



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

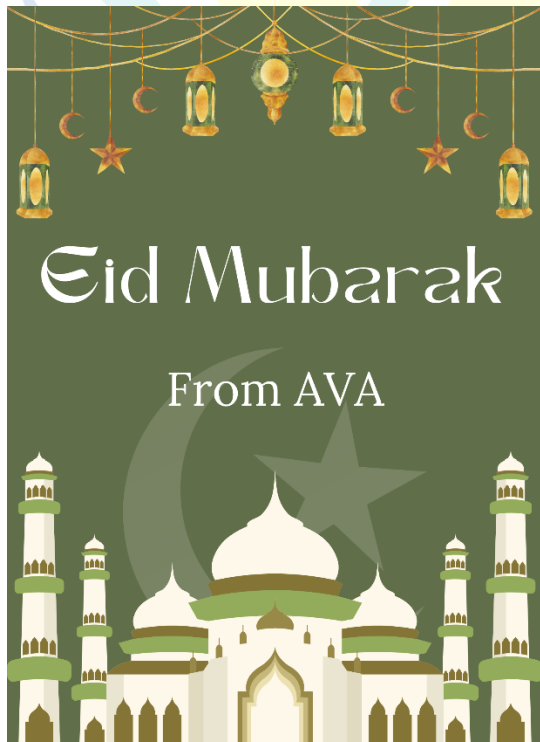
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21st April 2023

Welcome...

Eid Mubarak everyone. I hope you have had a good week. This week I delivered an assembly to all year groups exploring what the Summer Term has in store for them. For the older students this means exams and finishing off final pieces of course work and finalising choices about what they will do next year. For our younger students it is looking forward to being in an older year group next year and enjoying things like moving to a different canteen, the opportunity of trip we offer to older students or, for Year 8, the prospect of starting their GCSE subjects in September. I also took the opportunity to remind students of our basic expectations, which are to:



- Be nice and respectful
- Wear your uniform
- Attend school
- Be on time
- Work hard

I know that if students do these five simple things, they will have a successful end to this year, and a successful start to the next one.

As you will have seen from my email this week, we have the prospect of strike action on Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May. We will confirm our arrangements on Monday 24 April but I want to thank you for your support of our staff and the school at this time. The staff who are taking action feel strongly about protecting the teaching profession, as it is one of the best jobs in the world.

Finally a reminder to all those Year 11 parents out there (and anyone looking for a Sixth Form place next year), our online applications for Sixth Form places for September 2023 close on Sunday 30 April. You can submit an application [here](#). We are building our growing Sixth Form and firmly believe that it is strong, successful, and supportive.

Have a good weekend,

Gavin Gibson
Academy Principal

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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](#)



History News

Subject Superstar

This week's **History Hero** is **Isabella H** in Year 8. **Isabella** has made very good progress, achieving well above her target grade in her most recent assessment.

Year 11 GCSE Update

A reminder for Year 11 GCSE students that all class and revision materials get uploaded on to our class Microsoft Teams pages, and that lunchtime and Friday Period 6 tuition sessions continue for those who would like extra support in the run up to final examinations.

We are proud of how hard our students are working, and a special shout out goes to the following students who gave up time in their Easter breaks to attend revision sessions, demonstrating excellent aspiration and resilience.



Aaron A

Aishwarya A

Alexia C

Amna M

Daijon B

David A

Declan K

Dominico R

Hermione S

Izabela C

Jack R

James W

Junaid E

Kallum V

Lilly B

Mikolaj

Saheba Z

PE News

Athletic Achievement

We wanted to share some more of **Ibukun F**'s athletic achievements from over the Easter break.

He competed at Lee Valley in London and achieved a new personal best for his 100m sprint - putting him into 7th place in the UK for under 15 boys.

He has also been selected for the Youth Development League Competitions starting in May, and the Bucks County Champs competition. We wish him the best of luck.



MK Dons Trip

There is a trip running to the League One fixture between MK Dons and Barnsley on **Saturday 29 April**. The trip is currently active on ParentPay, so if you would like your child to attend, you can pay for this but you will also need to ensure your child receives a letter from MR Lobb. This trip is open to years 7, 8 and 9.

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)

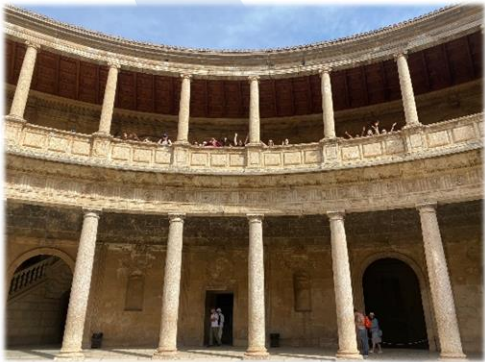
Spanish Trip

MFL trip to Andalucia (29 March - 1 April)

A total of 39 students from years 8 until year 11 travelled to Andalucia, a region located in the south of Spain at the end of last term. We visited the cities of Torremolinos, Córdoba, Granada and Málaga. AVA students showed the academy values at all times and made their accompanying teachers very proud.

Here is a statement from one of our Year 8 students, **James A:**

"I loved the trip to Andalucia. We had the opportunity to put the Spanish we had learned in lessons to good use. We were able to see the great Spanish cathedrals and manor houses, try the wonderful food and, of course, play on the beach. I would love to go back again with school or with family one day to explore more Spanish culture. Here are some amazing pics down below".



Allergy Awareness week.

At AVA we are raising awareness across both phases for Allergy Awareness Week, which takes place from Monday 24 April to Sunday 30 April.

Our secondary students will be participating in a variety of activities during form time in order to spread the message and encouraging inclusiveness, and staff will also raising funds for Allergy UK.



Supporting people living with allergy
#itstimetotakeallergyseriously

King Charles III Coronation Challenges

To celebrate the King's Coronation on **Saturday 6 May**, we are running a whole school competition, made up of a number of challenges.

Please see the attachment for full details.

Challenge 1

Make a special coronation dish for your friends/family or even street party.

It's up to you what you make
[but here are some ideas.](#)

Please take a photo for evidence.



Challenge 2

Design a new stamp for the Kings Coronation
You can look for inspiration [here](#)

Design a stamp - King Charles III

Can you design a stamp to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III?



Challenge 3

Find someone to interview who remembers the Queen's Coronation OR find clips to watch of her coronation speech and write your own speech as if you were being crowned.

Think about what you would promise the nation.
Either write up your speech/interview or even do both!



Challenge 4

Submit a digital poster designs which reflect one or more of these key themes:

**Community, Diversity,
Sustainability and Youth.**

You can find ideas and how to enter [here](#)



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Challenge 5

The King loves nature and the environment - you can choose from these challenges below:

- Plant a tree or plant bulbs in pots and give them to people.
- Go on a litter pick to help the environment in your local area
- Go on a scavenger hunt and find something for each letter of "King Charles" to put in your window



RESILIENCE

Challenge 6

If you were in charge of the Coronation concert, what songs would you choose?

Make a playlist of them.



Bonus challenge:

Make up a dance move / routine to celebrate the King

ASPIRATION

AVA'bury Festival 2023

AVA are excited to announce that tickets to the upcoming AVA'Bury Festival are now available via the PTA-Events website, [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

Sponsoring AVA events

We are looking for local businesses to sponsor our upcoming events, such as the AVA'Bury Festival. If you would like free publicity for your event, please let us know.

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1-7PM

For more detail contact:
avafestival@theacademy.me

Leading Parent Partnership Award



Thank you to everyone who has completed the LPPA evaluation form, we are now looking at the results and will be using these to strengthen the schools parent partnership.

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

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](#).

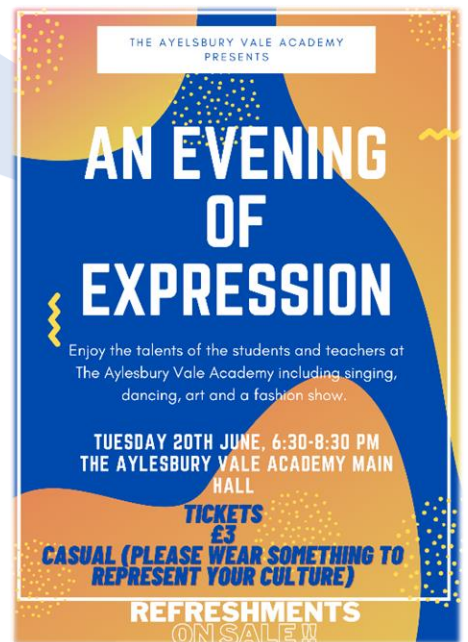
If you have any queries about this survey, please contact us.

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 showcase 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 for only £3 and be a part of something truly special.



Careers

Careers Fair

Aylesbury Vale Academy hosted a Careers Fair for our learners from year 6 to year 13 on Thursday. Altogether there were 22 different industries represented. There were universities and colleges present to tell learners more about their options. The older year groups had talks about T-Levels, Apprenticeships and what a university courses offer.



Adviza webinars

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.

Textiles: Tuesday 23 May, 6pm to 7pm: The textile industry offers careers in creative design and fabric technology. Come along to this webinar to find out if there's something right for you.

Armed Forces Webinar: Tuesday 25 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... It was fantastic to welcome year 7 back after a long break. We hope you all had a restful break. They all looked very smart in their uniforms and got right back into routines. We look forward to sharing all the exciting things to come this term.

Year 7 parents evening is less than two weeks away and will be hosted at the school. Please make sure you book your appointments on school cloud. If you are having any difficulties, don't hesitate to contact us.



Students must make sure to write their timetables in their planners, so they have a spare copy if they lose it or have left it at home. It is very important that all students arrive to lessons on time to make a prompt start to their learning. PE kit must be brought in when they have PE lessons.

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 booklet, look at the skills they want to improve for future job prospects. On Thursday Mrs Marina planned the Careers fair, which gave the students an opportunity to talk to a range of colleges and future employers. This week's assembly was delivered by Mr Gibson, on aspirations and getting back into routines.

Dates for you Diaries:

Friday 19 May – Sunday 21 May PGL Trip for Years 7 and 8

Thursday 4 May Parents' Evening

Year 7 Academy Values Awards

respect

Amir C
Sharon G
Matei R
Nica W
Joseph C
Callum W
Izzy B
Anwen R
Caleb B
Sumayyah N

aspiration

Jake C
Megan L
Noor B
Emily F
Alfie J
Asher A
Kian B
Freya B
Sophie K
Rachel C
Luqman Q
Bella H

resilience

Madi B
Roni W
Emilja S
Roxanne B
Amber W
Abigale G
Chloe W
Alex R
Mollie B
Liam C
Harmony-Grace F
Ava G

Weekly Form Competition

Form Achievement Points:

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

Individual Achievement Points:

1. Will B
2. Kyle S
3. Toby P

Form Attendance (%):

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

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



Ms Dutson says... A fantastic start has been made by our year 8 students this week. After a well- needed two-week Easter break, students have returned refreshed and reset, ready for a busy but very rewarding final summer term.

An assembly from Mr Gibson this week reinforced AVA's expectations and outlined the fantastic achievements made by year 8 students currently this academic year.

Year 8s also had a fantastic experience during our annual careers fair this Thursday. They had the chance to meet and talk to a range of different career exhibitors including the marines, air force, and navy, five universities, the sport, banking, and

accounting industries, as well as exhibitors from health care, childcare and education, animals, construction, art and design, fashion and film and TV. We hope this was a useful and fulfilling opportunity and I look forward to talking about our students experience of this in the coming week.

Year 8 have the opportunity to attend a PE trip next week to watching MK Dons football team play Barnsley in a League One match. They need to speak to Mr Lobb if they are interested in this fantastic chance.

Greatmoor EfW Geography trip

Well done to the 30 Year 8 students who attended the Geography trip. They were fantastic representatives of the academy and showed great enthusiasm. There were lots of wows at some of the facts and they mentioned the smell a few times, but they all had a great time.

Greatmoor offer free tours for the public, so if you would be interested in taking your children you can use the following

link <https://www.greatmoor.co.uk/open-days/>



Year 8 Academy Values Awards

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Kartik V
Sam K
Oliver M

aspiration

Liam S
Christopher W
Ava H

resilience

Tyler M
Kai G
Ewan B

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Ms Dutson and the Year 8 Team



Mr Hawley says... Welcome back. This has been a fairly serene week with students glad to be back or at least tired from Easter. Nice to see lots of smiling faces looking back at me, wishing me good morning and talks about holidays what everyone got up to with their friends.

The World Challenge team met formally for the first time today to discuss different tactics about how they can get more money. They are designing charity boxes to put into the local stores. So if you see one around please donate.

As the sun begins to come out we have started seeing students arrive to school with water pistols. As I'm sure you can imagine, these are less than helpful in trying to run a tranquil and productive year group. If parents could assist us in keeping a look out to ensure that no one has one that would be great.

This Thursday we had a fantastic Careers Fair organised by Mrs Marina. The students had a half hour talk from Bucks College, and it was really good for students to hear about the options open to them.

The students then got to go to the Careers Fair in the Sports Hall to explore what might interest them in the future. They had everything from the Royal Navy and NHS to working with the wildlife. 99.9% of the year group took a library of leaflets, and even donated to me some of their free pens.

However, unfortunately one student took it upon themselves to remove a mask from the Theatre Stall. The mask was dropped on the floor when it was announced that no one would leave until it was found, so if parents uncover any details, please do let me know.

Dates for you Diaries:

Wednesday 21 June Hampton Court Palace trip



**Buckinghamshire
College Group**

Year 9 Academy Values Awards

respect

Summer E and Lily S for going out of their way to look after another student simply because it was the right thing to do. In their words 'we wouldn't like it if that was us'.

aspiration

Jenny T for listening to the careers day and taking it seriously. Just remember, you don't have you choose right this minute, but you're doing the right thing by thinking about it.

resilience

Rehan N for turning a corner this last term. Rehan has learned a lot about himself and the kind of man he wants to be during this, time. I am proud of the progress he has made.

Weekly Form Competition

Form Achievement Points:

1. **Nair's Nightmares and Kissick's Komets**
2. **Bernard's Bastions**

Individual Achievement Points:

1. **Haider A**
2. **Megan W**
3. **George N**

Form Attendance (%):

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

Special Mentions

1. **Ajitesh N**
2. **Lexi N**
3. **Shrid B**

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Mr Hawley and the Year 9 Team



Mr O'Leary says... Welcome back to the Year 10's after a 2 week break, I hope you and your families had a good Easter break. The year group have settled back into Academy life and have started the term in a positive way. The year group start their Work Experience next year and I hope they have a successful week and enjoy the experience.

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.

Dates for you Diaries:

Monday 24 April – Friday 28 April Work Experience

Wednesday 24 May Career Passport Day, Oxford Brookes Headington Campus

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 – Mr Gibson - Expectations
Wednesday	Literacy
Thursday	Careers
Friday	AD Assembly – Work Experience

Year 10 Academy Values Awards

respect

Alice K
Angel A
Gerrad Y
Halima E-H
Ines D-D
Yahya K

aspiration

Afser-Jehan A
Araish A
Hannah J
Jamini V
Sophia D

resilience

Amel H
Diya K
Flynn S
Haris W
Janhavi K
Max C
Zak B

Weekly Form Competition

Form Achievement Points:

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

Form Attendance (%):

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

Individual Achievement Points:

1. Janhavi K
2. Subhan K
3. Asfer-Jehan A

Honourable Mentions:

1. Hayden T
2. Oscar B
3. Rahima E-H

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Mr O'Leary and the Year 10 Team



Mrs Leach says... Mr Gibson hosted the Year 11 assemblies this week. On Thursday he focused on exam stress and staying calm during the exam season. Research shows that having someone to talk to can help relieve this stress. Support from a parent, teacher or friend can help young people share their worries and keep things in perspective.

You can watch out for signs of stress and encourage your child to talk to a member of school staff or someone who they feel is supportive. If you feel your child isn't coping, it may also be helpful for you to talk to their teachers at school.

Encourage and support your child to build and maintain healthy habits before and during the exam period, such as eating a healthy balanced diet, staying hydrated, getting enough sleep, doing exercise, having time to relax and socialise with friends.

Remind your child that feeling nervous and anxious is normal. Support them to be organised, have a routine and build a revision timetable. Try not to add to their pressure by being flexible with them. Talk to them about how they feel, remind them of their goals in life and motivate them to stay focused. Staying calm will help them remain calm – and exams don't last forever.

Work experience opportunity:

We have 2 very unique work experience courses coming up soon, an online course that can be enjoyed at home and an in person course in London.

Our online course takes place on **Saturday 13 May** and is a day of Surgery work experience. This interactive day is delivered by practising surgeons & current medical students and is designed to give students a meaningful insight into careers in medicine and surgery. Students can find out more and register [here](#).

The in person course takes place at Kings in London on Sunday 21 May 2023 where students aged 14 to 18 are allowed to enter the dissection room. It is real dissection room with NHS doctors. When we ran this one in December, students from all over the UK and Europe travelled to attend. Students can find out more and register [here](#).

Sixth Form Applications

We're now approaching the deadline for applications to AVA's Sixth Form, with applications closing on Sunday 30 April. If you would like to speak to the Sixth Form team, please drop us an email at avasixthform@theacademy.me.

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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

Dates for you Diaries:

Monday 15 May Summer exams begin

Friday 26 May Leavers' Assembly

Monday 5 June Students expected at school **only** for exams

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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3. Franklin 3

Individual Achievement Points:

1. Dillon M
2. Aimee M
3. Tayla D

Honourable Mentions:

1. Kendra A-M
2. Miguel M
3. Aishwarya A

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Mrs Leach and the Year 11 Team



Mrs Sharma says... Each year, our Health and Social Care students volunteer their time in various care settings to gain invaluable experience in industry. This term, two of our Year 13 students, **Sara A** and **Lucy J**, have received a special commendation from a resident's family at the Avondale Care home.

The family member said: "I have seen them both at work during a number of my visits, and they are both polite and eloquent young ladies who show care and empathy with the residents."

Our Year 13 student, Jessica Gadirova, went to Antalya, Turkey, for the European Gymnastics Championship as part of Team GB. Jessica had an outstanding Championships, securing three gold medals in the team final, all round final and the floor final, retaining her European title in the floor event for the third successive year.

Jessica says: "I still can't believe I have achieved all of this, and I just feel over the moon and so happy!".

We are truly proud of Jessica's achievements and wish her all the very best for the future.

**Any enquiries, please contact post16enquiries@theacademy.me
Mrs Sharma and the 6th Form Team**



Thank you for all your support