



Principal's Update

Dear Parents, Carers and Members of the AGS Community,

As we reach the midpoint of the summer term, I want to take a moment to recognise just how impressively all year groups have approached their exams so far. Whether sitting formal GCSEs and A levels or completing internal assessments, pupils across the school have shown real maturity, focus and determination.

Their calm approach in the exam halls, coupled with the steady effort they have put in over recent weeks, reflects the strong work ethic that defines our AGS community. Staff have also commented on the supportive atmosphere pupils have created for one another, which has made a genuine difference during this busy period.

21st May 2026

Looking ahead to September, I would like to confirm a small but important update to our uniform options. Pupils who elect to wear a skirt may choose either the existing AGS-branded skirt or a non-branded grey pleated skirt. Both need to be at least knee length. We hope this adjustment offers families a little more flexibility while maintaining the smart, consistent appearance we expect.

As we move into the final days before the break, I want to wish all students, staff and families a very happy and well-deserved half term. I hope the week brings rest, sunshine and the chance to recharge before we return for the final stretch of the year.

Best wishes,



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R Thorpe

Ms Rachel Thorpe
Principal, Alcester Grammar School



Language SPOTLIGHT



Drodzy Rodzice, Opiekunowie i Członkowie Społeczności AGS,

Zbliżając się do połowy semestru letniego, chciałbym poświęcić chwilę na docenienie, jak imponująco wszystkie roczniki podeszły do egzaminów. Niezależnie od tego, czy zdają formalne egzaminy GCSE i A-level, czy zaliczają wewnętrzne testy, uczniowie w całej szkole wykazali się prawdziwą dojrzałością, skupieniem i determinacją.

Ich spokojne podejście na sali egzaminacyjnej, w połączeniu z nieustającym wysiłkiem, jaki włożyli w ostatnich tygodniach, odzwierciedla silną etykę pracy, która charakteryzuje naszą społeczność AGS. Pracownicy zwrócili również uwagę na wspierającą atmosferę, jaką uczniowie stworzyli dla siebie nawzajem, co miało realne znaczenie w tym intensywnym okresie.



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Patrząc w przyszłość, na wrzesień, chciałbym potwierdzić niewielką, ale ważną aktualizację w naszej ofercie mundurków. Uczniowie, którzy zdecydują się na noszenie spódnicy, mogą wybrać istniejącą spódnicę z logo AGS lub szarą, plisowaną spódnicę bez logo. Obie muszą mieć długość co najmniej do kolan. Mamy nadzieję, że ta zmiana da rodzinom nieco więcej swobody, jednocześnie zachowując elegancki, spójny wygląd, którego oczekujemy.

Wkraczając w ostatnie dni przed przerwą, pragnę życzyć wszystkim uczniom, pracownikom i rodzinom udanego i zasłużonego półrocza. Mam nadzieję, że ten tydzień przyniesie odpoczynek, słońce i szansę na regenerację przed powrotem na ostatnią część roku.

Najlepsze życzenia,

R Thorpe

Pani Rachel Thorpe
Dyrektor Szkoły
Alcester Grammar School



Thursday
11 JUNE



As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting students' wellbeing and ensuring a positive start to the new academic year, students in Years 7-9 will take part in an internal transfer morning on Thursday 11th June during registration and Period 1.

This will give students the opportunity to spend time with their new form group for the next academic year and meet their new tutor well before the summer holidays.

We believe this earlier transition point will bring significant benefits. It will allow students to begin building positive relationships with their new tutor and peers, helping to develop confidence, familiarity and a sense of belonging ahead of September. It also provides valuable time for new friendships to form naturally and for students to feel settled and supported before the start of the new school year.

No special arrangements are required for the morning, and students will be informed in advance where they need to go.

By creating this opportunity before the summer break, we hope students will return in September feeling more comfortable, connected and ready to make a positive start.

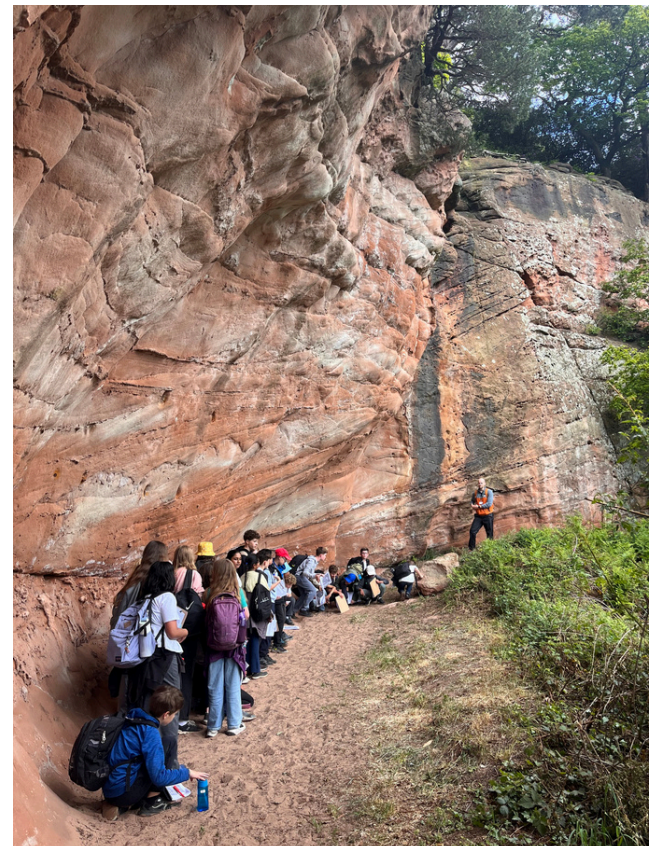
Mrs Shipway



Y12/13 Trip to Bletchley Park



Y7 Trip to Hawkstone Park



St George's Park - PE Visit

We visited St George's Park with Year 9 and Year 10, where students took part in a 90-minute coaching session and hydro session on the Friday, followed by an evening quiz.

On Saturday, students completed another 90-minute coaching session before finishing the trip with a match against a local club side, which ended in a dramatic last-gasp 4-3 victory.

Overall, it was an excellent trip, with the group showing outstanding teamwork, attitude, and togetherness throughout.

Mr Bayliss



Duke of Edinburgh - Bronze Assessed Expedition

Last week, 118 students across 17 teams successfully completed their Bronze Assessed Expedition in Malvern. A fantastic achievement demonstrating resilience, teamwork, and determination.



Congratulations to the Y10 and 6th form Touch Rugby teams who have both qualified for the National finals in June, having both placed 2nd in their regional qualifiers!



Well done to the amazing 54 students who took part in the Schools Cup Athletics fixture!

With strong competition the teams did well to place:

- Junior boys 5th
- Inter boys 3rd
- Junior girls 3rd
- Inter girls 4th

Some great performances with a standout from S in Y7 800m winning time of 2.31.0!



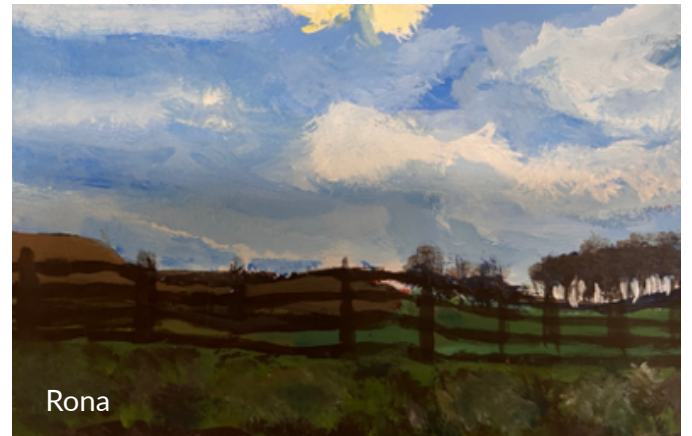
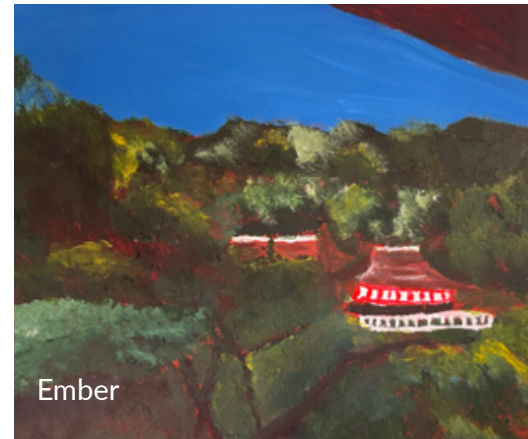
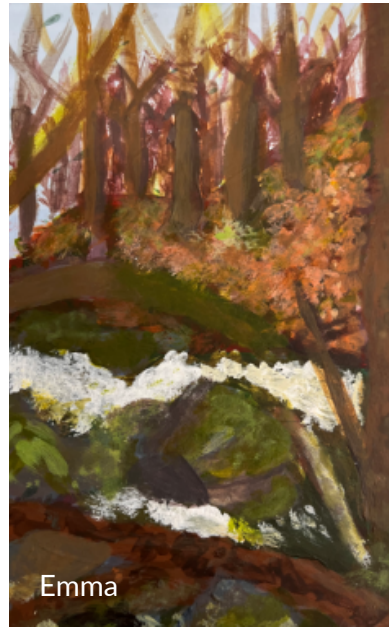
Well done to the Combined Events athletes who competed in County Champs:

- Minor boys 1st & 7th
- Junior boys 3rd & 5th
- Minor girls 2nd & 7th
- Junior girls 5th & 6th

Special mentions B (2nd) and S (3rd) individual medals D and F for their 2 day Octathlon (Fin 3rd)



These incredible landscapes are inspired by Impressionism and painted from photographs taken by year 7 students.





Alcester Food Festival

Friday 15th May saw 12 students taken off timetable to perfect their entries for the Alcester Food Festival cupcake competition, all students had a great afternoon creating their products ready for Saturdays judging. The brief this year was to create 6 cupcakes, having spent no more than £5, they also had to have a fruit or vegetable element that would otherwise go to waste. I was blown away by the creativity.



We had a very successful afternoon on Saturday and the quality of entries can be seen below. Students were judged by the Mayor of Alcester, Local Baker from Butterstreet bakery and the head of Hotel Chocolate their feedback was incredible.



G (Y9) walked away with best in KS3 for her apple and cinnamon cupcakes and A (Y8) took the overall competition winning trophy for her Banana Cinnamon cupcakes, beating all students across the three local schools at KS3, KS4 and KS5. **Huge Congratulations to all involved!**



Mr Hibbard



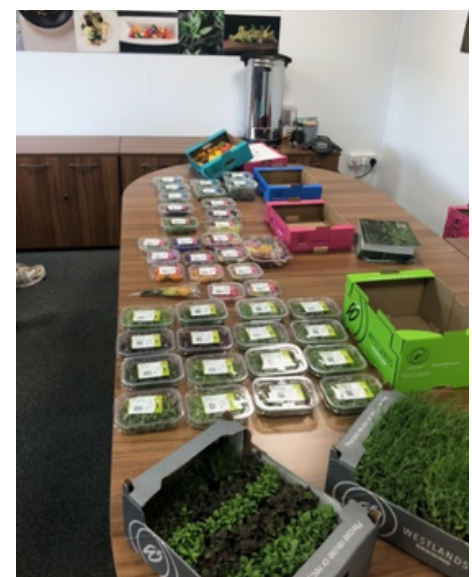
Year 10 - Food Tech visit to Westlands UK



This week Year 10 FT students have visited Westlands UK, a local producer of micro herbs, edible flowers, sea vegetables and speciality leaves grown for the food industry.

The aim was to look at primary production manufacturing, sustainability and innovation within the food production industry. Students got to visit the factory, tour the growing houses, looking at innovation in sowing, growing and harvesting, we also got to sample lots of the different products as we walked around, including marigolds and nasturtians, several varieties of micro basil and herbs, and some weird and wonderful apple blossom flowers, Congo cockatoo flowers and the weirdly named buzz buttons, I took one of these home for my son who described it as being stung on the tongue by a mouth full of wasps!

It was a useful trip so students could sample new products to help generate flavour profiles and garnish for their upcoming mock NEA assessment.





House News



Alder



Birch



Hawthorn



Oak



Willow

By the time you read this, we will have “deliberated, cogitated and digested, and reached our conclusion” on the winners of the KS3 House Bake Off. The results will be shared after half-term, but our Heads of House very much enjoyed sampling an impressive array of sponge cakes.

The past few weeks have also seen our new SALT team settle confidently into their leadership roles. They have supported AGS in a variety of ways, including leading school tours with maturity and enthusiasm a great start to their House year.

Recently students voted for the House charities for the 2026–27 House year. The results are as follows:

- Alder** Cancer Research
- Birch** Leukaemia UK
- Hawthorn** Molly Olly's Wishes
- Oak** Alcester Dementia Café
- Willow** Young Carers

Willow House will lead their charity fundraising next half-term, while Oak House will take on the next Outreach project. More details to follow.





House News

A special highlight this half term has been the work of 7MJI (Willow), who have been thoughtfully assembling Sunflower Gift Bags for students at Fortitude School in Alcester as part of Willow's Outreach initiative. After half-term, Willow SALT will visit Fortitude School to deliver the gift bags, and we look forward to sharing photos of the sunflowers as they grow—symbolising the blossoming links between AGS and Fortitude school.

A heartfelt thank you to Mr Isherwood, 7MJI, and Willow SALT for their creativity and enthusiasm as part of this project.



Mrs Bremner-Smith

Junior Maths Challenge

We are incredibly proud of all the students who took part in this year's UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge.

The competition provided an excellent opportunity for students to test their problem-solving skills, logical reasoning and mathematical resilience against pupils from across the country. It was fantastic to see so many students embracing the challenge with enthusiasm, determination and a positive attitude.

This year, AGS students achieved 36 Gold, 80 Silver and 55 Bronze Awards with 22 students qualifying for the follow on round (known as The Kangaroo Challenge) and 1 student qualifying for the Junior Maths Olympiad.

Their hard work and commitment to mathematics should be highly commended, and we congratulate everyone who participated and represented the school so well. **Mr Atherton**

2026 OPEN EVENING

Final Tickets Remaining!



AGS MUSIC



HOUSE MUSIC

01 JULY 2026

Y7, Y8, Y9, Y10, Y12 AGS THEATRE


SIGN UP TO PERFORM A SOLO OR AN ENSEMBLE FOR YOUR HOUSE-YEAR GROUP.

AND/OR COMPOSERS COMPETITION.

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HOUSE MUSIC LIVE EVENT 1ST JULY 2026



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 Willow
3,401

 Alder
2,719

 Birch
2,539

 Hawthorn
2,525

 Oak
2,319

Robyn's
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LESSONS
CELEBRATING
100%
PASS RATE!

- ★ Grade 8 Public Speaking – **DISTINCTION**
- ★ Grade 6 Public Speaking – **DISTINCTION**
- ★ Grade 6 Public Speaking – **DISTINCTION**
- ★ Grade 5 Public Speaking – **DISTINCTION**
- ★ Grade 5 Public Speaking – **DISTINCTION**
- ★ Grade 4 Public Speaking – **DISTINCTION**
- ★ Grade 4 V&P (Verse & Prose) – **MERIT**

Huge congratulations to all!

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Distinction	12 UCAS Points	16 UCAS Points	30 UCAS Points
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