



## Principal's Update

Dear All,

It has indeed been another successful end to term - with students in Year 11 and 13 in particular focused on exams, whilst many others have been participating in a range of activities - Bronze DofE, sporting fixtures, the Spring Concert, trips to Athens, Norway and New York and much, much more.

Each term now finishes with a celebration assembly - an opportunity for staff and students alike to come together to acknowledge and share a range of successes both within school and beyond.

This term also sees the end of our first House Year under the new system - and I would like to particularly thank Mrs Bremner-Smith, the Heads of House and the outgoing SALT team for all their hard work in revitalising such an important part of our school culture over the last 12 months.

11th April 2025

I would also like to extend my thanks to the 300+ parents and carers who have recently responded to our parent and carer survey - the results of which are feeding into our school development plan for next year. I was particularly delighted that 94% of parents this year agree that they would recommend AGS - up from 91% last year. However, the leadership team are committed to ongoing and further development - and it is important that parent and carer voices are heard - please be assured that all feedback (positive and negative) has been considered carefully.

If you would like to play a more significant role in the exciting journey that AGS is on, why not consider applying to be a Governor - current details of a vacancy can be found [here](#).

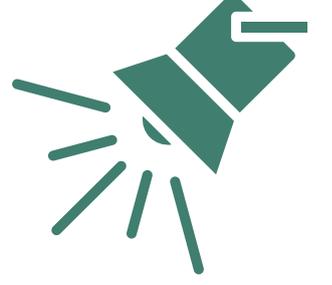
Wishing everybody in the community a restful Easter; I look forward to welcoming everybody back on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

Best wishes,

*R Thorpe*

Ms Rachel Thorpe  
Principal, Alcester Grammar School





# Language SPOTLIGHT

# Marathi



## प्राचार्यांचे अद्ययावत

प्रिय सर्वांना,

खरंच, आणखी एका यशस्वी सत्राची सांगता झाली आहे - विशेषतः इयत्ता 11वी आणि 13वी मधील विद्यार्थी परीक्षांवर लक्ष केंद्रित करत होते, तर इतर अनेकजण विविध उपक्रमांमध्ये सहभागी झाले होते - कांस्य ड्युक ऑफ एडिनबर्ग पुरस्कार Bronze DofE, क्रीडा स्पर्धा, वसंत संगीत कार्यक्रम, अथेन्स, नॉर्वे आणि न्यूयॉर्कच्या शैक्षणिक यात्रा आणि बरंच काही.

प्रत्येक सत्राच्या शेवटी आता एक समारोप सभा होते - ज्यात शिक्षक आणि विद्यार्थी दोघांनाही एकत्र येऊन शाळेतील आणि बाहेरील विविध यशोगाथांची दखल घेण्याची आणि त्या साजरी करण्याची संधी मिळते.

या सत्रात नवीन प्रणाली अंतर्गत आमच्या पहिल्या हाऊस वर्षाची समाप्ती होत आहे - आणि मी विशेषतः श्रीमती ब्रेमनर-स्मिथ, हाऊस प्रमुख आणि मावळत्या SALT टीमचे गेल्या 12 महिन्यांपासून आमच्या शालेय संस्कृतीच्या एका महत्त्वाच्या भागाला नवसंजीवनी देण्यासाठी केलेल्या अथक परिश्रमाबद्दल आभार मानू इच्छितो.

11 एप्रिल 2025

येथे दिलेल्या मजकुराचे मराठी भाषांतर आहे:  
मी नुकत्याच आमच्या पालक आणि काळजीवाहू व्यक्तींच्या सर्वेक्षणाला प्रतिसाद देणाऱ्या 300 हून अधिक पालकांचे आणि काळजीवाहू व्यक्तींचे आभार मानू इच्छितो - ज्याचे निष्कर्ष पुढील वर्षाच्या आमच्या शालेय विकास योजनेत समाविष्ट केले जात आहेत. मला विशेष आनंद झाला की यावर्षी 94% पालकांनी एजीएस (AGS) ची शिफारस करतील या मताशी सहमत दर्शविले आहे - जे गेल्या वर्षाच्या 91% पेक्षा जास्त आहे. तथापि, नेतृत्व टीम सतत आणि अधिक विकासासाठी वचनबद्ध आहे - आणि पालक आणि काळजीवाहू व्यक्तींचा आवाज ऐकला जाणे महत्त्वाचे आहे - कृपया खात्री बाळगा की सर्व अभिप्राय (सकारात्मक आणि नकारात्मक) काळजीपूर्वक विचारात घेतले गेले आहेत.

जर तुम्हाला एजीएसच्या रोमांचक प्रवासात अधिक महत्त्वाची भूमिका बजावायची असेल, तर गव्हर्नर होण्यासाठी अर्ज करण्याचा विचार का करू नये - [सध्याच्या रिक्त जागेची माहिती येथे मिळू शकेल.](#)

समुदायातील सर्वांना विश्रांतीमय ईस्टरच्या शुभेच्छा; 28 एप्रिल रोजी सोमवारी सर्वांचे पुन्हा स्वागत करण्यास मी उत्सुक आहे.

सदिच्छा,

R Thoyre

श्रीमती राचेल थॉर्प  
प्राचार्य, अल्सेस्टर व्याकरण शाळा



## *This Fortnight at AGS*



*A successful start to the 2025 DofE season - 13 Bronze teams starting their DofE journey in perfect walking conditions!*



*Congratulations to our Year 10 Netball team - Runners Up in the South Warwickshire tournament!*

*A lovely evening of rounders for our Year 11s final South Warwickshire tournament. 3rd place overall and many thanks to the Year 10s who stepped in. Congratulations!*



## Football Finals

### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April

Our Sixth Form team put in an outstanding performance in their final, narrowly missing out with a 1-0 loss. They played brilliantly from the first whistle and the game really could've gone either way.

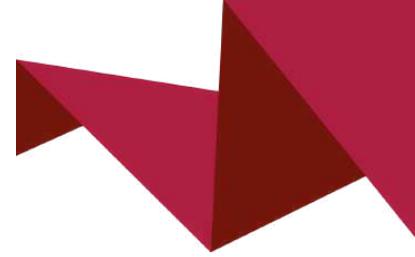
In contrast, our Year 8 team came away with a fantastic 3-0 win! They played some exceptional football, worked brilliantly as a team, and brought the trophy back to AGS.

Both teams represented the school with real pride and conducted themselves impeccably—we couldn't be prouder.

A special shout out to Mr Nicholls for leading the Year 8's this year.

### Mr Bayliss





# Year 8 Enterprise Challenge

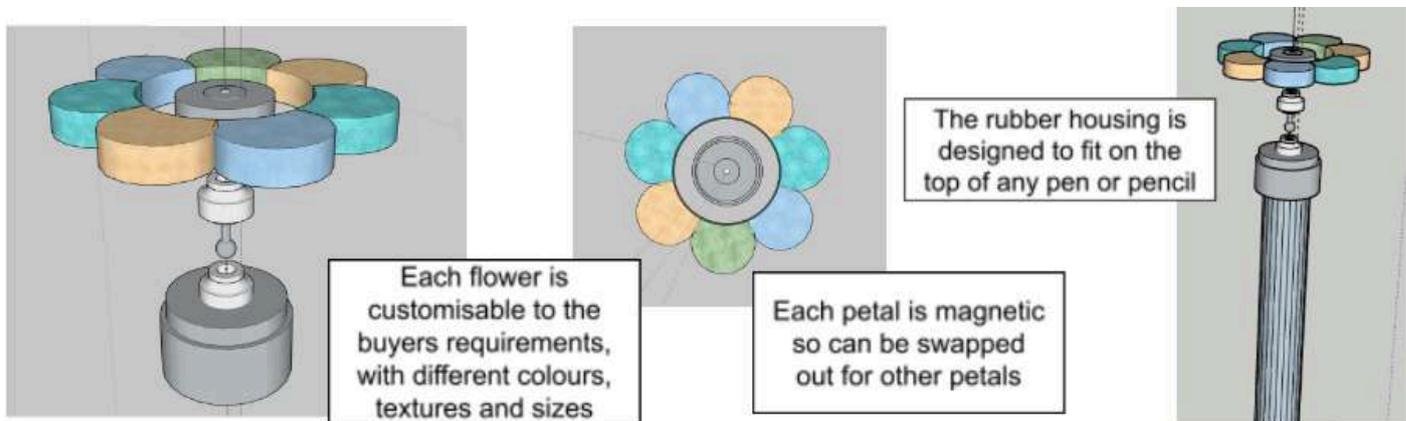
## Preparing for life beyond school

This half term in Life, Year 8 have been designing a sustainable playground game to develop their Enterprise and Entrepreneurial skills. They were given a brief which included creating a Business name, logo and product and then researching how they would promote, price and place that product if it was to go to market. Groups had 4 weeks to develop their idea into a presentation that they then performed in tutor groups to decide the 5 teams who would present their idea to a panel of Sixth Form students (judges), myself and the whole of year 8.

Well done to Zing from 8VBL, Stretchy Pals from 8RCP, Slinky from 8LD and Fidget Bracelet from 8FEN who were the tutor group winners. All groups had imaginative products, thoughtful promotional techniques and well created and rehearsed presentations.

A huge congratulations to Ruby, Amy, Evie, Alby, Laurie and Sam from 8SSV who won the overall competition with their creation of the 'Fidget Flower'. This product was truly innovative as well as clear hard work and dedication going into their presentation.

Over the next half term the group will be creating their product using our 3D printer in the Design and Technology department with the help of Mr Pickering.



I hope that this project inspired their creative sides and gave students an insight into the world of Business!

Miss Albutt





## WSBA 2025



A group of Year 7 and 8 students have been taking part in the Warwickshire Secondary Book Awards.

This has involved them reading six of the most exciting books published during the last year and voting for their favourite. This has been a fantastic opportunity for students to enjoy reading & discussing books together. We have had regular group Book Club meetings in the new library to discuss the books and share opinions. The group had a Book Talk from Mrs Edwards at the School Library Service about the six books. The Awards also involved competitions that our students could enter, such as a writing competition, a blog competition and a drawing competition.

The group voted at the end of March for their favourite book & our AGS vote was:

1st place - I am Wolf by Alistair Chisholm

2nd place - Bite Risk by S.J.Wills

3rd place - Quiet Storm by Kimberly Whittam



We then attended the Warwickshire Secondary Book Awards Ceremony on 2 April 2025 at King's High School, Warwick. Our students had the opportunity to meet and hear from some of the book authors, prizes were given, as well as attending a book signing by the authors. It was an inspiring & engaging morning for our students. The overall winning book was "Quiet Storm".

Congratulations to Sophia H who won the Art competition, with a beautiful piece of art inspired by the book "I am Wolf".

Huge thanks to Bryn P-S (Year 12) for volunteering to help run these Awards, his extensive knowledge has been invaluable to the group.

If you are looking for a good book to read over the Easter holidays our students would highly recommend one of their top three books! All books are now available to borrow from the library.

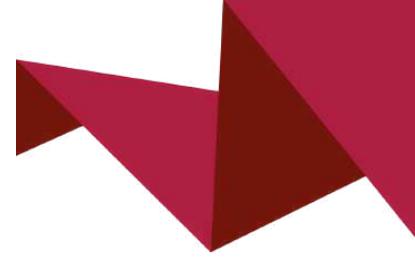


### Year 7 & 8 In-house Book Awards - Summer Term

We had a number of students that were unable to take part in the Warwickshire Secondary Book Awards as we had limited places available. We are therefore holding an in-school Book Awards event next term for those students that were not selected and for any other Year 7 & 8 students who would like to participate.

There will be the opportunity to read the same six books and vote for your favourite, as well as enter some in-school competitions. This is a fun opportunity to read for pleasure and enjoy group meetings where we can discuss the books & share opinions. If you would like to take part in this event please can students email Mrs Thomas.

Mrs Thomas



# AGS Friends

## Another Winning Quiz Night Boosts School IT!

Our wonderful AGS Friends hosted another fantastic quiz night on Friday, April 4th, with a turnout of 16 teams!

We're thrilled to announce it was a great success, raising a fantastic £1200. These vital funds will go directly towards enhancing the school's IT provision, benefiting all our students.

Congratulations to the cleverly named team 'Hoof Hearted', and a special well done to our overall winners, 'Factoholics', who proudly took home the hamper and trophy!

A huge thank you to everyone who came along, those who generously donated chocolate, and all who supported the event beforehand. A big thank you also to the brilliant Pete Reeves, who served as our entertaining quiz master for the evening.

The event was sponsored by [Ash Hearing Centre](#).



## Year 10 take on STEM careers at full force

Last week we were excited to launch our first "Three Rivers Alliance" Careers Fair at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Stratford. Working with Alcester Academy, King Edward VI Grammar and Stratford Girls' Grammar, the event highlighted a range of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) careers.

Our year 10 students met professionals from local organisations and took part in a STEM workshop. We even got our photo in the local paper! What did the students like about the STEM fair?

*"I found it helpful for deciding what career path I might want in the future".*

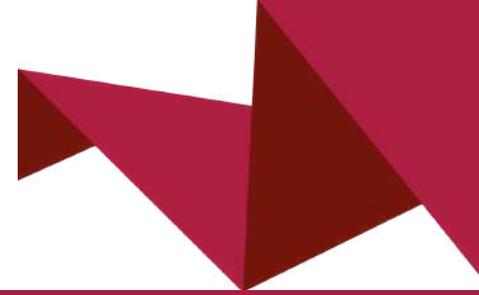
*"time to talk to different businesses individually"*

*"able to see how STEM is applied in different jobs"*



Mrs Perry, Careers Leader





## House Update

Total Points awarded  
this House year...

**72159**

## Cup Winners



Wells Cup

For overall  
House Points



Alder



Spencer Cup

For overall  
House events  
and  
competitions



Willow



Newport Cup

For  
Community  
Outreach



Oak



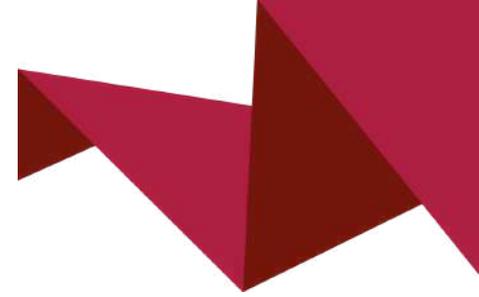
Dobell Cup

For Charity  
fundraising



Oak





# News and Notices

## Exams Update

Seating plans have now been completed for pupils taking exams in year 11, year 12 and year 13. Pupils should check their timetable on their [AGS portal](#) that they have all the correct exams, a room and seat number for each exam. To log in use your usual log in details. Once logged in, select assessments and then examination timetable.

If anyone had a clash (two exams at the same time) you have been emailed, please check your AGS email account.

Everyone taking exams this summer must read the regulations that can be found [here](#).

Any questions please ask now by emailing [exams@alcestergs.com](mailto:exams@alcestergs.com) or come and see me in my office

Mrs Silcox  
Examinations Officer

## Year 11 Maths Revision Reminders

There is no better way to revise for GCSE Maths than by doing past papers.

GCSE Higher Past exam papers with model solutions and accompanying explanatory video walkthroughs are available [here](#)

- Scroll down past the Foundation Tier papers to the Higher Tier section.
- Click on the name of the paper to see the paper itself, the "Ans" button to see the model solutions and the play button to watch the video walkthroughs of the exam papers.

### Revision Sessions

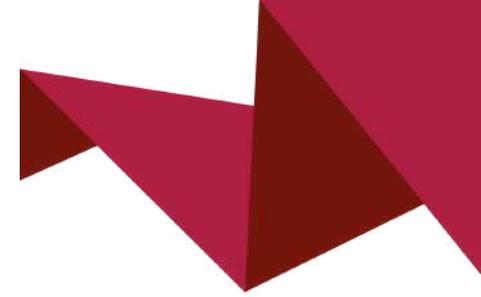
We will be delivering additional Maths revision sessions in room: Ma1 during Study leave on:

Year	Subject	Day	Date	Time
11	Maths	Monday	12/5/25	11:20 - 12:40
11	Maths	Wednesday	14/5/25	11:00 - 12:30
11	Maths	Monday	2/6/25	09:15 - 11:15
11	Maths	Monday	9/6/25	13:35 - 15:40

And finally, good luck in your exams - we know you will be amazing!

Mr Atherton





# News and Notices

## School Reading Challenge

Mrs Thomas

Congratulations to our Year 7 & 8 students who have participated & completed their school reading challenge award:

### Silver Award

Sophia H

### Bronze Award

Phoebe O

Alex H

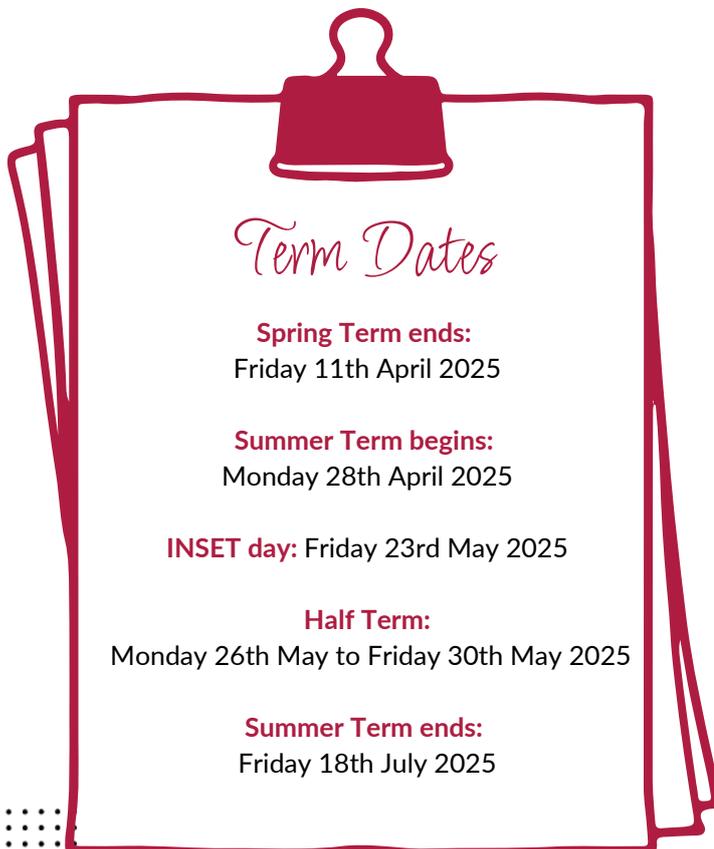
Tala B

Zakariyah F



## Spring/Summer Menus

Spring/Summer Menu's are now available to view via the school website, [please click here.](#)



### Uniform Notice

Please note that black tailored shorts can be worn as an alternative to trousers/skirts for the Summer Term.

Shorts must be of a tailored fit. They must not have 'combat/cargo' style external pockets. They must be of the same material / colour (black) as the regular school trousers and like the skirt, knee-length.

### Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for the following positions:

- Head of Food and Nutrition
- Teacher of Music
- Teacher of Maths
- Governor

Please [click here](#) to find out more

# What's On?



Do you want someone to meet friends and get involved in activities including a healthy hot dinner each week?

**The Depot Youth Club runs on Tuesdays**

**6.00pm – 7.30pm Yr 6, 7 & 8**

**7.30pm– 9.00pm Yr 9, 10 & 11**

**Term Time only**



**Pool/ Table Tennis / Play Station**

**Summer and Christmas Trips**

**Educational Workshops: CSE CCE, Alcohol and Drug Education, Sex Health**

**Free Condom distribution 7.30-8.00pm for Older sessions (Please speak to Youth Club Leader)**

**ERIC PAYNE COMMUNITY CENTRE, JUBILEE FIELDS**