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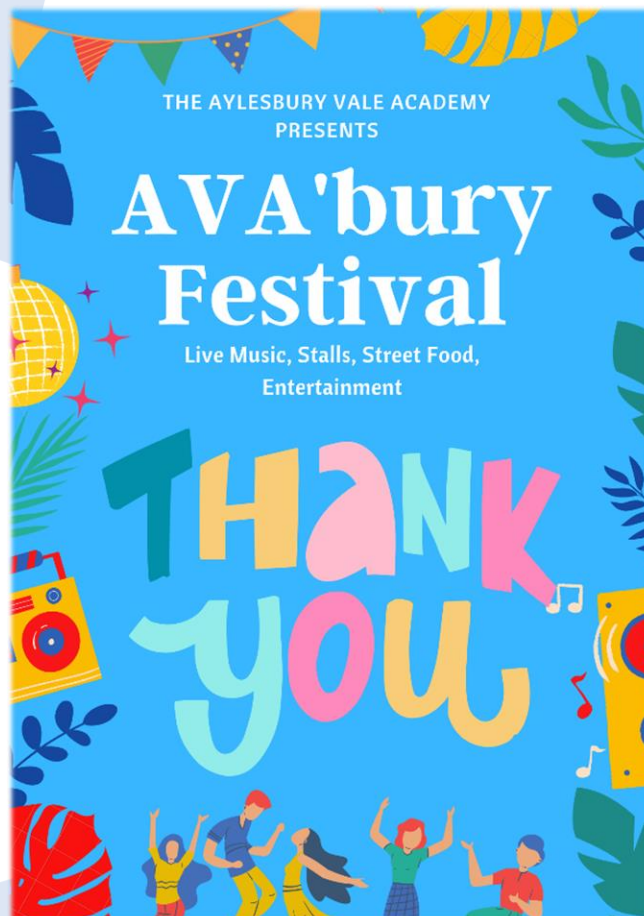
Welcome...

I want to extend a huge 'thank you' to all parents and members of the community who attended our Evening of Expression on Tuesday 21 June, and our AVA'Bury Festival on Saturday 24. These inaugural events were a huge success, and I am so proud of the talents that our students displayed. I truly hope these events continue to go from strength to strength every year, but as far as the Evening of Expression goes, 'we're going to need a bigger venue'!

Sadly there is some disruption next week due to strike action, and you will have received a letter earlier outlining our plans. I hope this doesn't cause too much inconvenience for your families.

It has been a hot couple of weeks, but it looks like the temperature is cooling down. I would like our students to return to wearing ties and blazers from **Monday 03 July**.

Gavin Gibson
Academy Principal



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Key Links:

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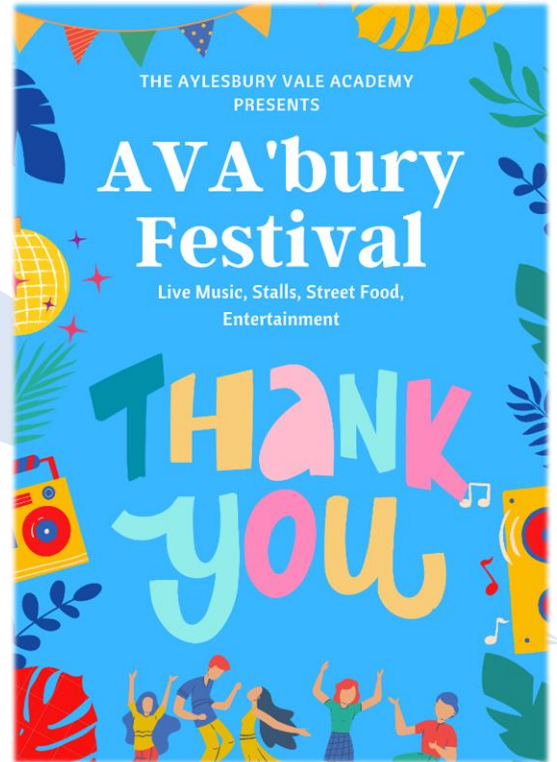


AVA'Bury

The inaugural AVA'Bury Festival last Saturday was a roaring success with more than 800 people from the school and local community descending on AVA for an afternoon of fun-filled activities and performances.

Huge thanks to the large number of staff and students who contributed to make the event as successful as it was.

In fact, it was so well received that we've already picked a date for next year's event – save the date for **Saturday 22 June 2024!**





Summer Holiday finish time

As we approach the Summer Holidays, please be aware that school will finish at **12.25pm** on **Thursday 20 July**. Children who are entitled to Free School Meals will be able to collect a takeaway packed lunch as they leave site.

History

Year 7 trip to the Black Country History Museum

On Wednesday, nearly 70 Year 7 students immersed themselves in British industrial working-class life on a visit to the Black Country Living Museum. They explored the darkness and dangers of a mine, had a strict 1918 school lesson, stayed in a back-to-back house with no running water or means of getting rid of waste and even went shopping. Rebecca said: "This is the best museum I have been to!"

GCSE trip to Krakow and Auschwitz, Poland – January 2024

We are planning a trip to Krakow and Auschwitz, Poland for all GCSE History students. We plan to depart on **Wednesday 17 January 2024** and arrive back in the UK on **Friday 19 January 2024**. The trip will cost £554 per student. Letters detailing our plans will be sent to all GCSE History students in September.

GCSE History Tuition

We are offering extra support with GCSE History studies every Friday after school. This is primarily for Year 10

students but if you have a

GCSE History child who you feel would benefit from attending, please contact your child's History teacher.

GCSE History Revision Guides

GCSE History revision guides are available to purchase at a significantly discounted price compared to retailers via the academy website. Follow links to Parents - Parent Pay - Parent Pay shop.



History Hero

This week's History Hero is **Madi B** in Year 7. Extremely hard-working, **Madi** has studied hard and made significant progress in some difficult topics, including the problems with democracy in the 1830s.

Geography

Year 9 & 10 PGL Geography Trip – Monday 10 July to Wednesday 12 July 2023

Time to start packing your bags! An email has been sent to the parents of students on this trip, including final details about what to bring and emergency contact information. Students do not need to bring bedding. Please do [contact Mrs Smyth](#) me if this email did not reach you.

We look forward to meeting students in the **secondary school car park at 7.30am on Monday 10 July**. We are holding a meeting for students at 11am in E0208 on **Monday 3 July** where we'll share details of the itinerary and chat about rooming arrangements.



Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions

On **Friday 16** and **Saturday 17 June** 40 students went on the qualifying expedition for their bronze DofE award. Mr Braybrook is pleased to confirm that every student passed the expedition element of their award. They made the school proud with their **resilience** and **respect**.

On the campsite, they were able to use their camp craft skills to put up their tents and cook meals independently. Another group that were camping commented on how amazing the students were.

Altogether it was an amazing experience for students and staff and they all came back with huge smiles on their faces.

The following week, from **Thursday 22 June** to **Saturday 24 June**, Mrs

Crumpton, Miss Lambourne, Mrs Perrin, Mr Lobb and Mr Braybrook had the pleasure of supervising and assessing the 17 students on their Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition. There were six Year 11 students and 11 Year 10 students orienteering their way around the beautiful – but hilly! – Cotswolds.

Their team work was brilliant and they definitely showed amazing resilience and aspiration to reach the end, the hot weather did not make the days easy for them

Well done on a successful expedition, we look forward to the next group of students to join us next year.



Year 9 Industrial Bronze Cadets

Our Industrial Cadets have successfully completed their STEM projects designing a self-sustainable island for a new school. As part of this 12-week project, they have undertaken a site visit to the HS2 compound as guests of EKFB, have written a report outlining their design and have presented virtually to a panel of STEM industry experts. As part of the celebration event held in Jacob's, London, they won the award for Best Teamwork.

Congratulations to **Ayyub A**, **Ela H**, **Talia R** and **Zara P**.



Buckinghamshire Council Summer Holiday Family and Young people events

Bucks Council have launched a series of free summer holiday events providing activities for families and young people.

Family Fun mornings will take place at the following times:

Wednesday 26 July – Elmhurst Family Centre

Thursday 3 August – Buckingham Family Centre

Tuesday 8 August – Southcourt Family Centre

Friday 18 August – Wing Family Centre

Wednesday 23 August – Berryfields Family Centre

Thursday 31 August – Steeple Claydon Family Centre



These family mornings will be followed by Youthspace events running from 1pm to 4pm at the same venues on the same dates. Aimed at 11 to 19-year-olds, they include activities such as Graffiti Workshops, Switch console tournaments, Henna and festival face-painting, sports, a DJ Workshop and a chance to Meet the Animals.

Wellbeing Workshops

Bucks Council are also running a pair of online Wellbeing Workshops over the next month to help parents manage their children's wellbeing. Continuing their ongoing series, the next webinar is titled Happy, healthy and Safe Online Tips to Help your Child and take place from 9.30am to 11.30am on **Tuesday 27 June**. Two weeks later on **Tuesday 11 July**, you can Help your Child Build Confidence and Resilience, again from 9.30am to 11.30am. See the poster attached for more details.

Careers

The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) are offering an incredible opportunity for students in Years 10 – 13 who may be interested in a career within **Business, Accounting & Finance**.

The virtual event takes place on **Tuesday 18 July** from **10am-3pm** and is free to attend.

CIMA is the world's leading and largest professional body of management accountants. Joining them, will be 14 huge companies, all of whom are currently recruiting in the Business, Accounting & Finance industry.

Companies include Boeing, Boohoo, Irn Bru, The Rugby Football League, Allianz, Eurocaps, Nestle, Merlin Entertainments, Derby County Football Club, JD Sports, Liberty London, and Naked Wines!

This really is an amazing opportunity and will be a great addition to any student's CV. There will also be the chance for students to win awards during some of the business games. Students can find out more and sign up [here](#).



Mrs Weedon says... It's been another positive week for

Year 7. They have all worked very hard and there have been lots of exciting opportunities throughout the week.

Eid Mubarak to all the families that celebrated this week! It has been a pleasure to work with our year 7s this year and we cannot wait to work with them again next year.

Two exciting new clubs are now open to Year 7: Martial Arts in A-01-07, 3pm - 4pm every

Wednesday with ZKS Martial Arts, and Rugby on the Field, 3pm - 4pm every Thursday with a Rugby Coach. If your child would like to participate, they just need to bring PE kit. These sessions are run by an external coaches, and will provide a fantastic opportunity for Year 7 to try a new activity.

Black Country Museum Trip

Well done to the 70 year 7 students that went on the history trip. The staff were very impressed with how well they behaved and represented the academy. It was lovely to hear how much fun all the students had. Thanks to the History department for organising a great trip.

District sports

Several year 7 students took part in district sport this Friday. This were amazing and a fantastic representation of the academy. We have so many talented athletes, who are constantly demonstrating the school values.

This week in tutor time year 7 continued with the numeracy programme and their personal development booklets. This is in addition to looking at the word of the week, where they get achievement points if they can use the word in a sentence throughout the day. They also completed part of their career's booklet, look at the skills they want to improve for future job prospects. This week community assembly was based on National Geography



week and delivered by Mrs Smyth. She discussed some interesting facts about what is going on in the world at the moment and the importance of accurate information being shared. Yes there are lots of scary/negative things happening in the world at the moment, but there are also lots of positive and exciting things happening. We live in a very exciting time and we should all really take some time to educate our self where we can.

Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 20 July Final day of term

Year 7 Academy Values Awards

respect

Kelise B
Megan P
Amira I
Samira K
Harrison S
Emmie T
Iris M
Victoria N
Natalia P

aspiration

Madi E
Miley O
Lucas B
Mustapha S
Georg D
Mia O
Charlie P
Natasha C
Megan L

resilience

Teodora G
Madi B
Adrian R
Ingrid CS
Cameron S
Elisa M
Harvey M
Manha I
Grace H

Weekly Form Competition

Form Achievement Points:

1. Nobel 3
2. Nobel 2
3. Nobel 1

Individual Achievement Points:

1. Ella B
2. Elisha M
3. Tianna H

Form Attendance (%):

1. Nobel 1
2. Nobel 3
3. Faraday 1

Any enquiries, please contact year7enquiries@theacademy.me

Mrs Weedon and the Year 7 Team



Mr Wakefield says... As the summer term nears an ever-closer end, we are still striving for excellence through every lesson. The weather is ever changing so please ensure your child comes prepared for the weather.

As we get closer to the end of term, students will be beginning to think about their 6 weeks off. We all need to ensure that our year 8's stay motivated during the next 3 weeks, and do not allow for a drop in focus or concentration, although, I appreciate this is an extremely tough ask. We will be here to support

them.

In Year 8, we have 50 students who for the whole year have received 0 behaviour points. We want to award this incredible achievement by holding a rewards afternoon for these students. This afternoon will

be on the **Thursday 6 July** from 1:45pm-3pm. There will be cakes/snacks and drink provided and will be a range of games, and fun activities to be involved in.

It is such a fantastic achievement to not receive any behaviour points; not a single homework missed, not a single late lesson. Well done to all these students; Mr Wakefield, Mrs Powell and Miss Proud are very excited to celebrate with you.

Please can we ask for your ongoing support in upholding our Uniform Policy. If there is a reason for your child not attending in the correct uniform please send them with a note and we can issue a uniform pass. Sanctions will be applied for on-going issues with uniform with no explanation.

Dates for you Diaries:

Friday 30 June District Athletics, Stoke Mandeville Stadium

Thursday 6 July Year 8 Rewards Afternoon



Year 8 Academy Values Awards

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**Samara M
Freddie K
Gethen A
Unai G**

aspiration

**Henley C
Alyssa T
Tristan B
Carrick E**

resilience

**Hollie H
Mariia K
Wasif I
Phoebe L**

Weekly Form Competition

Form Achievement Points:

1. **Faraday 1**
2. **Faraday 3**
3. **Nobel 2**

Form Attendance (%):

1. **Nobel 1**
2. **Faraday 1**
3. **Franklin 2**

Individual Achievement Points:

1. **Max B** and **Elliot P**
2. **Mille M, Teshnave A, Zahra P, Chantelle W, Lily P** and **Isabella P**
3. **Summer E** and **Noor JA**

Honourable Mentions:

1. **Harry G, Zahra P** and **Lilly P** for continuing to support at a sports club run outside of school hours at AVA.
2. **Samara M** for helping Ms Dutson with transition visits and having such a positive impact on the students who attended.

Any enquiries, please contact year8enquiries@theacademy.me

Mr Wakefield and the Year 8 Team



Mr Hawley says... It's been a calm and pleasant week for Year 9 this week.

The English mocks went well. There was a little bit of a shock that phones had to go into a bag and that we had the metal detector wands. Year 9 responded really well and we have not had a single issue so far with anyone in the exams. This is a testament to how seriously they have taken their mocks.

The AVA'Bury Festival was amazing, with more than 800 people turning up to enjoy the day's activities. In particular, a big 'well done' to **Raya G**, **Beau W** and **Summer E** for singing in front of all those people! You did beautifully.

Well done to the student helping out on the World Challenge stall, we raised well over £100 and the students demonstrated some life skills that will help them in future employment. Big well done to **Seb B**, **Amelie G**, **James H**, **Jack W**, and **Ayyub A**.

Tutor times this week have been used for revision, and Year 9 will sit their Maths mock on **Monday 3 July**. Here are two of our current year 11's top tips for revision: [flash cards](#) and [mind maps](#). Please remind students that they need to have their phones in at the beginning of each exam.

Timetables for next year will be handed out as soon as they are ready.

Dates for you Diaries:

Friday 30 June District Athletics, Stoke Mandeville Stadium



Year 9 Academy Values Awards

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Zak R for always looking out for his friends and being an absolute role model for all the boys in the year group.

aspiration

Raya G for impressing me with her debut singing performance at AVA'Bury.

resilience

Amelia C for overcoming her most recent challenges.

Weekly Form Competition

Form Achievement Points:

4. **Bernard's Bastions**
5. **Nair's Nightmares**
6. **Kissick's Comets**

Individual Achievement Points:

4. **Megan W**
5. **Lucy M**
6. **Haider A**

Form Attendance (%):

4. **Nobel 3**
5. **Nobel 1**
6. **Franklin 2**

Honourable Mentions:

3. **Mouhamed T**
4. **Emmanuel A**

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Mr Hawley and the Year 9 Team



Mr O'Leary says... Year 10's have had a busy week with their mock exams and their behaviour and conduct during these exams has been exceptional. Both myself and Miss Porter are proud of them and how they have been coping during this exam period.

Mock Exams

Year 10 Mock exams are now under way. The timetable for next week's exams are attached to this email. Students must attend **all** exams that are allocated to them on their individual candidate timetable. The full exam timetable is attached to this email.

Misreading the timetable will not be accepted as a satisfactory explanation for your absence. If a student misses an exam due to illness, you **must** telephone the school.

Mobile phones, headphones, watches, and bags will be left in the main hall before students enter the exam hall. The main hall will be locked for the duration of the exam. Students can then collect their belongings from the main hall once they've finished the exam.

If a student is found to have a device turned on in the Main Hall, they will be disqualified from the entire subject award.

If a student is found to have a device turned off in the Main Hall, they will be disqualification from that component.

GCSE History Trip to Hampton Court Palace - Thursday 21 September

The above trip has been rescheduled for **Thursday 21 September**. Letters have been given to all those affected by the rescheduling of this trip.



Tutor time

This week Year 10 have spent their tutor times revising and preparing for their mock exams.

Study Higher Mentoring.

We have managed to secure further study higher mentoring sessions for the year group which will run until April.

Adviza Careers mentoring

Individual students have been selected to receive Adviza careers mentoring during the week, students involved will be informed.

Health for Teens

Please visit this [website](#) for more information about the Health for Teens service, which was announced to Year 10 during their assembly last week.

Dates for you Diaries:

Friday 7 July Year 10 End of Term Reward Trip. Invited students have received their letters

Weekly Form Competition

Form Achievement Points:

1. **Nobel 1**
2. **Franklin 2**
3. **Nobel 1**

Form Attendance (%):

1. **Franklin 3**
2. **Faraday 1**
3. **Faraday 3**

Individual Achievement Points:

1. **Theo H**
2. **Max C**
3. **Robert E**

Honourable Mentions:

1. **Myra Z**
2. **Tinashe M**
3. **Aarion R**

Year 10 Academy Values Awards

respect

Afser-Jehan A
Archie L
Sana B
Alex B
Oscar B
Haris W
Sophia D
Halima E-H
Araish A
Nicolas T
Shayden A
Lauren B
Jessica B
Abigail H
Elijah P
Akisharra J
Carrick W

aspiration

Dayaan K
Finlay J
Hannah J
Priseis K
Musa K
Maya P
Krystain N
Cherry R
Lavinia N
Sheza R
Cody H
Annabel H
Ayesha A
Emily M
Melissza J
Dhwani P
Munashe N

resilience

Harrison C
Khadija A
Flynn S
Max C
Hana R
Gerrad Y
Viktoria R
Logan F
Manal S
Sienna Pr
Jamie L
Shayden A
Ruby Mc
Sania H
Maya M
Sienna T

Any enquiries, please contact year10enquiries@theacademy.me
Mr O'Leary and the Year 10 Team

Mrs Leach says... We look forward to seeing the students who are attending from this evening. Please remember the venue only accept card payment.

Sixth Form Taster Days
Are you ready to take your education to the next level? We invite you to embark on an exciting journey and explore the possibilities of our Sixth Form at

Aylesbury Vale Academy.

Mark your calendars for our exclusive Taster Days and get a taste of the remarkable educational experience that awaits you.

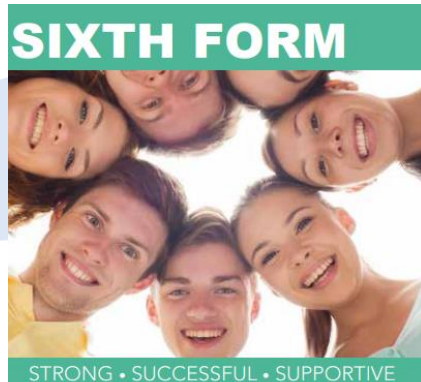
GCSE Results

GCSE results will be available to collect from AVA on **Thursday 24 August 2023**. Timings will be communicated in due course.

If your child can't attend results day, they need to make the school aware.

Exam results can be handed to Parents or Carers, **but we must have written permission from the child to be able to do this.**

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Mrs Leach and the Year 11 Team



TASTER DAYS
12th July & 13th July 2023



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Mrs Sharma says... All the Year 12 students are stepping out for work placements from the **Monday 3 July** to **Friday 7 July**. They have been diligently working on their CVs, independently arranging interviews, and confirming their placements with employers.

This has helped them to develop confidence and resilience improving their employability skills for life. We are excited to hear about their experiences in the place of work and see them step into the real world successfully.

Enrichment Club

The Sixth form students have had cooking lessons throughout the year to support their life skills, ensuring they learn about nutrition and good cooking methods. This contributes towards their independence and ability to look after themselves and their families.

Nakiso S said: "Miss Edmonds has been really good to us and has helped us enhance our cooking skills. She provided healthy recipes and helped us make simple dishes which we can use on our day to day lives."



**Any enquiries, please contact sixthformenquiries@theacademy.me
Mrs Sharma and the Sixth Form Team**

Thank you for all your support