



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Welcome

As usual, there is a lot happening at school both inside and outside the classroom. Our Year 11s have a few more examinations left and, while it sometimes feels that exams are the be-all-and-end-all of school, at AVA, we certainly do not feel that they are the only indicator of success. They are definitely important and we strive to ensure all students have the qualifications they need to aspire to the next stage in their life. However, what takes place outside the classroom can be just as important. Below you will see Year 10s visiting London as part of their GCSE History course, the number of hours of voluntary service by our students as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and the valuable work done by the Equality and Diversity Group. Not everything is about exams.



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

Equality and Diversity Group

Our Equality and Diversity students have been celebrating Pride Month by creating posters and hanging bunting in the atrium. We have created a slide show teaching students about the most common terms in the LGBT+ community and have pride ribbons to distribute to students and staff who may want to show their support. Ribbons have also been shared with our Primary staff and students.



Duke of Edinburgh

Whether it's by giving back to their community, developing a passion for a particular cause, or learning a new skill through their volunteering activity, the Volunteering section of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme changes lives and has a positive impact on communities.



Last year's DofE group from **Aylesbury Vale Academy** dedicated **169** hours to volunteering between April 2021 and March 2022, with a social value of **£780.78**.

This is an incredible achievement and we are very proud of our students.

Bucks County Show

The Bucks County Show, which is one of the biggest one day agricultural shows in the Country, will be held at Weedon Park, three miles north of Aylesbury on Thursday 1st September 2022.

The main attractions this year will be The Bolddog Lings Freestyle Motorcycle Display Team, Military Band, The Sheep Show, Vintage Tractors, Countryside Area and much more. This is a fantastic fun and educational day out for all the family.

This year Buckinghamshire Council are offering up to 3 FREE Child tickets (up to the age of 16) with a full paying Adult or Over 65 ticket when purchased online. To take advantage of this offer please click the link below and follow the instructions. This offer ends at midnight on 31st August 2022.



<https://buckscountyshow.ticketsrv.co.uk/schoolbookings>

Please add the required tickets to your basket

Click 'Checkout'

Enter SCHOOL22 into the promotion code box and click redeem and continue with your purchase.

Bucks County Show
Thursday 1st September 2022

info@buckscountyshow.co.uk

Aylesbury Foodbank



The 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 am. to 12 noon. If you wish to call prior to visiting, their contact number is 01296 424400.

History Hero

This week's History Hero is **Reuben Smissen** for working very hard, improving his grades and exceeding expectations.



Keep it up!

History Team

Year 7

Update

It was lovely to see all the bunting created by our students decorating our Atrium for the festivities before we broke up. Students were given a Jubilee Cake in recognition of the event decorated in red, white and blue buttercream. Over the duration of break time and lunch, poignant music was played throughout which was very well received by students and staff alike.

We trust our students and their families had an enjoyable Jubilee Bank Holiday, and we welcome them all back to what is now the last half term before the summer break.

Awards/Accomplishments

Students reaching Achievement Point Awards this week are:

Bronze: Oliver M, Kyran S, Jack W, Ryan V-A

Silver: Nathan H, Alesia B

Gold: AJ, Rufus M, Elizabeth B, Julia B, Henley C, Harry G

Well done to you all

Awards Assembly

By the time our parents and carers receive the bulletin this week Yr 7 will have had their Awards Assembly for last half term (postponed due to Jubilee events) delivered virtually due to exams. Our winners were as follows:

Respect: Unai, Kayde R, Fatima A, Anya L, Macy R, Emily C, Keira H, Alex J, Jasmine R, Connie W, Ryley C, Luke H, Bahiti L, Olivia O, Christopher W

Aspiration: Alexandra M, Armanda B, Oliver S, Aimee H, Safwan, Macy R, Riley S, Harry L, Max B, Breanna J, Louis R

Resilience: Humayun H, Gabi C, Lexi K, Hanifah S, Alex J, Harry L, Abbie D, Khazim K, Abdullah M



Assistant Achievement Director Award: Bahiti L

Achievement Director Award: Harry M

It's really lovely that so many of our Year 7s are recognised for the efforts they make.

Spanish Pen Pal Project

Recently our Year 7s wrote letters to a school in Northern Spain as part of our Pen Pal Project. Our students wrote half their letter in English outlining life in their secondary school and half in Spanish describing Aylesbury. Responses have been eagerly awaited from the Spanish school and these have now arrived with the Spanish school children writing half their letters in Spanish about the area in which they live and the other half in English describing activities undertaken on a school trip.



PenPal Project

- Pueblo: Peralta, España
- Colegio: Juan Bautista



Next week our students will get to read their responses.

Our Modern Foreign Language Team also has an event planned next Wednesday after school between 3pm and 4pm combining the use of Spanish and French within sporting activities. This has been well advertised across the year group but if your child would like to get involved they are very welcome, please guide them to their Spanish/French Teachers or a member of the Yr 7 Team.

Year 7 Behaviour on Roads

It has come to the Teams attention that some of our Year 7s are walking out into the road in front of moving traffic and becoming aggressive, and at times abusive, to members of the public driving. Where we identify specific individuals undertaking this risky behaviour we will call home to advise you.

We would ask our parents and carers to support us by reminding their children of road safety particularly in regards to just walking out and expecting cars to stop.

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

Year 9

Update

The Year 9 Tutor time this week has followed the pattern of numeracy and literacy with literacy activities focusing on the Read to Succeed programme.

Tutor time on Friday was the debate day, this week's topic was "**How can language help us tackle prejudice?**" Each tutor group had thoughtful discussions with a number of students presenting slides to the rest of their tutor group.

This week's assembly was on "Culture Week" and was led by Mrs Briggs.

Key Dates

Summer reward trip – The Year 9 team are currently in the process of identify some options for our Summer reward trip, more information for parents and students will be provided in due course

Celebrating Successes

Stars of the Week in assembly were: **Afser-Jehan A, Fahtima A, Musa K, Krystain N, Theo D, Hope P, Alex M, Elijah P, Victoria G**

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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: Francesca A, Ines D-D, Quixote H, Ruqayya S, Niran R, Harvey W, Daniel F, Zayneb B, Bryan J, Haris W

Aspiration: Sanna F, Zoe K, Patrycia M, Hope P, Andreea N, Lauren B, Araish A, Jessica B, George S, Katie S

Resilience: Amel H, Zak B, Binta C, Chantai C, Priseis K, Ellie M, Sarah A, Yvonne C, Thomas W

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Mr O'Leary and the Year 9 Team



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Year 10

Year 10 History Trip to London

Wednesday, 43 Year 10 Historians took part in a tour of **Hampton Court Palace**. The sunshine was a welcome as we picnicked in the grand gardens before heading off to **The Old Operating Theatre** for a lecture on surgery during the industrial revolution and tour of the museum. Students showed excellent resourcefulness and respect as we navigated the palace and central London amongst other members of the public. Special thanks to our coach driver Aiden for pointing out landmarks during our coach journeys and **Maksymilian Serwatka** for being our amputee patient!



End of Year Reward Trip

All parents and carers have received information regarding the upcoming Year 10 reward trip to Whipsnade Zoo. The students seem excited about the trip which is on Thursday 7th July. If you would like your child to attend please complete the form in the link: <https://forms.office.com/r/MXiyBtnZyd>, you will find all the information on Parent Pay.

Prefects

We have over 60 Prefect application forms to read through; we will be holding interviews over the next few weeks. Thank you to all the parents that have supported their children through the application process.

Self-Growth Programme

Friday, we launched our first Year 10 Girls Self-Growth Programme. Working with the beauty company Dove we are rolling out a 6 week course with a small selection of Year 10 girls who we feel need support with their confidence and self-growth. We anticipate the course to be successful and hope we can run it with more students from September. We are also looking at a support group for male students as well. More details to follow.



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Resilience: Ruby I, Bethany W, Toby L

Aspiration: Hajra A, Zoha O, Amani B

Respect: Emily N, Aimee U, Charlie S

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Mrs Leach and the Year 10 Team



Year 11

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Exams Next Week

Monday 13th June	08:50	1hr 30min	Edexcel	1MA1 3F/3H	Mathematics Paper 3 (Calculator)
Monday 13th June	13:30	1hr 25min	Edexcel	1GK0/4H	Greek Paper 4 (Writing)
Tuesday 14th June	08:50	1hr	AQA	8035/3	Geography Paper 3
Tuesday 14th June	13:30	1hr 20min	AQA	8633/WH	Italian Paper 4 (Writing)
Tuesday 14th June	13:30	1hr 30min	Edexcel	1STO/1H	Statistics Paper 1
Tuesday 14th June	13:30	1hr 30min	AQA	8572/2	Media Studies Paper 2
Wednesday 15th June	08:50	1hr 45min	AQA	8461/2F/2H	Biology Paper 2
Wednesday 15th June	08:50	1hr 15min	AQA	8464/B/2F/2H	Combined Science Biology Paper 2
Wednesday 15th June	13:30	45min	Edexcel	1RU0/1H	Russian Paper 1 (Listening)
Wednesday 15th June	14:20	1hr 5min	Edexcel	1RU0/3H	Russian Paper 3 (Reading)
Wednesday 15th June	13:30	2hrs	AQA	8552/W	Design Technology
Friday 17th June	08:50	1hr 5min	AQA	8698/WF	Spanish Paper 4 (Writing)
Friday 17th June	08:50	1hr 20min	AQA	8698/WH	Spanish Paper 4 (Writing)
Friday 17th June	13:30	45min	AQA	8688/LH	Polish Paper 1 (Listening)
Friday 17th June	14:20	1hr	AQA	8688/RH	Polish Paper 1 (Reading)

Important Information Regarding Examinations

From Monday students are expected in for exams **only**. They must attend all exams that are allocated to you on your individual candidate timetable.

Mobile phones, headphones, watches must be handed in when students enter the exam hall

Students are allowed to take into the exam room. A drink of plain water in a sealed clear plastic bottle with the label removed.

School uniform must be worn.

Careers Opportunities for Year 10 and 11

Calling All Future Medics

Pre-med Projects are running a special 1 and 2-week programmes in London during the summer holidays designed for our current students thinking of applying for medicine, to offer them much needed hospital work experience and to see if a career in healthcare appeals to them.

There are a range of projects suitable for students in Year 10 who might be thinking about careers in medicine.

The specifics of our projects can be viewed on our website www.premedprojects.co.uk and students are welcome to contact us for any further information, to apply for their place on the programmes or to enquire about our bursary places.

International Women in Engineering

We're back with another great virtual event for students and on Thursday 23rd June, we will be hosting a virtual 'Women in Engineering Event' in support of International Women in Engineering Day.

If you're thinking about embarking upon a career in STEM / engineering we have a fantastic virtual event coming up!

It's International Women in Engineering day coming up and to celebrate we're hosting an online multi-employer engineering event to which you're invited!



On **Thursday 23rd June** from **5:00pm - 6:30pm** we'll be hearing from a number of top female engineers from some of the world's biggest engineering firms to discuss the various paths into the industry and to inspire the next generation of young ladies into a career in the space.

Who are the companies involved?

Siemens are a technology company focused on industry, infrastructure, transport, and healthcare. From more resource-efficient factories, resilient supply chains, and smarter buildings and grids, to cleaner and more comfortable transportation as well as advanced healthcare. Operating in more than 200 countries last year Siemens Group generated revenues of €55.3 billion.

British Airways is the UK's largest international scheduled airline, flying to nearly 600 destinations around the world. They have an extensive team of engineers working behind the scenes. An opportunity with BA would give you the chance to hone your hands-on skills by working on the country's largest, most modern and varied fleet.

Spectris harnesses the power of precision measurement to equip their customers to make the world cleaner, healthier and more productive. They provide global customers with specialist insight through our high-tech instruments and test equipment, augmented by the power of software.

EQUANS - With revenues of €12 billion, EQUANS is present in 17 countries - mostly across Europe, but also in North America, Latin America and Australia. With nearly 74,000 employees, EQUANS is a new global market leader in technical services & facilities management, energy efficiency and regeneration – along with their specialist energy related capabilities: smart buildings, green mobility, district & embedded energy and decentralised renewables.

Veolia group is the global leader in optimized resource management. With nearly 179,000 employees worldwide, the Group designs and provides water, waste and energy management solutions which contribute to the sustainable development of communities and industries.

In 2019, the Veolia group supplied 98 million people with drinking water and 67 million people with wastewater service, produced nearly 45 million megawatt hours of energy and treated 50 million metric tons of waste.

Come and hear from the companies at the forefront of the ever evolving engineering world and ask all your questions. The event is open to both males and females.

If you'd like to join us for this online event click the link here to sign up: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Women-Engineering>

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Mrs Leach and the Year 11 Team

Thank you for all your support