



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Welcome

Like for many of you, it has been a hot week. The glorious sunshine is hugely preferable to what has been and extremely long winter and spring. Sunshine also helps us release endorphins which puts people in a better mood. It also means that we are getting ever closer to the end of the school year. Therefore, a reminder that **we finish at 1:25pm on Friday 16th July.**



As we come to the end of the year, we are also looking for the views of parents. Below is a very, very short survey on our school values but next week I would like to send out a survey asking for views on the education and support your child receives. Please look out for this letter.

I also want to share with you a statement created by our student 'Equality and Diversity Group' this week who have expressed their voice. I think it truly shows how important it is for young people to be heard in our society:

“At The Aylesbury Vale Academy we are not all the same.

We choose to respect and accept our differences and celebrate our uniqueness.

We work together to help each other succeed.”

Clear and simple. Sometimes we need to leave it to the young people to tell us how it is.

If you have any questions about anything in this bulletin, please contact enquiries@theacademy.me

Take care and stay safe

Gavin Gibson

Academy Principal

School Values Survey

'Values' are what we believe in and help to guide us in what we do everyday. We would like to review our school values so that we can work together to become better as a school and to help us become better people.



All the staff, the Secondary Student Council and the Primary Student Parliament have selected 6 value words after voting from a list of 50.

Students are in the process of ranking these value words and we would be grateful for some parent feedback too.

Give us your opinion of which of these words are the most important to you by completing the following link.

[SCHOOL VALUES SURVEY](#)

It should take no more than 5 minutes and your answers will be anonymous.

Thank you

Water Bottles

A reminder for students during the warmer weather. Students cannot use the water fountain to drink from directly due to Covid restrictions. Please can you make sure your child has a water bottle that they can use to refill from the water fountains. This should be done *during* break and lunch or between lessons, *not* at the very end of break and lunch.



Year 7 Ambassadors

This morning 6 of our Year 7 students supported our Primary students and presented to the Year 6 students that will soon be transitioning to Secondary. They spent the last two weeks preparing for this presentation and did an amazing job.

They then spent another 15 min answering questions from them and did us proud.



Summer Term Reports Years 7-10

Further to an email sent to all Year 7-10 Parents/Carers, a reminder that your child's Summer term grades report is now available via the downloads section of your child's EduLink account. Full instructions on how to log in and navigate EduLink are available on the 'Parents' section of our website.

If you registered your email address with the Academy but have not yet set up an account with EduLink you should have received an email reminder inviting you to register your account. If you are having difficulties accessing your account please email enquiries@theacademy.me with your name, your child's name and year group and a description of your enquiry and we will forward to the relevant member of staff.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Practice Walk and Training Day (Friday 25 June)

A reminder that on Friday 25th June, Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh's Award students will be completing a practice walk and training day ahead of their qualifying expedition on the 2nd/3rd July. Students should wear appropriate walking clothes and boots and should bring with them their lunch, snacks and water (***please do not pack any food containing nut products***). Students will start and finish school at the normal times.

Personal, Social & Health Education

As a part of your child's education at the Aylesbury Vale Academy we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive PSHE (Personal, Social & Health Education) and RSE (Relationships & Sexual Education)



curriculum. This curriculum has taken into account the parent consultations of last year and has been successfully up and running for the academic year 2020/2021. We have also listened to the voice of our students and adapted the curriculum to suit our students. The students are enthusiastic about learning and developing in PSHE as it is the curriculum subject that gives young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential. The PSHE and RSE policy is available for you to view on our website [here](#). If after reading the policy you would like to find out more or discuss any concerns, we would request that you fill out the form below and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

[PSHE FEEDBACK FORM](#)

Ms O'Loughlin, Curriculum Leader for PSHE and RSE

Read to Succeed

Our new reading scheme has now launched throughout the Secondary phase of AVA and I'm delighted to say that many of our students have taken the opportunity to borrow books from the library - either during English lessons taking part in the library or as part of tutor groups who have visited the library during form time. We hope that many students will take their books home and spend some of their free time reading their chosen books.



Mr Cluett, Librarian

Regular Messages

Lateral Flow Tests

Please can I remind parents to continue to conduct your Lateral Flow Tests at home on Wednesdays and Sundays and log your result with us:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vujYj3JiOk-ROacP9_VtsLsz7hMW8FICt826ukpqQWFUMTIRUFZYQjJFSkJDNDYzQkU1TTQ2M1hUSS4u



Furthermore, **if your child tests positive or displays symptoms, please do not send them into school** and call 01296 428551 or email enquiries@theacademy.me

Attendance Matters

Good attendance at school is essential for students to do well. It is very important that students should attend school regularly and arrive on time. Time missed from school can have serious educational consequences. It is parents/carers responsibility to ensure that students are at school on time, every day, unless they have a good reason for absence.



If for any reason students are unable to attend school, parents/carers must notify the school on each day of absence either by phoning 01296 428551, pushing option 1 for absence line or emailing attendance@theacademy.me. Students must also bring a note of explanation on the day they return to school.

Any parent/carer wishing to discuss their son's/daughter's attendance is welcome to contact the school's Attendance Officer using the contract detail above.

Parents/carers are advised that a students' persistent unauthorised absence from school may lead to a fine being issued.

Attendance Team

Hay Fever Medication

Due to the very high pollen count this time of year, we need to remind you that we cannot administer hay fever medication in school unless we have signed consent and you have provided the medication.



All students who require medication should be taking this before they leave for school. If you need to discuss this with the Medical Officer Mrs Ripley please call Main Reception or email enquiries@theacademy.me.

Ms Ripley, Medical Officer

Monthly Careers Newsletter - June 2021

To all parents, especially those of whose children are in Key Stage 4 and 6th Form, the link below is of a comprehensive careers monthly newsletter for parents and carers. You'll also find events, activities and on university, work experience, understanding the job market, skills, Labour Market Information (LMI) and everything you need to help prepare young people to enter the fast-changing world of work. Please click on this [LINK](#)



Mr Anandavasagar, Careers lead

Uniform Exchange

If your child has grown out of their blazer or branded PE kit, we will happily take it off your hands. Similarly, if you have a blazer that you want to swap for a different size, and it is in reasonably good condition, we are happy to swap for a larger one if we have one.



Thank you for everything you are doing to support the children at the Aylesbury Vale Academy.

Stay safe.