



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Welcome...

It was an absolute pleasure to have the Main Hall full of parents and carers once again for our Awards Evening.

More than 200 students received awards, and some received more!

It was an atmosphere full of warmth and celebration, which just shows us how wonderful our students are.

As I said last night these students make school look easy - and we know that being a teenager is far from that.

Every student has an opportunity to be nominated for an award, and we hope to hold our second Awards Evening of the year in the Summer Term. It would be great to see students at that evening who have not yet received an award.

A special 'congratulations' must go to the winner of the Principal's Award **Katie T** in Year 11 who, as well as being an incredibly polite and hard-working individual, truly represents our values of **Aspiration**, **Respect** and **Resilience**.

Thank you to all those who attended – if you would be willing to share your views on the evening, you can do so [here](#).

Have a lovely weekend,

Gavin Gibson
Academy Principal



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Key Links:

[Secondary website](#)

[Parents' evenings](#)

[EduLink One](#)

[Trips/Lunch money](#)



Parent View

Thank you to those of you who have responded to our Parent View survey. You can still respond [here](#).

Parent View

Contacting your child at school

From time to time we have problems when parents text or phone their child during the school day. Our student, naturally, are extremely tempted to answer a text or a call from their parent however we have mobile phone policy which can be best summed up as 'not seen, not heard'.

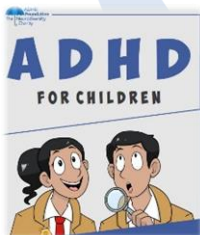
Students will have their phone confiscated even if it is to answer a text or call from a parent or carer. Please can you tell your child to only check texts at the end of the day, and I would be grateful if parents and carers could call or email the school if they need to get a message to their child. Thank you for your support.

GCSE History Berlin Trip

There will be a pre-trip Presentation Evening for parents and carers on **Monday 23 January** from 6pm – 7pm. Details of the event were emailed to parents and carers last week; please refer to your child's class Teams page if you did not receive this.

Passports should be handed in for safe-keeping to Mrs Michhiana by **Monday 23 January**. Itineraries will be issued by this date. Students must arrive on school site by 5:00am on **Wednesday 1 February** to depart for London Gatwick Airport.

Final payment is now overdue so if you have overlooked this, please make payment ASAP.



ADHD Foundation Resources

The ADHD Foundation have recently made available this free booklet resource for children and their parents. It helps enormously with the need to understand ADHD in themselves or their classmates.

Download link from The ADHD Foundation website [here](#).

Special Educational Needs and Nurture Programmes from Buckinghamshire County Council

Buckinghamshire County Council Family Support Service are offering the following courses in the New Year:

Nurturing Programme is a 10-week parenting group that aims to empower parents to build positive relationships, encourage co-operative behaviour, and develop resilience, empathy and self-esteem in themselves and their children.

Nurturing Programme (SEN) is a 10-week parenting group for parents of children with disabilities that aims to empower parents to build positive relationships, encourage co-operative behaviour, and develop resilience, empathy and self-esteem in themselves and their children.

Courses in the Aylesbury area will be at Southcourt Family Centre from **Tuesday 17 January** from 10am – 12noon, and at Steeple Aston Family Centre starting on **Thursday 19 January** from 10am – 12 noon.

You can find out more information [here](#).



HPV Immunisations for Year 8

The school immunisation team will be visiting school on **Monday 23 January 2023** to deliver the HPV Immunisation programme to Year 8 pupils.

All parents must complete a form giving their consent **or** indicating the reason for declining as soon as possible. Details about how to complete this form have been emailed to parents and carers, so please check emails and junk mail for email sent this week with links to the online consent. The letter is also attached to this Bulletin. AVA's School Code EE135879, and the deadline for completing the form is **Friday 20 January 2023**.

Careers

Black in Cancer talk

On Wednesday our Year 9,10,11 triple science learners were privileged to have Sigourney Bell deliver a talk about her career path. Sigourney encouraged our learners to keep trying, and to build their **resilience** and to follow their dreams building **aspiration**.



Sigourney is:

- A Forbes 30-under-30
- In the final year of her PhD at Cambridge University studying supratentorial ependymoma, a rare brain cancer primarily affecting children
- Funded by Cancer Research UK
- Founder of **Black In Cancer**: an award-winning initiative to increase ethnic minority engagement in cancer research and cancer genetics, whilst challenging stereotypes and attitudes about cancer in black communities. BIC receives approx. £50 million per year to distribute to individual students and initiatives in scholarships.

Adviza: Brighter Futures

Adviza is a registered charity that inspires and supports young people to progress in learning and work.

They aim to raise people's aspirations, motivate them to achieve their full potential and support them when they have to make key decisions about their future. The work they do can help transform lives and we never forget it.

Among other things, Adviza run a series of webinars and events for parents, students and teachers which can be found [here](#).

The next of these is webinar on the Pharmaceutical sector on **Monday 16 January**. You can find out more and register [here](#).

Dates for your diaries

W/C Monday 6 February National Apprenticeship Week

W/C Monday 27 February Year 7 Bring a Parent to School Day

Thursday 20 April AVA Careers Fair

W/C Monday 24 April Year 10 Work Experience Week





Mrs Weedon says... Year 7 have had a fantastic first full week back, and we have been so impressed with how well they have settled into routine. It was amazing to see so many Year 7s nominated in Awards Evening; they should all be very proud of how far they have come. Keep up the hard work!

Well done to Mr Walker's English class! He is very impressed with how hard they have been working and how enthusiastic they have been about Shakespeare. They have all been very **aspirational** and asked for extra work to challenge themselves.

This week in tutor time Year 7 continued with silent reading 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 careers booklet, look at the skills they want to improve for future job prospects. This week's community assembly was on rewards and all the different ways students can receive praise. Our Friday assembly was delivered by Mrs Leach, who talked about teamwork and **resilience**.

Dates for your Diaries:

W/C Monday 27 February Year 7 Bring your Parent to School Day

Thursday 4 May Year 7 Parents' Evening



Year 7 Academy Values Awards

respect

Brad C
Humna Q
Emily B
Sophia B
Mollie B
Chloe D
Kyle S
Yug J
Rehan S

aspiration

Zahra-Hayaat A
Aeshah M
Laila M
Liam C
Ava G
Noemi K
Elodie W

resilience

Harvey P
Jai P
Maddie M
Lucas B
Mustapha S
Ingrid CS
Christian A

Weekly Form Competition

Form Achievement Points:

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

Form Attendance (%):

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

Individual Achievement Points:

1. Marley P
2. Jess P, Maddie M and Sofija B

Honourable Mention:

Mr Walker's English class for being **aspirational** and always working hard!

Any enquiries, please contact year7enquiries@theacademy.me

Mrs Weedon and the Year 7 Team



Ms Dutson says... Year 8 have made a fantastic start back.

Thank you to all our parents and carers who are supporting our uniform policy everyone looked so smart when they attended Mr Gibson's welcoming back Assembly. The Assembly focussed on making positive change, taking opportunities offered and looking forward.

Both parents and students will have noticed changes to the way in which we now undertake detentions. Early indications are that this is a positive way forward for students, their parents and staff. It is likely that going forward tweaks will need to be made; however, you will be kept informed of any changes.

Options Evening will take place on the **Thursday 2 March**. The event will offer our students and their parents and carers the opportunity to explore the subjects on offer and ask questions of our subject teachers. We hope to also have ADVIZA, Careers Advisors, College Staff and Aim Higher Representatives who will be able to advise on further education and careers. Please do pop the date in your diaries, further details will be sent in your invitation letter which will be sent out next week.

Our students have created "Passports" this week to help us support them further – students have identified go to adults, staff that they have built trusting relationships with so that when needed they have a named adult that they can approach for advice, support or guidance.

Dates for your Diaries:

Thursday 2 March Year 8 Options Evening

This week we held our Celebration Assembly from last term. We were very pleased to give out so many certificates recognising the achievements of our Year 8s, with the winners listed below:



Year 8 Autumn Term 2023 Awards

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aspiration

resilience

Special
Mention

Nobel 1	Henley C	Michaela S	Isabella M	Aidan A and Nathan Haw
Nobel 2	Carrick E	Armanda B	Alfie Ba	Aimee H
Nobel 3	Billie-Rose B	Molly P	Connor K	Rio U
Faraday 1	Elliott P	Lily P	Christopher N	Lizzie S
Faraday 2	Sunya D	Elysia G	Ravneet K	Ethan B
Faraday 3	Alexandra M	Gabriella O	James K	Travis S
Franklin 1	Tristan B	Bahiti L	Ivan K	Jasmine R
Franklin 2	Ami G	Demian B	Tyler M	Chloe M
Franklin 3	Breana J	Ryley S	Kaitlin P	Kaya N

Bronze Award winners: Kelly A, James A, Truistan B, Nadia B, Abena B, Alaina B, Batool B, Ethan C, Kairon C, Ryley C, Paige D, Abbie D, Ollie E, Ami G, Harry G, Crow H, Ava H, Dior J, Freddie K, Eman, James K, Bahiti L, Lily M, Alexandra M, AJ M, Tyler M, Oliver M, Chloe M, Samara M, Zain N, Temi O, Poppy P, Zach P, Elliott P, Jenson R, Louis R, Inaaya S, Elina S, Elanor S, Riley S, Alyssa T, Olivia U, Kartik V, Cassie W, Rupert W, Sofia B, Gethen A, Shabana B, Logan B, Amelia C, Kai G, Elysia G, Humayun H, Isabella H, Shalom M, Harry M, Florence S, Sam T, Rana W, Dillon W, Cai W, Connie W, Jamil A, Aqdas B

Silver Award Winner: Zach P

Achievement Director Award: Macy R-R

Year 8 Academy Values Awards

respect

Alaina B
Amelia C
Kayden C
Ami G
Harry G

aspiration

Jannat H
Humayun H
Niamh H
Alfie M
Tyler M

resilience

Krishna N
Molly P
Evie S
Zoe U
Travis S

Weekly Form Competition

Form Achievement Points:

1. Faraday 2

Form Attendance (%):

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

Individual Achievement Points:

Sofia B and Alaina B

Honourable Mentions:

All students rewarded at our Celebration Assembly this week

Any enquiries, please contact year8enquiries@theacademy.me

Ms Dutson and the Year 8 Team



Mr Hawley says...

Student have returned with eagerness and seem much more settled after a well-earned rest. I have had so many good conversations with students about their Christmases, and they have clearly been good for Santa. I'm also detecting a higher level of maturity amongst the vast majority of students which is really pleasing to see.

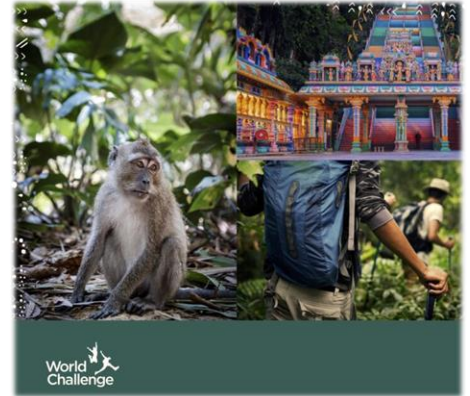
A big 'thank you' for those students who helped out for the World Challenge treats sale, and a big 'thank you' for those who bought their treats from us - this will really help us in our conservation efforts.

Period 6 changes have come about and I have been in high demand from students asking to change their Period 6 lessons. I am doing my best to accommodate everyone as quickly as I can, so please bear with me...

Film Night

Could you please remind your children to tell me their favourite film on the forms I put on Teams for the re-scheduled Film Night.

Tutor Time	
Monday	Soft Skills/Careers booklets
Tuesday	Community Assembly
Wednesday	English booklets/Maths
Thursday	Rewards Assembly
Friday	Friday Fun – Team-building



Dates for your Diaries:

Monday 16 January World Challenge Parent and Carer Information Evening. Contact Mr Hawley (hhawley@theacademy.me) if you would like to know more – it's still not too late.

Monday 23 January Berlin trip Parent and Carer Information Evening.

Thursday 16 March Parents' Evening

Year 9 Academy Values Awards

respect

Taia D

Taia is always smiling when I see her, asking staff how they are and checking up on myself and Mr Ramsbottom to see if we are okay. Always offering her assistance to the Humanities department.

aspiration

Louis C

For getting through to the second phase of the London Wasps RFC trials. For the uninitiated, London Wasps is a Premiership rugby team. We are super proud Louis, represent us well.

resilience

Chelsea B

For making a superb effort to come into school and give it her best. She has a great reputation amongst staff and students, as a smiley, friendly student.

Weekly Form Competition

Form Achievement Points:

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

Individual Achievement Points:

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

Form Attendance (%):

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

Honourable Mentions:

1. Haider A
2. Jessica W
3. Alan T

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Mr Hawley and the Year 9 Team



Mr O’Leary says... I hope everyone had a great break and Year 10 have settled back into academy life after the break. Year 10 have started their new period 6 lessons, and this week have been given more information on their work experience week, which will take place during the week commencing Monday 24th April. More information and letters to parents and carers will be sent out in due course.

Assemblies are on Tuesdays and Fridays in the Main Hall. Students need to line up outside in their tutor groups.

Year 10 will be looking at careers during tutor time and lessons. The year group have been looking at the benefits of a degree, the advantages and disadvantages of going to university, and the advantages and disadvantages of apprenticeships.



Study Higher Mentoring

We have managed to secure further Study Higher mentoring sessions for the year group, which will run until April.

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	
Monday	Careers – Lesson 12
Tuesday	Rewards – Miss Proud
Wednesday	Numeracy – Week 1 – Bronze/Silver/Gold Activity
Thursday	Literacy – Week 1 – Word of the Week
Friday	AD Assembly – Mrs Marina - Careers

Year 10 Academy Values Awards

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- Muhammad S
- Isaac S
- Khadija A
- Araish A
- Shayden A
- Lauren B
- Sana B
- Ines D-D
- Amel H
- Kayla J

aspiration

- Hannah J
- Musa K
- Krystain N
- Sheza R
- Keert S
- Flynn S
- Jamini V
- George W
- Ayesha A
- Kashaf A

resilience

- Suliman H
- Sami-Ullah K
- Alice K
- Mya-Ruby L-L
- Lacey M
- Maya M
- Elijah P
- Sienna Pi
- Hannah S
- Callum W

Weekly Form Competition

Form Achievement Points:

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

Form Attendance (%):

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

Individual Achievement Points:

1. Callum W
2. Melissza J
3. Max C

Honourable Mentions:

1. Ben B
2. Harrison Co
3. Robert E

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Mr O'Leary and the Year 10 Team



Mrs Leach says... Although Year 11 feel somewhat in limbo at the moment as they await their mock results, they have continued to show **aspiration** and **resilience** by continuing to build on their subject knowledge and – for some of students - sit their BTEC exams this week. We wish them luck.

It was lovely to see all the Year 11 students at the Awards Evening last night. I wanted to highlight the student who was awarded the Year 11 award for **Resilience**. Lia M started at AVA back in November, and has displayed remarkable **resilience** since the day she began. Congratulations Lia for your hard work, keep going!

Year 11 Mock Results and Parents' Evening

Year 11 will receive their mock results during assembly on Thursday 19th January. An **online** Parents' Evening will follow in the evening which will give you a chance to discuss your child's grades with their teachers. If you have not already booked your appointments, please do so [here](#). You can book your appointments via School Cloud up until Tuesday 17th January.

Year 11 Prom

Prom payment is now open on Parent Pay. You can pay for the Prom ticket in instalments or in full. A £10 deposit is required to secure your child's place. We appreciate that Prom can be a costly event for parents/carers, so we have offered you all a payment plan for the ticket.

Year 11 Leavers Hoodies

We are excited to announce that Leavers Hoodies are available to order now via [PL Schoolwear](#).

Once on the website, click 'Aylesbury Vale Academy School Uniform'. You will then see the Leavers' Hoodies, and can select the size, colour and add the name you would like printed on the back. Colours to choose from are: Navy, black, green, purple, grey, pink. Hoodies cost £24.50 and will be available for students at the Leavers' Assembly in May.

Dates for your Diaries:

Tuesday 24 January Year 11 English Literature Exam

PROM 2023!

Posh Frocks stock a huge range of dresses in different styles and sizes so that you can find the perfect dress that suits your own unique style.

Come and find the perfect dress, we are at 137 Rickmansworth high-street WD3 1AR. We open Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 6pm.

We have lots of special offers on, so make sure you don't miss out!

Currently we have **25% off** lasting until the end of January.

Follow us on socials to see some of our collection

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 The Posh Frock Shop
 poshfrocks

Monday 30 January Year 11 Health & Social Care BTEC exam

Tuesday 31 January Year 11 Enterprise BTEC exam

Wednesday 1 February Year 11 ICT BTEC exam

Friday 3 February Year 11 Engineering BTEC exam

W/C Monday 3rd July Year 11 Work Experience week. A reminder that by the 10th July all Year 11 students are expected to have experienced at least 1 day of work experience. This can be virtual, we will continue to promote virtual opportunities through the bulletin.

Year 11 Academy Values Awards

respect

Remy B
Tayla D
Bethany W

aspiration

Jack R
Ted A
Josh A-B

resilience

Lilly B
Lucy C
Daniella F

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2. Franklin 1
3. Franklin 2

Form Attendance (%):

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

Individual Achievement Points:

1. Katie T
2. Charlie S
3. Caitlin P

Honourable Mentions:

1. Kendra A
2. Dylan B
3. Elanas B

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Mrs Leach and the Year 11 Team

Thank you for all your support