



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Welcome

We are one week away from the end of term and there is still much to do. Many year groups have been on reward trips based on their behaviour, attendance and achievements. There is a chance for all students to benefit from these in the future as we measure behaviour, attendance and achievement from January to give **everyone** a chance to be rewarded. That is what our value of **aspiration** is all about.

A reminder also that **our last day of term is Friday 17th December and we finish at 13:25**. Buses will collect students at this time.

We also **return to school on Wednesday 5th January**. There will be a slight staggered start for some year groups as we have to conduct in-school Lateral Flow Tests of every student before they start the term. More details to follow.

If you have any questions regarding the information in this bulletin or anything else, please contact using the following email: enquiries@theacademy.me or by emailing one of the specific year teams using their direct email below. This is always the most efficient way to get through.

Have a good weekend.

Gavin Gibson

Academy Principal

AVA Sixth Form Courses for September 2022

We are building on our successes and growing our Sixth Form and adding new courses. Currently, our students achieve an average grade of 'Distinction' (A Level B+ Grade equivalent) in their in Level 3 vocational courses.

We are designing a new prospectus with a variety of new subjects, if you would like more information please email: avasixthform@theacademy.me



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SIXTH FORM

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A Sixth Form that is...

STRONG • SUCCESSFUL • SUPPORTIVE

Do You Read the Parent Bulletin?

As a parent, I know how busy it can be keeping track. WE are keen to know if the bulletin reaches all parents. If you haven't done so already, please take 10 seconds and 2 clicks to answer the question in the link:

['Yes I read the parent bulletin.'](#)



Physical Education Update

A massive well done to the below students who have been nominated by the PE Department for Student of the Month. They have been fantastic role models this month in the department and around the school. These students will be entered into a draw for a reward trip at the end of the year. Congratulations to all!

Bradley Burles Year 8

Vitor Vieira Year 8

Summer White Year 8

Maddie Wilson Year 12

Joleen Chapman Year 8

Olimpia Sledz Year 10

Claire Haydon Year 7

History Heroes



This week's History Hero is Tamzin Aiken in Year 8 for her hard work, excellent progress and positive attitude in History

Congratulations!

History Team

Reindeer at Waddesdon Manor

This year's Christmas decorations at Waddesdon Manor is based on the "The Illuminated River, Bridges, Boats and Beyond" As part of the festival were invited to decorate a reindeer in the style of Turner, London and Christmas. If you are visiting the Manor this year, please look out for the wonderful AVA reindeer which is located in Miss Amice's Drive.

Well done to all the students who contributed in creating the reindeer.

Miss C Dadson



New Parent Pay Shop

We are pleased to be launching over the next few days our new 'Parent Pay Shop'. This will make easier to purchase items such as revision guides as well as giving more detail on each item. A link will 'pop up' to take you to this when you log in to Parent Pay as present, and a link will also be provided direct from our website. We are confident this will make it easier to locate and purchase the items you require.



Food Parcels

Aylesbury based charity, The Vineyard in Gatehouse Close, Aylesbury, HP19 8DN have food parcels available. These are adapted for each individual family. Opening hours are:

- Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

If you wish to call prior to visiting, their contact number is 01296 424400".



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 Eda Helvacioğlu, she has worked hard and produced outstanding work in lessons and at home.



Well done!

Geography Team.

Year 7

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Year 7 Ambassadors and Student Council

Over this term the Yr 7 Team have been working with the students on identifying those who would like to have a role as an Ambassador. Students had to apply for the positions as they came available, and we are very pleased to announce the following:

- **Well-being Ambassadors:** Zak P, Claire H, Billie Rose B, James A, Nathan H
- **Equality and Diversity Ambassadors:** Mischa K, Evie S
- **School Council Ambassadors:** Rupert W, Paige D, Alexandra M, Sofia B, Lily M, Michaela S
- **Achievement Director/Form Ambassadors:**

Faraday 1 - Leo P

Faraday 2 - Alysia G

Faraday 3 - James K

Franklin 1 - Bahiti L

Franklin 2 - AJ M

Franklin 3 - Kaya N

Nobel 1 - Freddie K

Nobel 2 - Hanifa S

Nobel 3 - Ryan AV

Students not selected to be Achievement Director/Tutor Ambassadors for the Spring Term will receive the opportunity in the Summer Term.

Tutor Time Activities

We are coming to the final chapters of Pax and all of them will be receiving their certificates over the coming days. I very much hope your child has enjoyed the story. In the New Year we will commence a new initiative during tutor time under the direction of the English Department.

Students are also currently finalising their presentations centred around British Values. Some form groups have been delivered theirs to each other in forms. A big well done to Mr Williamson and 7 Franklin 3 for getting involved and presenting some amazing work.

Panto

A good time was had by all the Year 7s and staff who were on the trip, behaviour was exemplary. Plans will commence, after the holiday, on our next awards trip hopefully at Easter.

A Monster Calls Production

I very much hope parents and carers of the Year 7s who attended A Monster Calls enjoyed it as much as I. What an emotional and thought-provoking production, a big well done and shout out to all involved but a special mention to our year 7's who took part: **Sofia B, Alex J, Olivia U Cai W, Amanda M, Elysia G, Rupert W, Kaya N** and **Alexandra M** who must have moved the chair a dozen times.

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:

Respect: Kenny H

Aspiration: Kelly A, Unai G, Temiloluwa O, Freya Richards

Resilience: Alexandra M, Jasmin Johnson, Hanifa S,

Over the course of the next week, we will be preparing for our half termly awards assembly, all nominees and winners will be posted in our final messages for 2021

Well done to all

Any enquiries, please contact year7enquiries@theacademy.me

Ms Dutson and the Year 7 Team



Year 8

Parents' Evening 9th December

Year 8 virtual Parents Evening was a great success. Thank you to all those that attended. If you require further information, please do get in touch.



Year 8 Reports

Year 8 school reports are now available on Edulink. Please log on to see your child's progress so far.

Reward Trip

On Thursday we rewarded 100 year 8 students with a trip to the theatre to watch the Panto 'Cinderella'. This was for students with a high number of achievement points, 0 behaviour points, and excellent attendance. The students had a fantastic time and really enjoyed this experience. We look forward to more trip in the future to reward students who work hard and demonstrate our school values throughout the year.



Nominations for this week's awards for Respect, Aspiration and Resilience will be added to our celebration assembly which will take place on Thursday 16th December.



Any questions or enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact the Year 8 team.

Any enquiries, please contact year8enquiries@theacademy.me

Mrs Lloyd and the Year 8 Team

Year 9

Update

During tutor time on Tuesday and Friday, students have completed their presentations on charity and fundraising. Students got themselves into groups of 4/5 and delivered their presentations to their tutor group.



This week's assembly was on the theme of Advent led by Reverend Lane.

Academy Values Awards

This week's nomination from staff will go towards the Year 9 celebration assembly which will be held on Wednesday 15th December

Students will be awarded for Resilience, Aspiration, and Respect. These students have been nominated by their classroom teachers. Good luck to all

Any enquiries, please contact year9enquiries@theacademy.me
Mr O'Leary and the Year 9 Team



Year 10

A Monster Calls

Congratulations to the following Year 10 students who participated in the school play. We are so proud of you!:

Connor – Kajus A
Monster – Blessing A
Lily – Ipsha S
Sully – Kendra A

Anton – Olly S
Miss Godfrey – Kayleigh E
Mr Marl – Ted A (also King)
Principle Ensemble - Hermione S

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These students were rewarded an amazon voucher and achievement points for their **aspiration** and **resilience** during rehearsals and the main performances.

Year 10 and 11 Rewards Cinema Trip - Wednesday 15th December

Chosen students have been invited to attend a cinema trip to the Funky cinema in Aylesbury to watch either of the following films: The Grinch, Home Alone, Elf. Students will have the opportunity to vote the film they would like to see - the film with the most votes will be the film the students watch. This is a great opportunity to visit an independent cinema and for the chosen students to be rewarded for their hard work, dedication, **respect**, **aspiration**, and **resilience**. Students who were chosen was filtered down by 100% attendance, highest achievement points and zero behaviour points. Deadline for payment on this trip is **10th December**, if your child does not want to attend, please do let us know so we can offer out the place to another student. Please make sure that the **medical** form is returned/completed.

Year 10 vs Year 11 Christmas Quiz

To celebrate this half-term year 10 students will compete against the year 11 students in a Christmas quiz hosted by Miss Pinker and Miss Leach on a live MS Teams call. Students will be given a series of rounds and the form/year group with the most correct answers will win. The categories for the quiz are:

1. Guess the teacher from their baby photo
2. Guess the Christmas emoji phrase
3. Guess the logo
4. Escape room - where they will need to crack a code to 'leave' the classroom. First form to escape their class wins.

This will be on days in the last week of half-term (WB 13th December).
A fantastic display of the school's core values, congratulations. Keep up the great work!

Reflective Club

This week we looked at collage. The students could choose what they wanted to do. Some of them chose the first letter of their name, others chose to make pictures using the pattern from the wallpaper provided.



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Ms Pinker and the Year 10 Team

Year 11

Update

Year 11 have completed most of their mocks now with only Psychics to complete on Monday. The students have done extremely well, and we are all excited to see their results. As mentioned last week we have a mock results day on Friday 14th January, the day will start with the students opening their envelopes and reflecting on their results. We then have Study Higher from Bucks University coming in to work with the students about future options and what they can achieve with their GCSEs.

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Careers Opportunities

If your child would like a careers appointment, then we can arrange this with Aviza who visit the school weekly. Student are encouraged to ask Mrs Leach to book their appointment. Also, Educational establishments are now starting to promote their open evenings/days. Make sure you look at the college or school your child wishes to attend and go and look around to make sure it is right for them.



King's College, London is offering our students a **free** online Media and Dentistry lecture series. Over the course of the 13 lecture programme students will hear from speakers working in varied specialities and at different career stages in healthcare. Last year's lectures included topics such as cardiology, prosthodontics, renal transplant, as well as the medical student experience. The lecture series is designed to give students an understanding of the range of opportunities in medicine and dentistry and the realities of being a healthcare professional.

Students will also learn about the different elements of the application process, such as the UCAT, personal statements, and interviews.

Lectures will be held on Tuesday evenings at 6-7.15pm and will run in blocks of three throughout 2022. The first three lectures will take place on the 1st February, 8th February, and 15th February. The remaining three blocks of lectures will take place in Spring and Summer.

For more information and to apply, [students should follow this link](#). The deadline to apply is **Friday 10th December 2021**

There is also still time for our students to sign up to attend the Ward Round Live. Ward Round Live course is a LIVE, highly interactive, online experience where students are taught by an NHS Doctor to assess and speak to 'LIVE' patients from the studio ward.

Ward Round Live 2021 remaining available dates:

- **Saturday 11th December 2021**

The course is suitable for 15+ who are interested in studying medicine. To read more about the course, including price, timings, and to book a space, students can follow the link here: <https://educationprojects.co.uk/courses/ward-round-live/>.

Modest Management are looking for teens aged 15-19 year old male and female singers to audition for an incredible upcoming new project. If you are interested in these auditions please have a look at their website: www.newrulesband.com / <https://www.instagram.com/newrules/?hl=en>

www.modestmanagement.com

We have also attached terms and conditions with Parental Consent forms for Under 16's. Video Submissions/Auditions close on 31st December 2021. If you have any questions drop me an email anytime on talent@modestmanagement.com

Prom

We are excited to announce that this year's Year 11 prom will be held on Friday 24th June at Missenden Abbey, Great Missenden. All Year 11 parents have been sent a letter via EduLink, please refer to the letter for all details.



Reward Trip

A selection of Year 11 students have been invited to the end of term Year 11 Reward trip. Letters have been sent to students who have been nominated over the term for showing respect, aspiration or resilience. We are excited to take them all to the new independent cinema in Aylesbury.

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.

Respect: Adam C, Alex M and Tegan L

Aspiration: Isabella S, Millie W and Lukas S

Resilience: Emma H, Poppy S and Aiden S



Congratulations everyone!

Any enquiries, please contact year11enquiries@theacademy.me

Mrs Leach and the Year 11 Team

Year 12 & 13

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Young Enterprise Aylesbury Christmas Market - Sun 5th December

Last Sunday, our YE Team, 'FitKit' attended the Annual 'Aylesbury Christmas Craft Fayre' where they had secured a stall to sell their fabulous multi-purpose fitness bags. This event was one of the first public-facing opportunities to sell, and we were able to make some progress towards achieving some of our business



objectives. The stewards and members of the public who made contact with our students were impressed with how polite and knowledgeable they were. This makes me think we have an exceptional year as the feedback matches that of the Dragons from the 'Dragons Den Event' earlier last month. Come on Team FitKit!

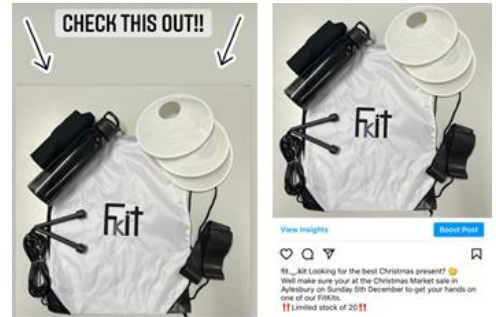
YE Team 'FitKit' Products for Sale

Our YE Team are well underway with production of their goods this year - a multi-purpose fitness and exercise kitbag. The embroidered drawstring bag contains 1 x water bottle, 1 x microfibre towel, 1 x skipping rope, 1 x resistance band and 5 x small cones to help set up a routine for exercising at home. The selling price is £14.99 and payments can be made in cash or by card.

Products can be ordered by clicking on this link: [FitKit Order Form](#)

Thank you.

Henry, MD FitKit



Thank you for all your support