



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

RESPECT | ASPIRATION | RESILIENCE

PARENT BULLETIN No. 96

14th July 2023

Welcome...

Last night's Awards Evening was a wonderful moment for staff and families to share in the various successes of our students. One of the privileges of my job is to hand out awards to young people. Among those awards were the Gadirova Award presented to **Josh A-B**, World Kick-Boxing Champion, for his sporting prowess, the Roger Burman Award for Resilience presented to **Freya R** for using her Cadet training to save a member of the public's life, and also Sophia D receiving the Principal's Award for exemplifying the Academies values of **Respect**, **Aspiration** and **Resilience**.



This is the last formal event of the school year, but what a one to end on!

We now have only three and a half days left before the end of the school year, when we finish at 12.25pm on **Thursday 20 July**.

Have a good weekend.

Gavin Gibson
Academy Principal

Summer Uniform

A reminder that all students must be in full school uniform, including blazers, ties and school shoes until the very end of term.

Contacting the School:

Year 7: year7enquiries@theacademy.me

Year 8: year8enquiries@theacademy.me

Year 9: year9enquiries@theacademy.me

Year 10: year10enquiries@theacademy.me

Year 11: year11enquiries@theacademy.me

Post 16: post16@theacademy.me

Key Links:

[Secondary website](#)

[Parents' evenings](#)

[EduLink One](#)

[Trips/Lunch money](#)



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.



Behaviour and Rewards Policy 2023-23

Thank you to those parents who have given us feedback on the new Behaviour and Rewards Policy. There was a lot of useful feedback, and it was good to hear what parents have to say. The Policy has now been approved by Governors, and is attached to this email.



History Hero

This week's History Hero is **Amy G** in Year 7. **Amy** tries her hardest, she completed an excellent assessment and is a pleasure to teach. Keep up the excellent work, **Amy!**

Geography

Geography Field Trip to Iceland - Spring 2024

It is now less than 6 months until we will be taking our group of 41 current Year 8,9 and 10 students to Iceland. Please can parents on the children signed up to this trip ensure they have made the appropriate payments on ParentPay, unless an alternative arrangement has been made with Mrs Smyth/Mr Hickey. A reminder of the schedule is shown here.

Payment Date	Payment Amount
20 April 2023	£125
1 June 2023	£225
1 August 2023	£250
1 October 2023	£200



GCSE Geography Residential Trip to Dorset

Earlier this week, a group of Year 9 and Year 10 students spent 3 days in Dorset taking part in outdoor activities and coastal fieldwork. Highlights of the trip included visiting Durdle Door and Lulworth Cove, taking part in raft-building, abseiling and the giant swing as well as the delicious ice-creams from Jake's Cafe. The students did us proud with their support for one-another and enthusiasm for the activities. They are likely to want to catch up on sleep this weekend!

British Values Competition

We're looking for our students to contribute to an upcoming British Values display in our communal area out side the Main Hall. Over the summer we are asking our students to get creative with their own understanding and appreciation of British Values.

Entries can be:

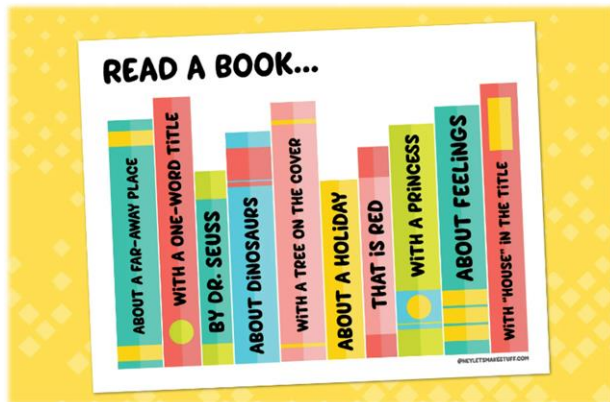
- Artwork or poster representing British Values
- Creative writing on their thoughts and appreciation of British Values
- 100 words sharing examples of how they demonstrate British Values in their daily lives



The deadline for entries is Friday 01 September, and entries can be sent via email to leach@theacademy.me. Prizes include Amazon vouchers, green skips and achievement points.

Reading Challenge

This Summer, AVA is setting all students the challenge to read as many books as they can.



For each book you read, we would like you to create a 'Book Trump' card about the main character using the template provided. The more "Book Trumps" you submit, the greater the prizes you could receive in September!

You can make a card for any book that you complete reading.

Stuck for ideas? Go to the Library page on the Academy website, [here](#). For even more ideas you can use the Booktrust Bookfinder on the [Book Trust website](#).

Completed 'Book Trumps' can be handed into the Secondary Library between **Wednesday 6 September** and **Friday 8 September**. Alternatively, electronic designs can be emailed to readingchallenge@theacademy.me any time between Thursday 20 July and Friday 8 September – just be sure to include your full name in the email!

Year 10 and 11 Level Up Outdoors Trip

At Aylesbury Vale Academy, we believe that when students reach Year 10 and 11, they should develop their Cultural Capital skills and experiences as well as their academic skills. This is why we have organised a day at Level Up Outdoors, who specialise in unique experiences that educate and inspire people of all ages.

Current Year 9 and Year 10 students will take part in activities that underpin our core values, such as selfless commitment, courage, discipline, integrity, loyalty, and respect.

Along with this, the students will learn about leadership, delegation, communication, teamwork, problem solving and confidence building, all whilst having fun and creating memories in their final year at AVA.

The activities we will be undertaking on the day are Archery, Jacob's ladder, Raft building and Canoeing.

Students are expected to wear casual sportswear and appropriate trainers. They will also need to bring the following items for the trip:

- Packed lunch (no nuts)
- Water bottle
- Waterproof jacket
- Waterproof trousers (optional)
- Change of clothes
- Towel



The trip is on **Friday 22 September 2023** at Level Up Outdoors, Marlow. We will be leaving school at 8.30am and will arrive back at approximately 4pm.

We ask for a voluntary contribution of £40 and payment can be via ParentPay by Friday 10 September.

Please also complete the medical form [here](#) to secure a place on the trip. Places will be issued on a first come, first served basis.

School trips are a privilege, and the success of these trips is very much dependent upon the continuing excellent behaviour of our students, as a result, we reserve the right to refuse a student a place on a trip, or to withdraw a student at any time from a trip as a result of poor behaviour. This will result in forfeiting any payments made towards the trip.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Leach on year11enquiries@theacademy.me

Laptops on Loan

Students who have been loaned a laptop by the Academy for this academic year are required to return it to us by **Thursday 20 July 2023**. This will allow the IT team to complete necessary updates and run tests on the machines to determine whether they are suitable for use in the 2023-24 academic year.

Families who have been relying on laptop loans to support their child's home learning are now being encouraged to use our Tech 4 Learners hire purchase scheme for September 2023, details of which are below.

Tech 4 Learners Laptop Hire Purchase Scheme

Aylesbury Vale Academy is very pleased to be partnering with Freedom Technology in order to offer parents and carers the opportunity to purchase a laptop to support their child's home learning.

At AVA all home learning is set and monitored electronically using MS Teams, meaning home access to technology is vital for success in the Secondary phase.

The Aylesbury Vale Academy

Tech 4 Learners



Laptops can be bought upfront with one payment, or the cost can be split into monthly payments. Laptop purchase comes with a full service/repair package included and if the problem cannot be fixed straightaway, a temporary laptop can be loaned out whilst yours is repaired.

Please see the attached leaflets for more information on the products available and the different payment plans.

If your child is on the SEN register or eligible for support through Pupil Premium funding please use the designated login details, as the Academy is committed to subsidising costs for these students.

If you are unsure of your child's status, please contact AVA and will advise. Children eligible for Free School Meals or children in care will be supported with access to technology via different means and are also encouraged to speak to staff at the Academy if they have queries about this.

The ordering portal will be open until **Thursday 10 August** and all further details about the scheme can be found by accessing the portal using the credentials in the leaflets provided.

Active Little Things Football Camp

Active Little Things will run daily Summer Holiday football camps at AVA from **Monday 31 July to Friday 25 August**.

Led by qualified FA Coaches, the camps are perfect for players of all abilities aged 5 to 17 looking to hone their skills.

What's more, there's an opportunity to win a one-day free pass if you can crack the code in the Active Little Things treasure hunt.

Three clues are scattered across Berryfield, and each code contains a clue that will lead you to the answer.

Once you've found all three answers, send them to info@activelittlethings.com by Saturday 22 July to be in with a chance of winning.

SCAN NOW FOR MORE INFO AND TO ENROL
or visit: www.activelittlethings.co.uk
07383923180
info@activelittlethings.com

31 JUL - 25 AUG	
AT AYLESBURY VALE ACADEMY Paradise Orchard, Aylesbury, HP18 0WS	
HALF DAY	FULL DAY
9:30am - 12:30pm or 12:30am - 3:30pm	9:30am - 3:30am
£20*	£25*

Early drop off and late pick up £5 each
*Pre-book for discount



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.

Careers

Careers Provision at AVA

As part of good careers provision, we would like to hear from you as parents, on how we can improve; please complete a quick survey [here](#).



Discover careers in healthcare at NHS Open Day

Looking to discover careers in healthcare? Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust is holding an Open Day as part of its NHS 75th birthday celebrations. See the attached flyer for more information.



NHS 75 Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust

Discover careers in healthcare at our Open Day

Saturday 29 July

10am – 2pm

Stoke Mandeville Hospital

careers.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk

- **What:** Be inspired by careers talks, a health and social care careers fair and behind the scenes tours
- **Who:** All students, parents, carers, family and friends welcome
- **Where:** Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury
- **When:** 11am – 2pm on Saturday 29 July 2023

There's no requirement to book in advance, but if you register beforehand, you'll be emailed an Excellence in Healthcare booklet. You can do so [here](#).



Mrs Weedon says... Last full week of year 7. This year has been full of positives, rewards, surprises and some interesting conversations. They have been amazing so far, let's carry that on for the last three and a half days. With not long left now, can we please make sure that all students are wearing full school uniform, including blazers and ties.

Awards Evening

A fantastic opportunity to celebrate all our amazing students who are consistently demonstrating the

school values. Fifty students were nominated by their class teachers for working hard, always doing the right things, and demonstrating the Academy's values.

Mrs Howe and I are very impressed with how far they have come. It was great to see so many parents and careers, your support is essential to making sure your child makes the most of their time at AVA. Below I have attached the names of the students that were nominated.



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 hosted by Reverend Lane, who discussed refugees and the struggles they face. It is very important that we understand the reasons people might be forced out of their home and hardship they face when moving somewhere new. As a society we need to educate ourselves and be respectful to those that are in difficult position.

Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 20 July Final day of term – 12.20pm

Year 7 Awards Evening Nominations

respect

Aleesha K
Ava W
Amir C
Ava-Mai G
Callum W
Conor M (x3)
Effie D

aspiration

Amir C
Muhammed N (x2)
Cameron S
Conor M
Harrison S
Imaan J
Ingrid CS

resilience

Amir C
Chloe N
Effie D
Elise B
Elissa I
Jake C
Jessica B

Kyle S
Laila M (X2)
Lucas B
Ruby C
Sara H
Tamzin W
Will B

Weekly Form Competition

Form Achievement Points:

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

Individual Achievement Points:

1. Miley O
2. Rehan S
3. Imaan J

Form Attendance (%):

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

Honourable Mention:

Madi B for winning the AD Award

Any enquiries, please contact year7enquiries@theacademy.me
Mrs Weedon and the Year 7 Team



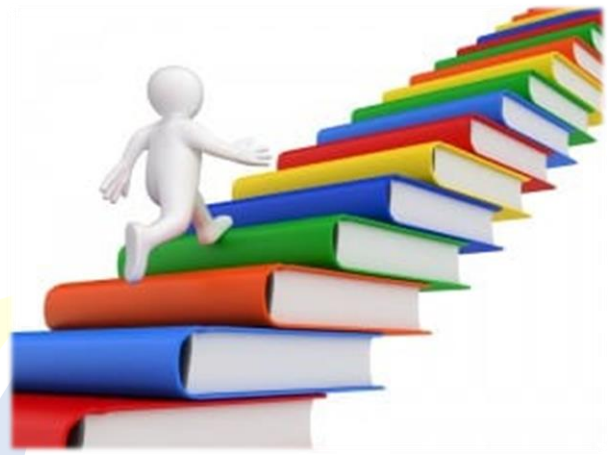
Mr Wakefield says... Just under a week to go until a very-much needed 6-week summer holidays. The Year 8's make me feel extremely proud each and every day. The amount these 12/13-year-olds have to deal with on a daily basis is growing, and the **resilience** they show is fantastic.

I want to thank every student in Year 8 the way they have worked with me since taking over from Ms Dutson. They are a wonderful year group, and I look forward to seeing how they continue to grow and flourish in Year 9.

I would appreciate if parents could help us to ensure that students continue to meet our expectations when it comes to uniform over the next week. A reminder that jeans, jogging bottoms, hoodies and zip top jackets are not permitted in school.

We will have one more Parent Bulletin and will share the winners of our final awards assembly and share any notices for our return in Year 9.

Huge congratulations to the following students who achieved Bronze or Silver Awards in the recent Maths Challenge; **Ayman A, Aidan A, Billie-RB, Alaina B, Kayden C, Chloe E, Humayun H, Nathan HW, Freddie K, James K, Anya L, Alfie M, Leo M, Millie M, Cai W, Temi O, Isabella P, Riley S, Daniel T and Kartik V.**



We were very proud to see so many Year 8s receiving awards at yesterday's Awards Evening. Well done to all the Year 8 students who have continued to strive to meet our core values of **Respect, Aspiration and Resilience:**

Aidan A, Aimee H, Alexandra M, Alyssa T, Amelia C, Ami G, Bahiti L, Cassie W, Chloe M, Crow H, Ellina S, Elliott P, Elysia G, Ewan B, Florence S, Harry G, Harry M, Humayun H, Iman A, Inaaya S, James K, James S, Jannat H, Jennifer B, Kairon C, Lizzie S, Oliver S, Olivia U, Paige D, Riley S, Rufus M, Rupert W, Ryan W, Salem Y, Samara M, Temi O, Unai G, Victor C and Zahra P.

Just a reminder that any issues or concerns with options for Year 9 can be dealt with upon our return. I am advising students give their options a chance, and if real concerns are still in place, we can then look at making changes.

Last Thursday we held a rewards afternoon for all students who have received 0 behaviour plans for the year. This was a lovely afternoon and spirits were extremely high. Students enjoyed a range of food and drink as well as playing some rounders, football and frisbee and just enjoying some time to reflect on an incredible achievement.

Dates for you Diaries:

Wednesday 19 July Awards Assembly

Year 8 Academy Values Awards

respect

**James S
Lila S
Teshnavi A
Mia N**

aspiration

**Henley C
Theo H
Emily C
Abbie D**

resilience

**Wasif I
James A
Naomi S
Cameron D**

Weekly Form Competition

Form Achievement Points:

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

Form Attendance (%):

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

Individual Achievement Points:

1. **Zain N**
2. **James S, Chloe M, Cassie W and AJ Mangena**
3. **Alesia B, Isabella P and Millie M**

Honourable Mentions:

All the Year 8s who received awards at Awards Evening, and who represented Year 8 in the Maths Challenge

Any enquiries, please contact year8enquiries@theacademy.me
Mr Wakefield and the Year 8 Team



Mr Hawley says... Year 9 have now completed their first round of mock examinations! This was a practice run of what they can expect in KS4. They did a fantastic job maintaining exam etiquette, and it has been great to see students becoming more independent in their learning.

Saying that, it is evident that students are tired and itching for Summer. This is the final push!



Massive congratulations to **Ayaan H** who recently won a silver medal at the British Jiu Jitsu championships!

Thank you to **Ayyub A**, **Amelie G** and **James H** for offering their continued support to staff this week.

Finally, a huge well done to the following students who received an award whose attitude and behaviour have embodied one or more of the academy values. Your hard work has not gone unnoticed!

Aspiration: **Summer M, Connor L, Bradley B, Raya P, Emmanuel A, Courtney-Skye H, Nichole M, Joshua G, Anjhanaa C, Charlie S, Ajitesh N, Ajitesh N, Alicia D, Caelyn B, Megan H, Emmanuel A, George N, Alayna S, Matthew H, Rohan A, Mark T,** and **Lucas C**

Resilience: **Yustyna K, Megan B, Armin K, Lilly L, Amelie G, George N, Ashwini V, Dylan B, Reggie B, Emmanuel A, Amelia D, Shazan N, Sumbal N, Jessica W, Ashwini V, Emily J, Megan W, Amelia D, Courtney-Skye H, Ela H,** and **Jenny T**

Respect: **Alan P, Sofia R, Charlie B, Jenny T, Reggie B, Narcis F, Ajitesh N, Maheen S, Euan B, Matthew H, Scott F, Charlie S, Lois O, Amima S, Joshua G, Summer W, Anjhanaa C, Jacob S, Reggie B, Natasha W,** and **Summer W**

Year 9 Achievement Director's Award: **Summer M**

Thank you to parents for the continued support during the exam period. Students will receive their mock results in due course.

Organisation over the last few weeks has started to fall, particularly with forgetting PE kits. Please continue to support your child by reminding them of any extra equipment they may need over the final days of school. I would appreciate if parents could help us to ensure that students continue to meet our expectations when it comes to uniform over the next week. A reminder that jeans, jogging bottoms, hoodies and zip top jackets are not permitted in school.

We want to maintain high standards ready for next year!

With mocks finished we turn back to assemblies and reflection. We will be having assemblies celebrating success and looking back to see how far we have come.

Celebration assembly

We are celebrating Year 9 achievement next Thursday during Awards Evening. If any parents would like to add something, please let me know: hhawley@theacademy.me or proberts@theacademy.me

Dates for you Diaries:

Thursday 20 July Final day of term – 12.20pm

Year 9 Academy Values Awards



Callum T for always offering to help and support both his peers and members of staff



Zak R for his tenacity and commitment to his studies, which has resulted in some significant improvement over the last couple of months.



Harvey R for his maturity and fantastic work ethic witnessed by Mrs Pykett on Tuesday.

Weekly Form Competition

Form Achievement Points:

1. Bernard's Bastions
2. Nair's Nightmares
3. Kissick's Komets

Individual Achievement Points:

1. Megan W
2. Lucy M
3. Haider A

Form Attendance (%):

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

Honourable Mentions:

1. **Amelia C** for the improvements she has made
2. **Reggie B** for clearing up at the awards evening

Any enquiries, please contact year9enquiries@theacademy.me
Mr Hawley and the Year 9 Team



Mr O'Leary says... Both myself and Miss Porter would like to congratulate all our Year 10 students that received accolades during the awards evening.

Well done to the students below who have been awarded the **Resilience**, **Aspiration**, and **Respect** award for individual subjects. These students have been recognised by their classroom teachers.

Aspiration: **Jessica W, Alex B, Annabel H, Summer C, Morgan H, Hannah J, Theo D, Jamini V, Patryk S, Oscar B, Yahya K, Dhwani P, Ben B, Angel A, Eleanor C, Dhwani P, Karol K, Eda H, Lauren B, Priseis K, and Dayaan K**

Resilience: **Mia A, Eda H, Flynn S, Yvonne C, Patrycja M, Flynn S, Karol K, Nicolas T, George S, Malaika Q, Maddoch O, Dayaan K, Jamini V, Alex B, Munashe N, Nicolas T, Cherry R, Henry P, Thomas W, Akisharra J, and Lucy S**

Respect: **Angel A, Aaditya A, Maya P, Macie G, Benny T, Manal S, Summer U, Araish A, Henry P, Priseis K, Theo D, Munashe N, Binta C, Zayneb B, Jessica B, Kaydee M, Maddoch O, Viktoria R, Harrison C, Haroon U, Hannah W, and Kundhana P**

Year 10 Achievement Director's Award: **Theodore H**

Principal's Award: **Sophia D**

Dates for you Diaries:

Thursday 20 July Final day of term – 12.20pm

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



Mrs Leach says... After GCSE results day all students must complete Buckinghamshire Council's 16 Plus Survey. Information about the survey for students is on the attached flyer. Please encourage your young person to fill this in promptly once they have their results. The Council will use it to report which young people are in learning or work to the Department for Education.

Please note that if a young person doesn't complete the survey, they may be contacted to check whether they are in learning or work next term. Contacts are made by Buckinghamshire Council staff or their representatives. You can find out more about how and why they do this here: [POST-16 Survey](#)

Dates for you Diaries:

Thursday 24 August GCSE Results Day

Any enquiries, please contact year11enquiries@theacademy.me
Mrs Leach and the Year 11 Team



Mrs Sharma says... The Sixth form calendar continues to be exciting and full of events till the end of term!

Our Year 12s went out for a week long work placement from **Monday 03 July**. Every one of them had a successful placement, and they have all returned with a renewed level of respect and aspiration to do well.

This was followed by the Year 12 Taster Days on the **Wednesday 12 July** and **Thursday 13 July**. It was great to see so many of our Year 11s wanting to continue to be a part of AVA, but also so many students from local schools came to gain insight into our 6th form and what we have to offer.

Finally, the 6th form students were recognised for their respect, aspiration and resilience at the Awards Evening. The following students were celebrated for their successes:

Aspiration: **Nakiso S**, **Rhianna P**, and **Sabaa H**

Resilience: **Hasnain Q**, **Amana A**, **Amelia K**, and **Saahil K**

Respect: **Naila K**, **Wilma M**, and **Samad K**

6th Form Achievement Director's Award: **Naila K**

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

Thank you for all your support