



Principal's UPDATE

23rd September 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

With term now firmly underway, it has been a delight to see all new members of our community settled and embracing AGS life. Ongoing themes for assemblies have been around mental health and well-being and also the value of seizing opportunities on offer and 'daring to dream'. Please encourage your son or daughter to engage with the many extra-curricular opportunities on offer and also to talk to a trusted adult should they ever find themselves struggling in any way.

It has been a pleasure in recent weeks to work with staff and governors on a refreshed vision for AGS and as part of that in particular, a new 'AGS Engaged Learner Profile' as we strive to constantly make further improvements to Teaching and Learning. In the coming days I will start to seek pupil feedback and input into the vision - it is important that their views are heard. I also look forward to sharing with you as parents and carers details of our renewed approach to developing independent, resilient and creative learners, who will feel increasingly empowered to take responsibility for their education - more to follow in future updates.

Finally, I would like to say how delighted we have been to welcome so many prospective and current parents to the school in recent weeks. Alongside our three Open Mornings and the II+ Entrance Exam last weekend, it was a pleasure for the school to welcome year II parents to the 'Elevate' study skills workshop earlier in the week. We do hope that those who attended found it useful.

With all best wishes for the fortnight ahead,

Ms Rachel Thorpe
Principal, Alcester Grammar School

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This Fortnight at AGS in Pictures



First day on the river - year 12 rowing



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Drama students at Frantic Assembly's interpretation of Othello - pictured here with company founder Scott Graham



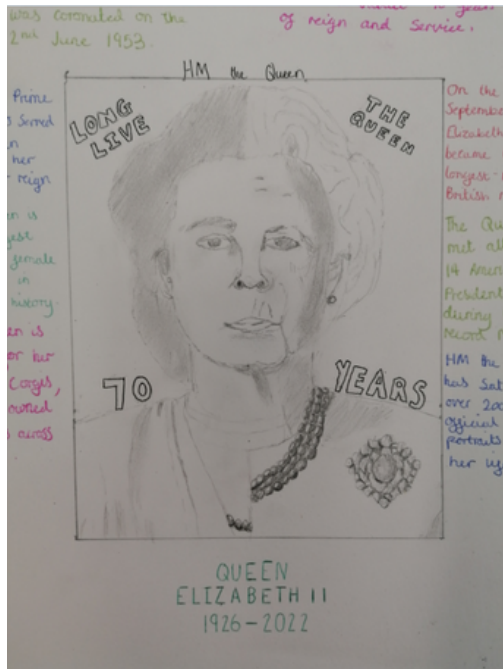
Year 7 & 8 Basketball



Remembering Queen Elizabeth II

Year 9 Art

Y9 have this week been marking the death of Queen Elizabeth II by responding in their Art lessons to the title 'The Queen'



Notices

Whole School Messages

Google Tutorial

A short tutorial on how to use Google Classroom (aimed at students) has been shared with students in years 7 - 11 this week. We thought that parents may also find it useful.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qSxNLaWm74g>

Sport

A message from Mr Thomas - please encourage your son/daughter to get involved with the extracurricular sports clubs on offer this half term - all clubs start from Monday (12th). All clubs are free of charge except those run by an external provider - if students would like to attend any of these then please ask them to speak to him. A link to the club list can be found on the 'Extracurricular' tab on our website but is also here.

DofE

Bronze (Y9), Silver (Y10) and Gold (Y12) DofE enrollment information will be coming out soon via meetings in school for students and emails to parents.

AGS Music Extracurricular Timetable				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime
STRING GROUP	'STRUM' (GUITAR GROUP)	JAZZ BAND	CONCERT BAND (All abilities)	ROCK BAND
SCHOOL CHOIR		SCHOOL CHOIR		
After School	After School	After School	After School	
KS4/5 COURSEWORK	KS4/5 COURSEWORK	School Show	School Show	

Year Group Messages

Years 7 - 9 Maths Update

Chess Club is in Ma1 every Tuesday lunch.

KS3 Maths support is also available every Wednesday lunch in Ma1

Years 10 & 11 Maths Update

KS4 Maths support - every Wednesday lunch in Ma3

Year 11 Spanish

Spanish speaking clinics with Ms Valera are starting on Wednesday 28th September between 12.50-13.20 in the first instance. Students should sign up on the sheet outside LA1 for a 5-minute conversation practice based on their speaking booklet. They might like to attend in pairs or individually.

Years 12 & 13 Maths

KS5 Ritangle Club - Maths Problems are issued every week. This is a competition designed for teams of students aged 16-18 and perfect for any students thinking about applying for a Maths-related degree.



Don't forget to follow our Twitter feed [@AGS Principal](#) which showcases many of the wonderful things going on at our school.

