will be taking over food provision in the school and we are looking forward to some new and inspirational food offerings! As part of this change and in an attempt to speed up queuing times, from January 2O24 the school will be moving to a new safe and secure alternative biometric authentication system using facial recognition. For the majority of students in years 9 - I3, then you have already given permission for the school to use student biometric data for the school's cashless catering system until they leave the school. As facial recognition is an alternative form of biometric data, the consent you have already given will continue to be valid for as long as your child remains at School, unless you withdraw your consent. If however, you are a student in Years 7 and 8 or if you joined the school in any year group after the start of term, then we do not currently have your consent and you will need to complete this form, by 31st October - Consent Form Link. For further information or to withdraw your consent, please click here.

With all best wishes for the rest of the half term,

Ms Rachel Thorpe

Principal, Alcester Grammar School

This Fortnight at AGS in Pictures

## Music clubs are in full flow!









## **Swimming Relays**

It was great to have the opportunity to take some AGS swimmers to the regional round of the English Schools Swimming Association (ESSA) relays gala at Warwick pool on Friday 6th October.

The local schools always provide tough opposition but we more than held our own. Our junior girls were 2nd in their freestyle and medley relays, junior boys came 2nd (medley) and 4th (free) and inter boys were 6th in both of theirs.

All of the swimmers involved were a credit to themselves and the school, well done!

## **ESAA Cross Country Cup**

Junior boys 2nd **Junior Girls 2nd** Inter boys 1st Inter girls 4th Senior boys 3rd Senior girls 1st.



All 1st and 2nd place teams are through to the next round of the ESAA county cup!!

Amazing performances from all but stand out: Junior boys: Francisco Artus-Thomazi - 4th Inter boys: Tom fisher - 2nd, Joel Ledgard -3rd

Junior girls: Holly Hanson

Senior girls: Maisie-Joy Spriggs - 1st, Niamh Hillard - 3rd.

Fantastic performances on such a hot day in October!



# This Fortnight at AGS in Pictures

## Drama Careers Workshop

Last week Drama students from Years 11 - 13 took part in a Drama workshop with Stage and Screen Actor Darragh Cowley.

Darragh, who has just finished in a production at the National Theatre, took students through page to stage craft and audition techniques in order to help them to explore how to develop their naturalistic acting skills.

Student's were also able to effectively understand how the Drama school process worked and how a career in Dramatic industry is forged.

Many thanks to Darragh and all of the students who took part- it was a fantastically productive and positive environment.













MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

AGS Staff raised £254.23 for Macmillan Cancer Support

## News and Notices

## Exams update

Our Autumn mocks begin Thursday 19 October until Tuesday 14 November for year 13 then year 11. Please make sure you have checked your timetable on your AGS portal.

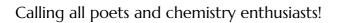
Good luck to all!

Mock dates for 2O24 have been amended so for those of you who are super organised please make a note of the changes. <u>Here</u> is the link. Year 12 mocks will begin on Friday 15 December until Friday 22 December and the timetable will be published after half term.

Any queries please email <a href="mailto:exams@alcestergs.com">exams@alcestergs.com</a>

Mrs Silcox, Examinations Officer

## Chemistry Week Poetry Competition





Chemistry Week 2O23 is approaching and here at AGS, we will be celebrating with our own poetry competition which is open to all students.

We are looking for your words to collide and bond in literary harmony, let your creativity bubble and show us how chemistry can ignite your poetic spark!

How to enter: email a typed version of your poem (maximum 1 side of A4) to Miss Kaval <u>s.kaval@alcestergs.com</u>.

The deadline to submit your poem will be Friday 10th November, and the winner will be announced the following week. It can be themed around anything chemistry related, be as creative as you wish.

Best of luck!

## AGS EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMME

Autumn 1st Half-Term: 2023



	Activity	Year(s)	Time	Venue	Lead	
MONDAY	String Group	All	12:40-1:30pm	Mu1	Ms Green	
	'Strum' Guitar Group	All	12:40-1:30pm Mu2		Mrs Hartwell	
	Volleyball	All	12:40-1:10pm	Sports Hall	Mr Richens	
	Rhythmic Gym	All	12:40-1:10pm	Dance Studio	Mrs Parsons	
	LangSoc	7-11	12:40-1:30pm LA1		6th form students	
	Art Club	7	12:40-1:30pm Art Block (in 3 week blocks)		6th form students	
	Documentary Club	8-9	12:40-1:30pm	Ph1	Mr Isherwood	
	KS3 Do2 Library	7-8	12:40-1:30pm	Do2	Mrs Tingle	
	School Play	11 - 13	3.40 - 5pm	Theatre	Ms Swan	
	Circuit training	All	4-5pm	Dance studio	Mr Watson	
	Running Club	All	4-5pm	Offsite from sports hall	Mr Reeves	
	Netball	7	3:40 -5pm	Sports Hall	Mrs Parsons & Mrs Hemming	
TUESDAY	School Choir	All	12:40-1:30pm	Mu2	Mr Harris	
	Jumanji Beasts	7 and 8	12:40-1:30pm	Dt2	Mr Pickering	
	Coding Club	10-13	1:00 to 1:30pm BS5		Mr Sindroja	
	Basketball	9-11	12:40-1:10pm	Sports Hall	Mr Bayliss & Mr Blackman	
	EcoSoc	12-13	12:50-1:30pm	GG4	6th form students	
	Mathsoc	12-13	12:50-1:30pm	Ma2	6th form students	
	Chinese Kickboxing	All years & staff	3:50-5pm	Dance studio	Mr Gill	
	Warhammer	All years & staff	3:40 - 5pm	Hi2	Miss Sims	
	School Play	11 - 13	3.40 - 5pm	Theatre	Ms Swan	
	Rugby Boys	7-9	3:40-5pm Field		Mr Bayliss, Mr Blackham & Mr Dickinson	
	Rugby Girls	7-13	3:40-5pm Field		Mr Bayliss, Mr Blackham & Mr Dickinson	
	Badminton	9-11	3:40-5pm	Sports Hall	Mrs Hemming	
WEDNESDAY	Performance Basketball	12-13	12:40-1:10pm	Sports Hall	Mr Richens	
	Concert Band	All	12:40-1:30pm	Mu2	Mr Chapman-Palmer	
	Omega Club	7-8	12:40-1:30pm	Ma1	Mr Atherton	
	School choir (week 2)	All	12:40-1:30pm Mu1		Mr Harris	
	Creative Writing Club	7-9	12.50-1.20pm	En1	6th form students (Mrs Bremner-Smith)	

WEDNESDAY	Philosophy Club	7-11	12:40 - 1:30pm	RE1	Mrs Hemus	
	Silent Study	11	12:40-1:30pm	Dobell Study	Mr Hamilton	
	History Ambassadors	8	12:40 - 1:30pm (fortnightly)	Hi1	Ms Bowles	
	Table Tennis	All	12:40-1:10pm	Sports Hall	External Coach	
	ComSoc	12-13	12:50-1:30pm	BS5	6th form students	
	EconSoc	12-13	12:50-1:30pm	BS2	6th form students	
	EngSoc	12-13	12:50-1:30pm	DT2	6th form students	
	LangSoc	12-13	12:40-1:30pm	LA1	6th form students	
	LawSoc	12-13	12:50-1:30pm	DO2	6th form students	
	SciSoc	12-13	12:50-1:30pm	Sc7	6th form students	
	PhilSoc	12-13	12:50-1:30pm	Re2	6th form students	
	Netball	8-11	3:40-5pm	Sports Hall/ Courts	Mrs Hemming & Mrs Powel	
	School Play	11-13	3:40-5pm	Theatre	Ms Swan	
THURSDAY	Performance Basketball	All (invite only)	7:45-8:20am	Sports Hall	Mr Richens	
	Jazz Band	All	12:40-1:30pm	Mu2	Mr Chapman-Palmer	
	Chess Club	7-11	12.40 -1.30pm	MaO	Mr O'Mahony	
	Homework Club	All	1:00-1:30pm	IT2	Mr Briggs-Davies	
	GeoSoc	12-13	12:50-1:30pm	GG3	6th form students	
	MedSoc	12-13	12:50-1:30pm	Sc1	6th form students	
	HistSoc	12-13	12:50-1:30pm	Hi1	6th form students	
	KS3 Do2 Library	7-8	12:40-1:30pm	Do2	Mrs Tingle	
	Basketball	7-8	3:40-5pm	Sports Hall	Mr Richens	
	Fencing	All	3:40-5pm	Dance Studio	External Coach	
	Girls' Football	All	3:40-5pm	Fields	Mrs Powell	
	Show band	All (Audition)	After school	Mu2	Mr Chapman-Palmer	
FRIDAY	Rock band	All	12:40-1:30pm	Mu2	Mr Chapman-Palmer & Mr Davis	
	Drama Club	7-9	12.40 - 1.30pm	Theatre	Mrs Spencer	
	Quiz Club	9-13	12.45 - 1.30	En4	Mrs Humphries	
	Lego Club	7-8	12:40-1:30pm	Ph1	Miss Howe	
	Cipher Challenge	7-11	12:40-1:30pm	IT2	Mr Atherton	
	Litsoc	12-13	12:50-1:30pm	DO2	6th form students	
	PsychSoc	12-13	12:50-1:30pm	Ps1	6th form students	
	Euphoria Dance	All	3:40-5pm	Sports Hall	External Provider	

<sup>\*</sup> NB Where clubs are provided by external providers there will be a small cost to these



## From 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 ABM Catering will be delivering a new Restaurant Service at Alcester Grammar School.

A new vibrant look Restaurant and a range of freshly prepared, innovative, seasonally influenced menus will be offered at breakfast, morning break and lunch services. At abm we firmly believe in delivering a fresh, nutritious meal service that provides students with excellent choice, quality and value that meets their needs and exceeds expectations.

## AN UNCOMPLICATED, FRESH APPROACH TO FOOD.

#### Fantastic Food

Our aim is to serve great, fresh food using the very best of seasonal ingredients to create amazing, innovative and exciting dishes.

### Awesome People

It's not just the food that is important, it is the whole meal experience. Our team are proud of the food they serve.

That's why you will experience a friendly, smiling, polite service. It is a recipe for success.

### **Great Offers**

Look out for promotions, deals and special offers.

### Value for Money

'Meal Deals' will provide a range of value for money offers including a main, dessert and unlimited hydration station for £3.25. In addition, our tariffs across our menus offer excellent value for money.

















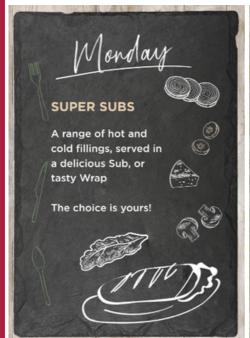
All our ingredients are locally sourced and delivered fresh by local suppliers. Our eggs are free-range and Red Lion stamped, our fish is sustainably sourced and MSC approved and our meat is British Red Tractor accredited wherever possible.

DESSERTS Toffee Apple Crumble	JACKETS	PIZZA SLICE Margarita Pepperoni	TAKEAWAY Selection of Sauces	Salad & Mint Yoghurt	STREET FOOD Chicken Tikka	served with Garilo	PLANT BASED / Quorn Meatballs with a VEGETARIAN Red Onion Pasta Bake		Cajun Chicken Pasta  MAIN MEAL  Bake served with  Broccoli	MONBAY	10001
	TRY O	Margarita Pepperoni	ith Pasta served with	ghurt Noodes	Swee		with a 5 Bean & Vegetable nato & Chill served with Fluffy Bake Rice & Tortilla Chics	ALL SERVED WI	asta Beef Chili Con Carne served ith with Fluffy Rice & Tortilla Chips	TUESDAY	
	TRY OUR DELICIOUS FILLINGS FOR	Margarita Pepperoni	with Pasta served with Selection of Sauces	Nacrios with Crieese of Salsa		WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR R	Ro Pot	ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR R	me served Chicken Tikka Masala ortilla Chips served with Pilau Rice	DAY WEDNESDAY	
	INGS FOR 50p EACH	Margarita Pepperoni	h Pasta served with Selection of Sauces	e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e	Hone	& POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY	r & Roast Quom Fillet served with Root Veorlahle Mash & Jerk	& POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY	Isala Garlic & Lemon Chicken Served with Root Vegetable Mash & Jerk Gravy	DAY THURSDAY	
STATE OF THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN TWO IS NOT THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN TWO IS NAMED IN C	<b>†</b>	Margarita Pepperoni	Pasta served with Selection of Sauces	with oweercom balsa	BBQ Chicken Wrap served	HE DAY	Vegetable Sausage served with Chips & Peas or Baked Beans	HE DAY	Hand Battered Fish served with Chips & Peas or Baked Beans	FRIDAY	

## Sixth Form Paily Specials

With vegetarian and plant based alternatives offered every day, these specials offer something for everyone!

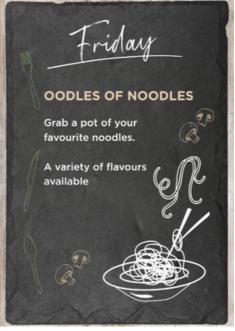












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## Sixth Form Peli



HAM IT UP!
Baked Ham, Lettuce, Tomato,
Cucumber & English Mustard

RANCH MONTE CRISTO Bacon, Avocado & Lettuce with Ranch Dressing

PULLED PORK
With Spicy Slaw & Tornato
Salsa

TUNA WHOPPER
Tuna, Spring Onions &
Peppers CLASSIC CLUB
Chicken & Bacon, Tomato,
Mixed Leaves & Mayonnaise

CHANNEL HOPPER
Brie, Cranberry &

PHILLIBUSTER
Roast Beef, Tornato, Red Orion
& Horseradish

ENGLISH
PLOUGHMAN
Mature Cheddar, Sweet

work own.

CHEESES - Mature Cheddar, Feta Cheese, Philadelphi BREADS - Bloomers/Artisan, Rolls, Baguettes, Bagels

FISH - Tuna,

EXTRAS
Tomato, Onion, Mixed Leaves, Coleslaw, Av
Roasted Vegetables

Hot Chocolate Luxury Hot Chocolate Fruit Tea Iced Tea Iced Coffee with Cream Iced Coffee Frappuccino ICED COFFEES Mocha Flat White Espresso Luxury Mocha Cafe Latte Cappuccino Americano 0 £1.00 £1.50 £1.60 £1.70 £1.50 £1.70 £1.80 £1.60 £1.45 55p 85p £1.45

VEGGIE
Roasted Vegetables with
Mixed Leaves & Pesto