



# The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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## PARENT BULLETIN No. 92

### 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023

### Welcome...

One of the most important things about sending your child to school is being able to have good communication with the school. We work extremely hard to respond to the hundreds of enquiries we receive every day (sometimes every hour!). We have two full-time staff on reception, menu choices when you phone in to speak to pastoral teams, this bulletin, and email addresses made available to you. Many of these enquiries are quite straight forward and involve a queries about Parents' Evenings, attendance, behaviour, lunch money, and many more. Much of this information is already available on our website.

From our recent parent feedback, we understand that sometimes finding key information on our website could be easier. To help parents and carers easily access the information you need, we have created a new Interactive Information Sheet, which is attached to this email. All you need to do is click on the area you would like to find information about, and it will take you straight to the relevant page on our website. I hope this helps to improve communication even further.

As always we have a jam-packed bulletin full of what has taken place this week, and what is still to come in in our extremely busy summer term.

Happy Friday and have a lovely weekend.

**Gavin Gibson**  
Academy Principal

**ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024**  
**AUTUMN TERM 2023**  
Tuesday 5 September 2023 - Friday 20 October 2023  
Monday 30 October 2023 - Tuesday 19 December 2023  
**SPRING TERM 2024**  
Friday 5 January 2024 - Friday 9 February 2024  
Tuesday 20 February 2024 - Thursday 28 March 2024  
**SUMMER TERM 2024**  
Monday 15 April 2024 - Friday 24 May 2024  
Monday 3 June 2024 - Friday 19 July 2024  
**STAFF TRAINING DAYS 2023-2024**  
Friday 1st September 2023  
Monday 4th September 2023  
Thursday 4th January 2024  
Monday 19th February 2024  
Monday 22nd July 2024  
Tuesday 23rd July 2024

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### Key Links:

[Secondary website](#)

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## 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.

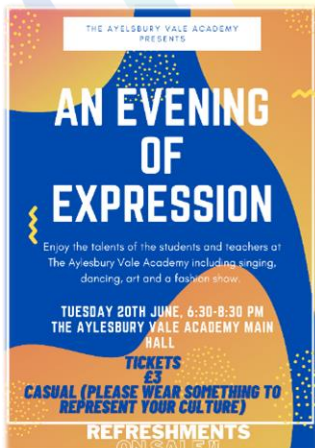
## AVA'bury Festival 2023

We are looking for volunteers to support the AVA'bury Festival. If you can spare a couple of hours on the day of the festival, please let us know at [avafestival@theacademy.me](mailto:avafestival@theacademy.me). In return we will give you 2 free tickets to the festival.

With just one week to go until the Festival, tickets are still selling fast. To avoid missing out, you can book your tickets [here](#).

Once you click on the link you will be prompted to register with the school account. Please follow the instructions and then click on the 'What's On' tab on the top left-hand corner. Tickets will be sent electronically and will be scanned upon entry to the festival.

If you have any questions about the event, please contact us on [avafestival@theacademy.me](mailto:avafestival@theacademy.me)



## Evening of Expression

Join us for an unforgettable evening of creativity and cultural celebration at the AVA Youth Social Action group's **Evening of Expression** on **Tuesday 20 June** from **6.30pm to 8:30pm** in the Main Hall.

Our talented staff and students will show case a variety of talents such as singing, dancing, art, and fashion. Wear something to represent your culture and join us in appreciating the beauty in our differences.

Your contribution will make a significant difference in the lives of those who need it the most. All proceeds will go towards the various charities we support and aid in the future funding of our Youth Social Action programme. Get your tickets [here](#) for only £3 and be a part of something truly special.

## Art Club Animation Extravaganza



AVA's Art Club has been working incredibly hard on their stop-motion films, ready for their premier at the Evening of Expression on **Tuesday 20 June**.

The presentation will include three blockbuster films created by AVA students, and 'merch' will be available to purchase on the night, with all proceeds going to charity.



## History

This week's **History Hero** is **Kamil A** in Year 10. **Kamil** demonstrates aspiration and resilience by enquiring about completing extra exam questions at home to prepare for his end of year mock. Well done **Kamil!**

## PE

**Ibukun F** continued his rich run of sprinting form this week at the English Schools' Championship.

**Ibukun** qualified fastest for the boys' 100m final and went on to secure 1<sup>st</sup> place in the final itself, and is now waiting to find out if he has qualified for the National Schools Championship in Birmingham.



## Geography



Over the past week our 125 Year 10 Geography students spent a day studying the characteristics of the River Chess in Chesham and Rickmansworth. They investigated how the river's characteristics change with distance downstream.

We were very lucky to have sunny weather, and most students enjoyed being able to cool down in the stream! It was such a pleasure to see they students working together as a team, enjoying their learning out in a river environment.

### GCSE Geography Revision Guides

Just a reminder that parents can buy their children the CPG revision guides and exam question booklet from the school at the reduced rate of £3.25 per book. We stock copies of the book in school so they can be collected as soon as they have been ordered. You can order [here](#).

## Culture Week

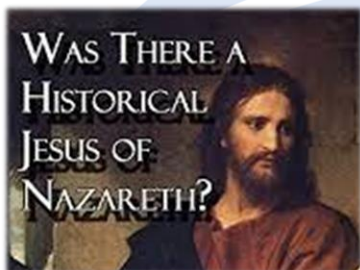
Next week is AVA Culture Week.

Alongside the timetable of events, we have many exciting activities planned for the students including form quizzes and discussions, AVA flag competition, cultural music and food in the atrium, cultural art exhibits, student-led podcasts on the school website, games and film screenings.

We invite you to celebrate Culture week with us and look forward to seeing you at the Evening of Expression and the AVA'Bury Festival.

Monday	Is There A God? Dropdown RS event
Tuesday	Evening of Expression 6:30-8:30pm. Tickets can be purchased on the school website
Wednesday	Staff Cultural Dress Day and Drop Everything and Read at 9am
Thursday	MFL Day - French and Spanish café, games and cartoons.
Saturday	AVA Bury Festival 1-7pm Tickets can be purchased on the school website

## 'Is there a God?' Day

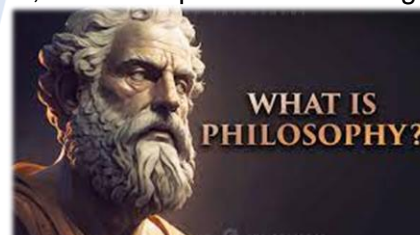


As part of next week's Culture Week, the RS department are hosting an event on Monday. The event will be an all-day event in the Main Hall with five guest speakers, all looking at the question 'Is there a God?' through a different lens.

Students will have the opportunity to listen to academics from around the country, ask questions, take part in a debate, and attempt to tackle the big questions in life.

This is an amazing opportunity for students all across the school who are interested in religion, ethics, and/or philosophy and want to further their knowledge in these areas.

Professors from Oxford and Cambridge Universities will be meeting with students and giving 'mini' University lectures.





## Careers

You can find a wealth of information about apprenticeships – including features on the energy and construction industries, and opportunities in veterinary nursing – [here](#).

Adviza regularly run online webinars focussing on different sectors, with live Surveying, Sport and Physical Activity and Policing events taking place in the next few weeks. You can find out more on the attached flier, or by visiting Adviza's Events homepage, [here](#).

### Army Careers

If you are considering a career in the army, please have a look at the attached flyers to find out more about routes in to the service, including apprenticeships and qualifying college courses.



**Mrs Weedon says...** It's been another great week for Year 7! I have received some very positive emails about our students, who are continuously going above and beyond. Celebrating all the positives is the best part of my job, and I am very proud of how they are getting on.

Well done to the 80 students who have 0 behaviour points - keep up the hard work.

We have really enjoyed the sun, but

please be mindful to ensure our children wear sunscreen, bring in a hat to wear outside, and drink plenty of water in these hot temperatures.

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.



Sports day was a huge success, and it was amazing to see so many students participating and some very skilled young athletes demonstrating their talents. During P5 the rest of the year group came out to watch and support their peers. There was a great atmosphere and lots of cheering for each other, which was fantastic.

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 Careers Booklet, looking at the skills they need to learn to maximise job prospects.

Our community assembly this week was delivered by Mrs Haynes. She talked about National School Sports week and the importance of staying active. The PE department ran a wide range of event, including race for life, penalty shot out and sports day, to get students moving and raise money for charity.

# NATIONAL SCHOOL SPORTS WEEK 2023

**Dates for your Diary:**

**Wednesday 28 June** Black Country Living Museum trip

# Year 7 Academy Values Awards

respect

Jayden C  
Jess C  
Amelie D  
Imogen T  
Callum W  
Alex R  
JJ B  
Tyler B  
Tony L  
Yug J  
Kian B  
Toby P  
Ashlee B  
Izzy B

aspiration

Michael B  
Cherice G  
Kaden B  
Iman J  
Elissa I  
Chloe W  
Anwen R  
Dharm B  
Nicolas N  
Victoria N  
Alexis W  
Zack J  
Elizabeth N

resilience

Liam F  
Logan J  
Emilija S  
Buck M  
Dylan H  
Mustapha S  
Bethany W  
Noor B  
Sofija B  
Effie D  
Jake C  
Elisha M

## Weekly Form Competition

### Form Achievement Points:

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

### Individual Achievement Points:

1. Alastair G
2. Tom E
3. Amir C

### Form Attendance (%):

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

### Honourable Mentions:

All the Year 7 students who took part in Sports Day – well done!

Any enquiries, please contact [year7enquiries@theacademy.me](mailto:year7enquiries@theacademy.me)  
Mrs Weedon and the Year 7 Team



## Mr Wakefield says...

It was National School Sports Week this week, and we had so many activities going on. Students took part in Race for Life in their PE lessons, and to assist in raising money for the cause the PE department ran a bake sale and a charity penalty shoot out which was fantastic and spirits were extremely high.

On Wednesday we had Sports Day. Our Year 8s were outstanding

throughout the day, competing and then having finals during P5. All of Year 7 and 8 were out watching the finals, and it was an amazing atmosphere that allowed our students to see some great competition.



Thank you for your patience while we got the Year 8s options finalised. We can confirm that letters have been sent out, and many of you have received these and have been receiving them over the last week.

Many students may want to now consider changing these options. We will not be able to make any changes until we begin Year 9 in September. We would like students to try the options they have received, and if they are still not happy we can then consider a change. However, any changes will be a

last resort. A lot of work goes into the timetabling of Year 9, and so option changes are not a simple task. We will do our best to ensure every student is happy with their GCSE options.

Next week will be Cultural Week, and there will be a variety of activities taking place throughout the school across the course of the week, including our Evening of Expression, Cultural Food and music daily, form competitions, European Café experiences and student podcasts.

**Dates for you Diaries:**

**Wednesday 14 June** Sports Day

**Saturday 24 June** AVA'bury Festival

**Friday 30 June** District Athletics, Stoke Mandeville Stadium

## Year 8 Academy Values Awards



**Nadia B**  
**Amelia C**  
**Ollie E-H**  
**Elysia G**



**Freddie K**  
**Eman K**  
**Daniel T**  
**Humaira Y**



**Jamie O**  
**Hanifah S**  
**Kartik V**  
**Alyssa T**

### Weekly Form Competition

#### Form Achievement Points:

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

#### Form Attendance (%):

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

#### Individual Achievement Points:

1. **Chloe M**
2. **James S** and **AJ M**
3. **Jennifer B** and **Ethan C**

#### Honourable Mentions:

**All the Year 8 students** who took part in activities and helped organise the Sports Day, and all students who took part in Race for Life as part of National School Sports Week

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Ms Dutson and the Year 8 Team



**Mr Hawley says...** The sun is out and the students are making the best of the warm weather. They are spending much more time outdoors, which has a host of mental and physical benefits.

Big well done to **Seb B** for climbing and scrambling up Mount Snowdon! Well done and congratulations. Great practise for DofE and Malaysia. Speaking of Malaysia, big well done to

**Matt H** and **James H** for helping out selling goodies for their Malaysia trip on Friday afterschool that is commitment.

Big well done to **Ibukun F** for winning his recent athletics competition.

Could parent keep vigilant to students' social media presence? There has been a trend of inviting students into group chats and then being horrible about



them, as well as commenting horrible comments on TikTok videos. This is causing students great distress, and is particularly prevalent among girls. If you need to report anything please let me know and if you could send me any screenshots of any messages, I can assist where I can.

### Transition to Year 10

As part of the transition process, Year 9 are going to have mocks for core subjects on the following **provisional** dates:

- **Maths - Monday 3 July, P1 & 2**
- **Science - Tuesday 4 July, P1 & 2**
- **English - Wednesday 5 July P1 & 2**

Other exams will take place in classes over the end of June and beginning of July – these dates will be shared soon. History will have an exam at later date, with the location still to be confirmed. Because Art is coursework-based, there won't be a mock exam.

Here are two of our current year 11's top tips for revision: [flash cards](#) and [mind maps](#).

Tutor programme has changed slightly in the last term to assist with Year 9 into Year 10 transition. The careers module has come to an end and instead they will be going through 'how to revise'. This will look at what makes effective revision and how to cope with stress.

### Dates for you Diaries:

**Saturday 24 June** AVA'bury Festival

**Friday 30 June** District Athletics, Stoke Mandeville Stadium

## Year 9 Academy Values Awards

**respect**

**Lily N** – For always being kind and helpful.

**aspiration**

**Harley H** – for always trying to extend himself in lessons.

**resilience**

**Aiden M** – For always doing his best and not letting anyone get him down.

### Weekly Form Competition

#### Individual Achievement Points:

1. **Haider A**
2. **Megan W**
3. **Zak Malki**

#### Form Attendance (%):

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

#### Honourable Mentions:

1. **Max F** – Miss Roberts says he is funny, punctual, and always has his kit. An all-round good egg!
2. **Vitor V** – for always giving everyehing his best and having a reputation amongst staff for politeness.

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Mr Hawley and the Year 9 Team



**Mr O'Leary says...** Year 10 have coped well with the heat this week and had a very successful Sports Day on Wednesday.

Our students have a busy half term leading up to the summer break to help with their transition from Year 10 to Year 11, this will involve plenty of revision with their mock exams beginning at the end of June.

**Tamara A, Sabah K, Zubayda H, Ruqayya S and Malaika Q** have led

Culture Committee and preparations for next week's Culture Week. These students went on a trip to the Multicultural Centre, have designed posters, competitions and activities and have been key players in the preparation for the Evening of Expression. Thank you for your outstanding contribution to the school community!



### **Year 10 Mock Exams**

Year 10 Mock exams will start next week on Thursday 22 June. 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 disqualified from that component.

### **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

### **Careers**

#### **A chance to book for 'Discover careers in medicine'**

What's it really like to be a doctor and how do you become one?

- What: Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust is holding an after-school careers event to give students the chance to meet their medics and find out more.
- Who: Students in Years 11 and 12 – NOW OPEN TO YEAR 10s
- Where: In person career talk at the Sir Henry Floyd Building lecture theatre, Stoke Mandeville Hospital
- When: 5 - 6.30pm (registration from 4.45pm) on Wednesday 28 June 2023
- [Click to book your free ticket on Eventbrite](#)
- [Explore BrigHT Futures @BHT](#)

<b>Tutor time this week</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	Numeracy
<b>Tuesday</b>	Assembly – Sports Week
<b>Wednesday</b>	Careers
<b>Thursday</b>	AD Assembly – Getting Ready for Year 11
<b>Friday</b>	Revision Techniques



## 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:

**Thursday 22 June** Mock examinations begin

**Friday 7 July** Year 10 End of Term Reward Trip. Letters have been given to students who have been invited to attend.

# Year 10 Academy Values Awards

## respect

Aimee B  
Afser-Jehan A  
Joshua B  
Richie C  
Aarion R  
Kamil A  
Maddoch O'D  
Elliott S  
Sami-Ullah K  
Lauren B  
Kaydee M  
Isabella B  
Alfie L  
Taylor F

## aspiration

Ben B  
Benny T  
Alex B  
Musa K  
Cherry R  
Finley C  
Krystain N  
Ptryk S  
Myra Z  
Araish A  
Markus O  
Jessica B  
Amira N  
Adil A  
Melissza J

## resilience

Sana J  
Tyler W  
Maisie F  
Harrison C  
Ameen K  
Hannah S  
Lloyd L  
Riley B  
Jamini V  
Harry N  
Harry D  
Annabel H  
Elijah P  
Karol K  
Alfie C

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2. Faraday 1
3. Nobel 2

### Individual Achievement Points:

1. Alfie L
2. Ameen K
3. Afser-Jehan A

### Form Attendance (%):

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

### Honourable Mentions:

1. Hannah S
2. Ptryk S
3. Theodore H

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Mr O'Leary and the Year 10 Team



**Mrs Leach says...** Today marked the last day for our whole year group exam. The students have done really well throughout the exam season, and I hope they are looking forward to the longest summer they will ever have!

**Year 11 Prom**

Invites to Prom have now been sent out. If your child hasn't received their prom ticket, please let me know.

**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**

**Thank you for all your support**