



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Welcome

At last some good weather has arrived which does a great job of cheering everyone up. Students go outside more, get more fresh air and, in turn concentrate better in lessons. Fingers cross for more sunshine!

A reminder that we now have two weeks left until the end of the Spring term. **We will finish at 3:00pm on Friday 8th April.**

Covid Update

I am pleased to say that we still have very low Covid numbers across the Academy with only **5 cases among 1789 students** (primary and secondary). However, if you are still a little unclear about what the 'rules' are currently, I hope this will help:



What to do if you have symptoms

If you have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, even if they're mild:

1. Get a **PCR test** (test that is sent to a lab) to check if you have COVID-19 as soon as possible.
2. Try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until you get your test result.

Get a PCR test to check if you have COVID-19 on GOV.UK

You should stay at home and avoid contact with other people if you:

- have any of the [main symptoms of COVID-19](#)
- have tested positive for COVID-19 – this means you have the virus

While you're no longer required by law to self-isolate if you have COVID-19, you should still stay at home and avoid contact with other people. This helps reduce the chance of passing COVID-19 on to others.

If you have COVID-19, you can infect other people for at least 5 days from when your symptoms start. If you LFT when you are symptomatic you are highly likely to spread the virus due to a possible false negative on an LFT. Please get a PCR. We would rather 1 student self isolate for 5 days following a PCR than the next week have 5 students needing to do so.

Get advice about [staying at home and avoiding contact with others if you have COVID-19](#).

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

Have a good weekend.

Gavin Gibson

Academy Principal

History Hero

This week's History Hero is **Alexsandra Navrocka** for great progress and hard work in her Year 9 GCSE studies.

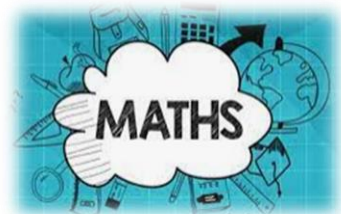


Keep it up!

History Team

Maths Challenge

Our winner for this week's Maths Challenge is **Malaika Qadeer** of 9Fr1. Well done **Malaika** for being very **resilient** and winning the challenge.



Mr Binns

PE News

Year 8 Football vs Cottesloe (15/03/22)

The game started with both sides having their fair share of chances. By half time the score was tied with Cottesloe hitting the cross bar and the post on separate occasions. The game played on into the final seconds where **Azaan Aslam** poked the ball past the Cottesloe goalkeeper with barely enough time for a restart.



Man of the Match: **Charlie Saunders**

Final Score: 1-0 to AVA!

Goal- Azaan Aslam

Rotary Club Young Writers Competition

Congratulations to **Julia Borucinska** (Year 7) and **Kallum Veeriah** (Year 10) who competed with 25 other schools in a Rotary Club Young Writers Competition. They were awarded Runner Up prizes in the competition. The judge Rebecca Levene (British author and editor) noted clever uses of language in Julia's piece and "good propulsive rhythm, very original take on the theme and with something real and important to say" in Kallum's. Well done to both!



Geographer of the Week

Every week we nominate a Geographer of the week, for outstanding work and effort in Geography. This week we have nominated **Joshua Osborn**. Joshua has shown aspiration in lesson as he works very hard on every task and is committed to doing well in Geography. He has shown real depth to his answers by responding well to feedback and gaining more knowledge when participating in classroom discussions. He has shown progress in his assessment and continues to show **resilience** in all lessons.



Well done!

Geography Team.

Ski Trip 2023: Austria- 10th Feb-18th Feb 2023

The annual Ski Trip will be taking place again next year during February half term to Austria. If any students in Year 5-10 are interested in attending, please ask your child to collect an information letter from the PE office and return to Miss Fuller

Year 7

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Update

Last Friday we welcomed Mrs Ripley, our Medical Officer to our Assembly who delivered a presentation on allergies and anaphylactic shock. It was very informative, students were made aware of potential signs and symptoms and shown what medication looks like. **Zack P** was invited down to the front and provided a guided demonstration of using an Epi-pen on an orange – a big well done and thank you to him.

Science Week

This week the Academy has been recognising Science Week - for Year 7 this has taken the form of visits to form rooms by our Year 11 Science Ambassadors. Live experiments were demonstrated to explore air pressure using a heat source, beaker and an egg. Students were encouraged to ask questions, it is our hope that we ignite a scientific interest within our co-hort and encourage them to explore concepts further.

Achievement Awards

Well done to the following students for receiving their Bronze and Silver Awards:

Bronze - Mohammad S, Chantelle, Jasmine R, Harry L, Kaitlin, Leigha, Jasmine J, Lexi, Hafsa, Harry T, Connor M, Harry M, Krishna, Emily O

Silver- Ethan C, Ollie E, Peyton

Academy Values Awards

Well done to the students below who have been awarded the Resilience, Aspiration, and Respect award. These students have been nominated by their classroom teachers.

The following students were commended for their efforts:

Respect: Abjhot, Lamin, Shannon, Shanade, Zeeshan

Aspiration: Kaitlin, Emily, Jack W, James A, Zoe U

Resilience: Alex J, Daniel, Louis R, Jamie O, Victor

Keep up the good work everyone!

Lockers

Please could our parents/carers support us by encouraging Year 7s not to share lockers. This leads to confusion and students not being able to collect their kit or equipment at the appropriate time.

Any enquiries, please contact year7enquiries@theacademy.me

Ms Dutson and the Year 7 Team



Year 8

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Update

This week in tutor time students continues with the tutor program, Monday they were reading Running Wild by Michael Morpurgo, Tuesday numeracy and Wednesday debate. They also had a few demonstrations from year 11 students for Science week.

Our assembly this week was also related to Science week. Ms Blake-Huggins deliver a fantastic assembly on growth and changes in the world of Science, who knows maybe there will be a trip to Mars in the future.

Academy Values Awards

Well done to the students below who have been awarded the Resilience, Aspiration, and Respect award. These students have been nominated by their classroom teachers. The following students were commended for their efforts:

Respect: James H, Talia R, Matthew H, Ana Q, Sahiba F, Michaela C.

Aspiration: Reuben S, Jessica W, Elisa W, Finley B, Kiah T, Taia D.

Resilience: George N, Albert G, Joshua H, Skye WS, E'Sa F, Zachary S.

Any enquiries, please contact year8enquiries@theacademy.me

Mrs Lloyd and the Year 8 Team



Year 9



Update

Tutor time has followed a different theme for this week and was on Celebrating successes and Personal Development Records

On Monday, students received their achievement point certificates, in total 207 certificates were given out. During tutor time on Tuesday/Thursday and Friday, the activities included the students updating their Personal development records looking at individual areas. These included:

- Films
- Trips
- Visitors
- Extra-Curricular Clubs/Activities
- Assembly/Tutorial Presentations
- Community Support
- Personal Achievements

This week's assembly was on the theme of Science Week and was led by Mrs Blake-Huggins

Key Dates

Wednesday 6th April – Paradise Wildlife Park – the information for this trip will be available shortly.

Academy Values Awards

Well done to the students below who have been awarded achievement points for showing Academy values. These students have been awarded these by their classroom teachers:

Respect: Dillon E, Lara B, Bryan J, Diya K, Mya-Ruby L-L, Carla P, Abigail S, Myra Z, Summer C, Jamini V

Aspiration: Riley B, Mia A, Charlie D, Halima E-H, Subhan K, Janhavi K, Osalumese A

Resilience: Ibbi I, Alfie C, Eda H, Alice K, Lacey M, Chantai C, Niran R

Any enquiries, please contact year9enquiries@theacademy.me

Mr O'Leary and the Year 9 Team



Year 10 & Year 11

Careers Update

Year 10 and 11 were offered an exciting opportunity this week to experience what it is like working in aviation with British Airways. The



event is free and has been offered everyone, if your child is interested in finding out about careers with British Airways then please could they complete the short survey in this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/British-Airways>

Year 11 GCSEs are fast approaching with the Art exam taking place on the 4th April. All other GCSEs start from the 16th May and will run for 4 weeks, once Year 11 exams are completed Year 10 will have Summer mocks in the hall. Please talk to your child about their revision plan for their upcoming exams, you can also support them by accessing the following platforms:

<https://www.gcsepod.com/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

10 Faraday 1 - Masked Reader Winners

Congratulations to Faraday 1 who were champion in identifying the Masked Reader. The Masked Reader was a competition to identify the teacher reading the poem behind the mask. Faraday 1 won this competition and will be rewarded breakfast. Well done.

Year 10 Academy Values Awards

Well done to the students below who have been awarded the Resilience, Aspiration, and Respect award. These students have been nominated by their classroom teachers. The following students were commended for their efforts:

Respect: Tayla D

Aspiration: Toby L

Resilience: Daisy W



Any enquiries, please contact year10enquiries@theacademy.me

Ms Pinker and the Year 10 Team

Year 11 Prom Shop

We transformed the media classrooms into a prom shop on Wednesday after school. Thank you to everyone who contributed, we had a fantastic range of dresses and suits. We can't wait to see the students wearing their outfits on the big night.

Leavers Hoodies

Leavers hoodies are available to purchase via the PLC Schoolwear. Please use the following link to order your child's leavers hoodie <https://plschoolwear.co.uk/shop/aylesbury-vale-academy/ava-girls/aylesbury-vale-acadamey-year-11-leavers-hoodies/> Hoodies will be given out at the leavers assembly.

Year 11 Academy Values Awards

Well done to the students below who have been awarded the Resilience, Aspiration, and Respect award. These students have been nominated by their classroom teachers.

The following students were commended for their efforts:

Respect: Tatiana F

Aspiration: Ruby W

Resilience: Isabella S



Well done!

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Mrs Leach and the Year 11 Team

Thank you for all your support