



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Welcome...

The end of this term has been a time of celebration and today we saw hundreds of students receive certificates, badges and awards for their achievements in showing respect, aspiration and resilience. I've never seen so many Easter Eggs leave the assembly hall as I did this morning!

We are now at the beginning of a two-week break for our students. We hope they have an opportunity to rest and come back ready for the new term. For our Year 11s we hope they use that time wisely to prepare for their exams, which begin very soon after Easter.

Have a good Easter break, and we will see all our students at the usual time on Monday 17 April.



Gavin Gibson
Academy Principal

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Key Links:

[Secondary website](#)

[Parents' evenings](#)

[EduLink One](#)

[Trips/Lunch money](#)





History News

Subject Superstar

This week's **History Hero** is **Florence H** in Year 7. **Florence** has an outstanding attitude to learning and ambition to reach the next level in every aspect of her work.

Year 10 GCSE History trip to Hampton Court Palace

This trip is now full. We are running a reserve list so if you have yet to hand in paperwork, please do so as soon as convenient to be added to the list.



PE News

Student Volunteers Needed

AVA are starting a sports session for students at AVA with SEND needs, and we would like student volunteers to help run these sessions.

The sessions will run on Tuesdays after Easter. This opportunity will add to any DofE volunteering hours needed, or if your child wishes to pursue a career in the sports or childcare industry, this will act as invaluable experience.

There is also potential for paid employment to come from this volunteering, and the chance to gain qualifications funded for by the company we are working with, Horizon Sports.

If your child is interested, please direct them to see Mr Wakefield to get an application letter.



Summer Extra-Curricular

Please find below our summer Extra-Curricular timetable for Years 7 and 8. These summer sports will run for the duration of the summer term, with the potential for students to be involved in rounders, cricket, and athletic fixtures and events.

Tuesday	Year 7 & 8 Rounders with Mrs Haynes and Mr Morgan (field) Year 7 & 8 Tennis with Mr Smith (MUGA)
Wednesday	Year 7 & 8 Badminton (softball when the Sports Hall is being used for exams) with Mr Lobb (Sports Hall/field) Year 7 & 8 Cricket with Mr Wakefield and Mr Morgan (Astro)
Thursday	Year 7 – 10 Body Fitness with Mrs Crumpton (Dance Studio) Year 7 & 8 Athletics with Mr Smith and Miss Gibbs (Field)

Geography news

Upcoming Residential Trips for GCSE Geographe

We are very excited to be offering two residential trips to our current Year 9 and Year 10 GCSE Geography students. Information about these trips has been shared with students in lessons and through their MS Teams, where a digital copies of the letters can be downloaded.

Where does our waste go? As part of our next Year 8 topic, students learn about where their waste goes including our local Energy from Waste plant, Greatmoor.

GCSE Geography PGL Trip to Dorset

WHO? Current Year 9 and Year 10 GCSE Geography students 30 spaces	WHEN? 10 – 12 Jul 2023	HOW DO I GET A PLACE ON THE TRIP? Collect a letter from your Geography teacher. Return the reply slip to Mrs Smyth by 31st March 2023 and pay the deposit by 2nd April 2023.
HOW MUCH? £220		



GEOGRAPHY

Throughout the year, Greatmoor offer free tours with the next Open Day scheduled for **Saturday 1 April**. If you are interested, more details can be found [here](#).

AVA'bury Festival 2023

We have been overwhelmed by the interest in our AVA'Bury Community Festival. After Easter, we will provide you with information on how to purchase your tickets for the event. For now, we are looking for local bands and artists who would like a spot on the Main Stage. If you would like to be involved, send us an email: avafestival@theacademy.me

Sponsoring AVA events

If you're involved in a local business and would like to raise your profile, we are looking for sponsors for upcoming AVA events, including the AVA'bury festival. Please let us know if you would like to be involved.

Raising Achievement by involving our parents and carers in the work of our school

Involving yourself in your child's education is an exciting challenge, with excellent benefits for your child, for you, for the school and for the local community.



Research has identified that, at age 7, a parent's influence on a child's learning is six times that of their school and even at 11 years old, it is 29% greater. Increased involvement can raise achievement by at least 18%. No involvement means low or no qualifications at 16.

We are using the Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA) to help strengthen our school's partnership with parents. LPPA is a national award that will provide us with a valuable school improvement tool and also give us recognition for our commitment to working with parents.

The LPPA will help us achieve these long-term benefits:

- contribute to improved pupil attendance, punctuality, behaviour and progress
- increase parent participation and involvement
- enhance parents' support in their children's learning
- improve communication between home and school.

Your views are important in helping us understand what we are doing well and how we can improve. Please complete the survey, [here](#). It should only take a couple of minutes and the link is open until **Monday 17 April**.

We are also working on a 'FAQ' section on our website. If you have a question for the school, which you feel other parents would also like to know, please submit it [here](#).

If you have any queries about this survey, please contact us.

Home School Agreement

We are working hard to ensure that parents and carers are fully involved in their child's education, and that each child fully understands their own role in promoting a culture that centres around their learning, focusing on our three key values of **Respect**, **Aspiration** and **Resilience**

In order to support our commitment to your child, we are asking you to read and agree to our Home School Agreement, which can be found attached to this email or on our website, [here](#).



The Home School Agreement underlines the roles, responsibilities, and expectations of students, parents and the School.

Once you have read the Agreement, please complete [this short Microsoft Form](#) to confirm you understand and agree to uphold the expectations it outlines.

Careers

Buckinghamshire College Group

This week we enjoyed assemblies from the Buckinghamshire College group for students in Years 7 to 13. The College spoke about Apprenticeships, T-Levels and the variety subjects they offer. Please do ask your child to give you feedback on this information.



Adviza

Our Adviza team have prepared some '[Get Revising](#)' information to help support our Year 11 learners for their GCSE exams, and in securing the best possible results for their next steps and future endeavours.

Please find attached PDF flyers for a series of Adviza Sector Webinars. These can be watched from home and are free to attend. The Sector webinars are for all year groups from 7 to 13.



Social Work: Tuesday 2 May, 6pm to 7pm: This webinar should definitely be interesting to anyone taking Health and Social Care as an option or are currently studying it for GCSE or A-Level.

Food Science and Technology: Tuesday 9 May, 6pm to 7pm. This will be fantastic for any student interested in working as a Chef or who is taking Hospitality and Catering or Food Tech as an option, studying it at GCSE.

Bookings are free and can be made via the [Events](#) page on the Careers Portal now.

These webinars are both suitable for all year groups and anyone, students, parents/carers and staff, is welcome to join in. If you require any further details, please email careersguidance@adviza.org.uk

Armed Forces Webinar: Monday 17 April, 6pm to 7pm: If your child is considering a career in the armed forces, please sign up to this webinar for more information.



Mrs Weedon says... Well done to all our amazing Year 7s for completing their second term! We have been so impressed with how hard they have been working this term. Congratulations to the 70 students who received a bronze award for reaching 100 achievement points, and the four who are now on to Silver having amassed 200 achievement points!

This week in tutor time Year 7 continued with numeracy 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 booklets.

Our Community Assembly this week was hosted by the Buckingham College Group. They discussed the options they offer for students after GCSE, including a range of vocational subjects such as hairdressing, construction, and T Levels.



On Friday we held our Celebration Assembly, and it was fantastic to see so many Year 7s nominated by their teachers for each of the AVA values – the full list is below.

We wish you all a very restful break and a Happy Easter!

Dates for you Diaries:

Thursday 4 May Parents' Evening

Friday May 19 to Sunday May 21 PGL Trip

Year 7 Academy Values Awards

respect

Noemi K; Toby P; Rhylee H; Sofija B; Amir C; Noelani S; Elisha M; Imogen C; Daniyal R; Megan L; Kian B; Mia B; Matthew L; Afia H; Ingrid C; Laila M; Callum W; Oliwia K; Madi B; Humna Q; Amelie D; Roni W; Amy B; Harrison S; Jess C; Emmie T; Rehan S; Chloe N; Lucas B; Ava G; Tom E; Louie C; Asher A; Megan P; Eoin C; William B; Jake C; Elise B; Lilly-Mae C; Kelsey-Mae G; Grace H; Tianna H; Ruby C; Emily B; Neve F; Jessica B; Florence H; Kayla S; Zihan Q; Effie D; Shyla S; Dario S; Cameron S; Chloe D; Alexis W; Liam C; Joseph C; Emma B; Mollie B; Calleigh C;

aspiration

Rebecca I; Melvina K; JJ B; Florence H; Danyal R; Ingrid S; Afia Homaira M; Oliwia K; Kelsey-May G; Ashlee B; Tommy L; Ava-Mai G; Alyssa HW; Maddie M; Souhayla S; Amber W; Izzy B; Madi E; Elizabeth N; Tony G; Ella R; Lily-Mae C; Nihal M; Cherice G; Nica W; Elissa I; Harrison S; Amir C; Elisha M; Elise B; Effie D; Victoria N; Dihein W; Natalia P; Freya B; Weronika S; Rylee P; Eden C; Alfie J; Sophie K; Laila M; Jessica M; Aeshah M; Keira P; Luqman Q; Michael B; Noelani S; Jess C; Callum W; Chloe D; Liam C; Sophia B

resilience

Ava G; Mariam C; Emily J; Ava-Mai G; Noemi K; Cameron S; JJ B; Matthew L; Rebecca I; Mia B; Jessica D; Elise B; Jia P; Rylee P; Roxanne B; Amy B; Haider S; Angie S; Imogen T; Cameron S; Bella H; Aleesha K; Christian A; Emma B; Joseph C; Zihan Q; Harrison S; Callum W; Tom E; Tianna H; Alexis W; Ruby C; Penelope B; Sakeen B; Alice M; Tamzin W; Ollie S; Noelani S; Megan E; Fawzy M; Mustapha S; Princess T; Chloe W; Bethany W; Ava W; Lorenzo C; Madi E; Harvey M;

Weekly Form Competition

Form Achievement Points:

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

Individual Achievement Points:

1. Imogen C
2. Emma B
3. Jake C

Form Attendance (%):

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

Honourable Mentions:

Mr Walker's English class for all their hard work this term

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



Ms Dutson says... We enjoyed a fantastic Celebration Assembly this week to demonstrate and showcase the excellent work year 8 are doing all the time, with three students selected from each form for the three school values. The full list is below.

There was an excellent careers-focussed community assembly on Wednesday, which opened some of our students' eyes to the opportunities they have to look forward too once they complete their GCSEs. This really sparked some reflection and thought, and I have had many conversations since the assembly asking about different career pathways.

Year 8 Geography Trip to Greatmoor Energy for Waste Facility - Wednesday 19 April.

As part of the Year 8 Geography Curriculum, students have studied issues surrounding waste and the earth's resources.

To support this topic, we are organising a trip to visit Greatmoor EfW Facility in Woodham, Buckinghamshire. The following students will be out P1 and P2 or P3 and P4 on April 18:



The following clubs will run afterschool for Year 8 starting from the first week back after Easter:

Tuesday	Rounders Tennis
Wednesday	Badminton Cricket
Thursday	Body Fitness Athletics

Group 1: Sophia O, Morgan S, Elysia G, Mia N, Jack C, Harry T, Crow H, Molly P, Scarlett O, Ethan C, Demian B, Rufus M, James S, Isabella H, Katik V

Group 2: Edward N, Ryan A, Noor-Jehan A, Alfie M, Elliott P, Caeron D, Kaitlyn P, Jamie O, James K, Shannon W, Paige D, Louis R, Salem Y

Year 8 Academy Values Awards

Faraday 1

Respect – **Teshnavi A**
Aspiration – **Liam S**
Resilience – **Alfie M**

Franklin 1

Respect – **Tristan B**
Aspiration – **Jasmine**
Resilience – **Callum S**

Nobel 1

Respect – **Poppy**
Aspiration – **Christopher W**
Resilience – **Elina S**

Faraday 2

Respect – **Elysia**
Aspiration – **Ravneet**
Resilience – **Jenson**

Franklin 2

Respect – **Tyler**
Aspiration – **AJ**
Resilience – **Chloe M**

Nobel 2

Respect – **Kayden R**
Aspiration – **Hanifa S**
Resilience – **Cameron C**

Faraday 3

Respect – **Alexandra**
Aspiration – **Florence**
Resilience – **Batool**

Franklin 3

Respect – **Cameron D**
Aspiration – **Abdullah M**
Resilience – **Logan B**

Nobel 3

Respect – **Eleanor S**
Aspiration – **Ellie R**
Resilience – **Max P**



Alfie M, Oliver M, Isabella P, Liam S, Lizzie S, Sophia O, George S, Sade A, Freya R, Jack A, Jaiden K, Ryan W, Imaan A, Alesia B, James S, Olivia O, Victor C, Joseph C, Leigha G, Gabriel M, Leonard V, Christopher W, Armanda B, Alfie B, Cameron C, Finley C, Kayden C, Logan E, Carrick Es, Lucia F, Niamh H, Jasmine J, Kayden R, Naomi S, Hanifa S, Oliver S, Harry T



Temí O, Shalom M, Gabrielle O, Ami G, Tyler M, Oliver M, Chloe M, Elliott, Gethen, Ollie E, Kartik, Aimee H



Ellina S

Achievement Director Award

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Ms Dutson and the Year 8 Team



Mr Hawley says... Well done to everyone in Year 9! Officially halfway through the year. I am extremely proud of my year group. The jump to GCSE on a 3 year course is always a difficult transition, but Year 9 have managed this very well.

We held an assembly yesterday to celebrate achievement, and I must admit I took for granted some of the fantastic accomplishments that Year 9 have achieved, and how many lovely

kids there are in our year group. It has been a pleasure being your Achievement Director. Over the next two terms towards summer there will be a shift in focus from an academic point of view as we get everyone in a positive frame of mind ready for Year 10 as the countdown to GCSEs begins.

Big well done to **Beau W** and **Summer E** for singing this morning in the Year 7 assembly; that took some real courage. It is nice to see two girls with aspirations to succeed in music taking themselves outside of their comfort zones.

A big 'well done' too to **Ayyub A**, **Matthew H**, **Harley H** and **Charlotte W** for being history ambassadors. I hope you wear your badges with pride for going above and beyond expectations to aspire to more. If anyone else is interested, please go and see Ms Michhiana.

Big well done to parents! 77% of parents in the year group attended parents evening, that is very high well done.

Just a reminder that when we return, we are on Week B, so please make sure students are prepared for any PE and Food Tech lessons they are due to have that week.



Could we ensure that students are well equipped for the new term. I bought everyone a pen at the start of this term and people still don't have them. As always if anyone has any trouble getting equipment please let me know.

Could I please ask that:

- All students have school shoes,
- Girls have loose fitting trousers. Leggings are not allowed.
- Acrylic nails are not permitted, and the same goes for hoop earrings. One nose stud is allowed.

Compliance to uniform expectations is a basic requirement that we as a school need to great right for the rest to fall into place. If students don't have the right uniform they may be placed in uniform isolation. We can't allow a lack of uniform to become normalised. Thank you for the support as always, and if there any issues I am happy to support

I hope all the Year 9s on the Spanish trip in sunny Granada are having a lovely time; Miss Felipe has ensured me that things are going great.

Big well done to **Megan H**, **Summer M**, **Jacob S**, **Kiah T** and **Shaun K** for demonstrating the academy values. You will receive a letter from the Principal.

Well done to **Ava P** and **Harley H** who won the green reward card raffle and will have an Easter Egg Hunt prize.

Final well done to **Connor L** and **Ashwini V** – I hope you enjoyed your Easter eggs with the principal today.

Year 9 Academy Values Awards

respect

Emmanuel A has settled in to life at AVA very quickly, has found himself a large group of friends, and is already respected throughout the year group. Although, he did once say that I looked like a viking...I'm going to choose to take that as a compliment.

aspiration

Shrid B for always trying his best in all of his classes, and for establishing himself as someone with a reputation for hard work. He has zero behaviour points and 27 achievement points – a fantastic effort.

resilience

Samuel Itulu for working with staff to overcome a serious barrier. He is always kind and respectful, and has taken on board the mantra: "It's not how you start, it's how you finish".

Weekly Form Competition

Form Achievement Points:

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

Individual Achievement Points:

1. Haider A
2. Ella H
3. Megan W

Form Attendance (%):

1. Binns Barnacles
2. Scarlett's Super Soldiers
3. Bernard's Bastions

Honourable Mentions:

1. Charlie B
2. Raya G
3. Antoan K

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Mr Hawley and the Year 9 Team



Mr O'Leary says... Firstly, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter, and I hope all students have a restful break. As a year group we have continued to promote Work Experience as we are getting closer to the work experience week. Please encourage students to find a placement during the Easter break if they haven't done so already.

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.

PE Kit

Please can we ensure students have their PE kits for the correct days.

PE Lunch Club Timetable	
Monday	Gym (ORO/MLO)
Tuesday	Futsal (NWK/ORO)
Wednesday	Gym (KMO)
Thursday	Basketball (JSM)
Friday	Gym (KMO)

Tutor time this week	
Monday	Numeracy
Tuesday	Community Assembly – Mrs Marina – Bucks College Group
Wednesday	Literacy
Thursday	Careers
Friday	NAD Assembly – Celebration Assembly

Dates for you Diaries:

Friday 21 April Careers Passport Day, Oxford Brookes, Headington Campus

Monday 24 April – Friday 28 April Work Experience

Wednesday 24 May Careers Passport Day, Oxford Brookes, Headington Campus

Weekly Form Competition

Form Achievement Points:

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

Individual Achievement Points:

1. Ben B
2. Morgan B
3. Taylor F

Form Attendance (%):

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

Honourable Mentions:

1. Jake F
2. Logan F
3. Tinashe M

Year 10 Academy Values Awards

respect

Morgan Ha
Khadija A
Alex B
Callum W
Binta C
Gerrad Y
Angel A
Cherry R
Alice K
Diya K
Araish A
Arjan S
Alex M
Amira N
Charlie S
Ruby Mc
Bryan J
Kashaf A

aspiration

Afser-Jehan A
Ben B
Hannah J
Flynn S
Hana R
Haris W
Finley C
Halima E-H
Eda H
Humayl K
Francesca A
Imogen J
Jamie L
Lauren B
Lucy S
Emily M
Kayla J
Maya M

resilience

Tyler W
Robert E
Maddy S
Ivo M
Musa K
Richie C
Krystain N
Lloyd L
Ines D-D
Jamini V
Harry N
Liam W
Sheza R
Zayneb B
Shannon H
Shayden A
David K
George N
Sanna F
Subhan K

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Mr O'Leary and the Year 10 Team



Mrs Leach says... Congratulations to our Spring Term award winners **Holly GC, Dillon M, Hajra A, Kayleigh E, Amna M, James W** and **Nyasha W**.

Easter Work Experience Opportunities

Young Professionals are running a pair of virtual Work Experience opportunities over the Easter break for budding lawyers and engineers.

On **Tuesday 4 April** from 10am – 4pm, students can join a host of household names on the legal circuit to take part in a variety of exciting workshops as well as hearing all about the fantastic apprenticeship programmes and alternative routes into a career that are available with these huge firms.

The following day, **Wednesday 5 April**, wannabe engineers can hear from leading industry professionals and gain exclusive insights into the various career paths available in Engineering and Construction through a day jam-packed with exciting activities and challenges that will put your skills to the test.



You can sign up for the legal industry day [here](#), and for the engineering day [here](#).

Easter Holiday GCSE Catch-ups

Music: Mr Hallam is hosting a session for GCSE music student from 9am – 3pm on **Wednesday 12 April** in B-02-06

Art: Miss Green is holding a session for GCSE arts students from 9am to 12noon on **Friday 14 April** in B-01-19.

History: There are two separate (ie, not duplicate) sessions from 10am – 3pm on **Tuesday 11 April** and **Friday 14 April** in E-02-01.

Year 11 Prom

Final Prom payment is due by **Saturday 29 April**. Please make sure you have paid the full amount.

Year 11 Leavers Hoodies

Leavers Hoodies are still available to order until the end of April. Please note we will not be able to take orders after **Sunday 30 April**.

1. Go to www.plschoolwear.co.uk
2. Click 'Aylesbury Vale Academy School Uniform'.
3. Click on the Leavers Hoody and select your size, colour, and the name you would like printed on the back.

Hoodies cost £27.50 and will be available for students at the Leavers Assembly in May.

Supporting your child through exams

Here is a list of websites and a book which are useful resources in supporting children and young people with anxiety, including [managing exam stress](#):

www.youngminds.org.uk	www.mind.org.uk	www.barnados.org.uk
www.andyresearchclinic.com	www.minded.org.uk	www.anxietyuk.org.uk

Year 11 Academy Values Awards



**James W
Tayla DB
Toby L**



**Manni S
Sumayah B
Dominico R**



**Charlie S
Lilly B
Aimee M**

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2. Aimee M
3. Tayla D

Honourable Mentions:

1. Kendra AM
2. Miguel A
3. Aishwarya A

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Mrs Leach and the Year 11 Team

Thank you for all your support