



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

Career Pathways 2023-2025

Leading to a brighter future...

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Introduction



The Sixth Form at Aylesbury Vale Academy is very successful and prepares the next generation of graduates and leaders by providing a strong and supportive learning experience.

We are proud to welcome you to our steadily growing Sixth Form. Our commitment is to ensure that every student leaves us, prepared to thrive in higher education and fulfil their career goals. We are very proud of our students' successes. In 2021, all our students were offered their first choice university and our average grade of Distinction*, on Level 3 vocational courses, put us well above national average.

Our Sixth Form is increasingly becoming the natural choice for progression for our Year 11, AVA students. Keeping their best interests at heart, we provide one to one guidance and support to help them make their choices suited to their aspirations and goals.

We encourage all students, parents and guardians to email us with any enquiries and information regarding the exciting range of options we have on offer via avasixthform@theacademy.me

Mrs. Sharma

Achievement Director for Sixth Form

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Overview

Subjects on Offer

You can opt to do a full-time study in one subject area, 3 A level equivalent, vocational qualification in any one of the following:

- ✓ BTEC National Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business
- ✓ BTEC National Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care
- ✓ BTEC National Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Digital Media Production

Or you can opt to do a range of subjects combining BTECs and A levels, or just A Levels.

Minimum requirements:

We ideally require a minimum of a grade 4 in 5 GCSE / vocational subjects including Maths and English for admission into our Sixth Form for all our vocational qualifications.

For A level courses; Maths, English Literature and Psychology we require a minimum grade of 6 in Maths and English.

We provide an excellent support programme for resits in English and Maths for students who do not achieve a level 4 at the end of year 11. We are proud to share that our year 13s achieved a 100% pass rate in both subjects in 2022.

* Please go to www.theacademy.me/sixthformcourses to find out course details.



Please note:

Final confirmation of which courses will run will be made in summer 2023 once timetabling, staffing and the number of applicants for courses is known.



Creative Industries

Creative Industries Pathway

Level 2 Qualifications Needed:

Level 3 Qualification to Study:

Potential University Opportunities:

Potential Job Opportunities:

BTEC Level 3 Creative Digital Media Production (Equivalent of up to three A Levels)

BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Creative Digital Media Production (Equivalent to one A Level)

and any two below:

Psychology, Business and Sport

or

Applied Science (equivalent to two A Levels)

Oxford Brookes University - BA (Hons) Communication, Media and Culture

Bucks New University - BA (Hons) 3D Games Art

Reading University - BA Film and Television

Manchester Metropolitan University - BSc (Hons) Digital Media and Communications

Digital Marketer
Media Buyer
Media Planner
Media Researcher
Music Producer
Public Relations Officer
Runner, Broadcasting/Film/Video
Social Media Manager
Television/Film/Video/Producer
Web Content Manager



Healthcare

Healthcare Pathway

Level 2 Qualifications Needed:

Five GCSEs or Level 2 Qualifications at 9-4
GCSE English Language/ Literature minimum grade 4
GCSE Maths minimum grade 4
If possible BTEC Level 2 Health and Social Care minimum grade Pass Level 2
For Blended Options refer to minimum entry requirements for individual subject options

Level 3 Qualification to Study:

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care (Equivalent of up to three A Levels)
or
BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care (Equivalent of 1 A Level)
and (pick one of the following:)
Applied Science, Psychology, Sport and Business

Potential University Opportunities:

Oxford Brookes University - Nursing BSc (Hons)
Bucks New University - BA (Hons) Public Health
University of Exeter - MSci Nursing (Adult or combined Adult and Mental Health)
Newman University - Health and Social Care BSc (Hons)

Potential Job Opportunities:

Nurse
Care Worker
Community Development Worker
Health Improvement Practitioner
Health Service Manager
Medical Sales Representative



Technical Sciences

Technical Sciences Pathway

Level 2 Qualifications Needed:

Five GCSEs or Level 2 Qualifications at 9-4
GCSE English Language/ Literature minimum grade 4
GCSE Maths min. grade 4
GCSE Science min. grade 4
Also refer to minimum entry requirements for individual subject options

Level 3 Qualification to Study:

BTEC Level 3 Applied Science (Equivalent to two A Levels)
and pick one of the following:
Maths, Media, Health and Social Care, Psychology and Sport

Potential University Opportunities:

Oxford Brookes University - Biological Sciences BSc (Hons)
University of Bedfordshire - Biomedical Science BSc (Hons)
De Montfort University - Biomedical Science BSc (Hons)
Aberystwyth University - Plant Biology BSc

Potential Job Opportunities:

Nursing
Environmental Science
Laboratory Science
Agriculture Education
Biomedical Science
Forensic Science
Food and Nutrition
Physiology
Zoology



Business & Finance

Business Finance Pathway

Level 2 Qualifications Needed:

Five GCSEs or Level 2 Qualifications at 9-4
GCSE English Language/
Literature minimum grade 4
GCSE Maths minimum
grade 4
If possible BTEC Level 2
Enterprise minimum grade
Pass
For Blended Options refer to
minimum entry requirements for
individual subject options

Level 3 Qualification to Study:

BTEC Level 3 National Extended
Diploma in Business
(Equivalent to up to three
A Levels)
or
BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate
(Equivalent to one
A Level)
and pick any two of the following
options:
Maths, Media, Health and
Social Care, Psychology and
Sport

Potential University Opportunities:

Oxford Brookes University -
BSc (Hons) Accounting and
Finance
Bucks New University - BSc
(Hons) Accounting and Finance
University of Birmingham - BSc
Accounting and Finance
University of Dundee - Business
Management BSc (Hons)

Potential Job Opportunities:

Chartered Accountant
Chartered Certified
Accountant
Chartered Management Accountant
Chartered Public Finance Accountant
Company Secretary
External Auditor
Forensic Accountant
Stockbroker



Sport & Fitness

Level 2 Qualifications Needed:

Five GCSEs or Level 2 Qualifications at 9-4
GCSE English Language/ Literature minimum grade 4
GCSE Maths minimum grade 4
GCSE PE minimum grade 4 or BTEC Level 2 Health and Fitness Pass Level 2

Level 3 Qualification to Study:

BTEC Level 3 Sports (Equivalent to one A Level)
and
BTEC Level 3 Applied Science (Equivalent to two A Levels) or any **two**
BTEC Level 3 Business (Equivalent to one A Level)
BTEC Level 3 Health and Social Care (Equivalent to one A level)
Psychology

Potential University Opportunities:

Oxford Brookes University - Physical Activity and Health Promotion BSc (Hons)
Oxford Brookes University - Sport, Coaching and Physical Education BSc (Hons)
University of Brighton - Sport Coaching BSc(Hons)
University of Hertfordshire- BSc(Hons) in Sports Development

Potential Job Opportunities:

Outdoor Activities/Education Manager
Personal Trainer
Sports Coach
Sports Development Officer
Sports Therapist
Sport Nutritionist

Sport & Fitness Pathway



GCSE

Resits

If you are required to resit either GCSE English or GCSE Maths you will be supported by highly experienced teachers to enable you to achieve your full potential. We are proud of our GCSE English and GCSE resit results which constantly put us above the National average. Last year our year 13's achieved a 100% pass rate in both subjects.

“Achieve your full potential”

RAR Awards

Respect, Aspiration & Resilience

To support students in recognising, developing and demonstrating the key values of the academy, we present RAR Awards at the end of each term at the Sixth Form. Students can achieve these awards in a range of areas.

The awards recognise several aspects: attendance, punctuality and professional dress, performance at the work experience placement; two activities from a wide list of community service activities such as being a mentoring buddy, leading a charity event or taking on a student leadership role. These awards help to inform UCAS applications, job references, personal statements etc.

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Activities

Beyond the Classroom

All Sixth Form students are also strongly encouraged to get involved in a variety of activities beyond the classroom that enhance their personal development in new and exciting ways. For example, our weekly Inspiration Programme in Year 12 prepares our students work life after school by providing hands-on practical experiences with real world organisations. Throughout the year, students learn about work, life, arts and culture, police and criminal justice, community and environment as well as personal health and wellbeing. They acquire specific skills for CV writing and the career options available to them. We provide relevant work experience opportunities through our excellent links with employers to extend their learning beyond the taught curriculum.

In addition, we take pride in our ongoing success with the Young Enterprise initiative. Our students have consistently received awards and recognition in a wide range of categories locally and nationally.

For example, last year the YE team were awarded a business contract from a local housing developer for their recycled home product. Furthermore, the team were awarded the second place for The Company of the Year Award at county level.

Building on their cultural capital, all subject areas organise relevant educational trips and workshops to extend the students awareness and learning. For example, the Health and Social Care students visited a local care home to develop an understanding of how person-centred care is delivered. Furthermore, students are encouraged to join the Student Parliament, become a mentor to younger students and become ambassadors at events run by the Academy.

All of these opportunities allow our students to develop the outstanding communication and leadership skills needed to successfully tackle the demands of further education and employment.



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**THE INSPIRATION
PROGRAMME**

An Action4Youth Initiative