



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

RESPECT | ASPIRATION | RESILIENCE

PARENT BULLETIN

28 JUNE 2024

Welcome...

It has been a hot one and I am impressed at the **resilience** our students have shown in managing for the few days when we have had very hot weather. We have allowed students to remove blazers this week, and we will update students every morning about whether they need to wear them in school or not. Please can you make sure that your child brings their blazer to school every single day.

On the matter of uniform, we have been conducting a uniform audit and reviewing our policies in readiness for the next academic year. We have been enforcing our uniform expectations and following up with appropriate sanctions where necessary. Parents and students have been invited to provide feedback on these policies. We thank parents for supporting our Uniform Policy.

Have a great weekend,

Gavin Gibson
Academy Principal

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Reflection

This week, as we near the end the year we invite our community to reflect on why we welcome everyone here at AVA. Over the past few weeks we have reflected on the Bible readings that underpin our school values.

As a Church of England school we welcome all faith and none. We welcome everyone!

Our vision, alongside that of the Church, is that everyone who encounters our community should flourish and be empowered to achieve their fullest potential. We ask for God's blessing as we continue striving towards our vision. Amen.



Pastoral Staff Changes – September 2024

Our own Mr O'Leary, AD for Year 7, will become our new full-time Primary PE teacher. We are delighted that he can add to an already fantastic team in the Primary phase.

We have therefore had to make some new appointments to our pastoral teams.

From September our Achievement Directors will be:

Year 7: Miss Carr

Year 8: Miss Roberts

Year 9: Mr Lobb (Maternity cover for Mrs Weedon)

Year 10: Mr Wakefield

Year 11: Mr Hawley

SPORTS DAY RESULTS 2024

WELL DONE TO EVERYONE THAT TOOK PART IN
SPORTS DAY. PLEASE SEE RESULTS BELOW...

Yr Group	Faraday	Franklin	Nobel
7	3305	4555	2845
8	2310	3070	4140
9	1105	560	2400
10	410	1435	1080
Total	7130	9620	10465

Congratulations to Nobel who were the overall winners!

PE Uniform

As we strive to maintain a productive and safe learning environment for all our students, we would like to remind you of the PE kit policy.

PE Uniform:

- Navy sports polo shirt with the Academy logo (name embroidered is optional).
- Navy shorts/skorts with the Academy logo (name embroidered is optional).
- Light blue sports socks or suitable sports socks
- Trainers/Black plimsolls as required
- Football/external footwear as required
- Optional: Plain Navy/Black tracksuit bottoms
- Optional: Navy ¼ zip top sweatshirt with the Academy logo (name embroidered is optional).
- Optional: Outdoor waterproof jacket with Academy logo.

Please note winter coats, Nike Pros (or other tight fitted shorts) and leggings are not acceptable for PE lessons.

[This webpage](#) contains all the information regarding PE kit as well as the Uniform Policy.

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Students who do not have their kit or have incorrect kit will be issued with sanctions in line with our behaviour policy.

We appreciate your support in adhering to this policy to help us provide a safe and effective PE experience for all students. If you have any questions or need assistance with acquiring the PE kit, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Haynes, Curriculum Leader of PE.

Wheats, Treats and a Legoman- Newnham Farm Eco Trip



When you hear the word farm, what comes to mind? Sheep? Potatoes? A cow or two? Well, Newnham Farm was a little different to your stereotypical field. This farm was like a giant science lab (without the sanitizers and white walls) with all kinds of plants that you wouldn't expect to see in the UK, more independent and self-sufficient. The farmers were kind, offering many free snacks and stationery.

They grow so much wheat it is surprising that they didn't have a contract with Weetabix. At Newnham farm there were giant tractors and fertilizers with a 36-meter wingspan and plants taller than me (I'm 5Ft 10 by the way!)

There were quizzes and prizes that kept us entertained too. Throughout the entire adventure we took pictures of legomen at specific sites and places, hence the title of this paragraph. We also saw the World's Largest loaf of bread.

We had so much learning about farming and how to take care of our plants. Hopefully we can visit more farms next year!

Waddesdon Manor Art History Introduction Summer School

What: Are you interested in Art? History? Visual culture? A career in the art world? In this free course we will be exploring art and identity, gender, and secrets and treasures. Refreshments, lunch and transport to and from local central points will be provided each day.

Who: This summer school is for state-sponsored students who have just finished Year 11.

Where: at Waddesdon Manor (Waddesdon, Aylesbury HP18 0JH).

When: Monday 15th July to Wednesday 17th July (inclusive) from 11am to 3.00pm.

How to apply: please fill out an application form [here](#).



Mr O'Leary says... From Monday there will be some changes to the Year 7 team, I will be taking on a new role in our Primary Phase, Miss Roberts will be the new Year 7 Achievement Director.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Year group for making this year so enjoyable and I wish all the students the very best for their future years at the academy.

On to this week during time with their tutor, our students have participated in a variety of activities. This week tutor time has been based on Literacy and Thought of the Week.

The whole year group have picked up over 550 achievement points this week which is their reward for their hard work this week.

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:

Year 7 Academy Values Awards

respect

Muhammed K
Humairaa A
Lily B
Sophie A
Jaiden B
Gabrielle S
Finley G
Jessica T
Daniel B

aspiration

Lily P
Marcey M
Eli E
Millie B
Narcis I
Madeline M
Talha I
Larissa C
Logan B

resilience

Antonio C
Heidi N
Jacob N
Rowan W
Shelby W
Princess-Joy K
Jacob H
Leo C
Olivier C

Academy Values Awards

These students have been nominated by their classroom teachers for Resilience, Aspiration, and Respect, their name will appear on the parent bulletin and students will receive an A4 which is 4 Achievement Points, and a green card is awarded and will be placed into a prize draw which will be drawn before our next celebration assembly. Prizes include sweets, chocolate and stationery

Tutor Group of the Week

Form Achievement points, these are all added up during the week and the tutor group with the most achievement points, will be awarded Tutor Group of the week and all students in the tutor group will be given an A1 which is 1 achievement points.

Form Attendance of the Week

Form attendance, the highest percentage for the tutor group will be awarded Form attendance of the week and all students in the tutor group will be given an A1 which is 1 achievement points.

Honourable mentions

Students are nominated by Mr O'Leary or Mrs Burles for demonstrating all of our academy values and will receive an A4 which is 4 achievement points and a green card is awarded and will be placed into a prize draw which will be drawn before our next celebration assembly. Prizes include sweets, chocolate and stationery

Weekly Form Competition

Form Achievement Points:

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

Individual Achievement Points:

1. Lily H
2. Shelby W
3. Jessi B

Form Attendance (%):

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

Honourable Mentions:

1. Aarush G
2. Sophia W
3. George K

Any enquiries, please contact year7enquiries@theacademy.me

Mrs O'Leary and the Year 7 Team



Ms Dutson says...

This week has been good! On Monday, Mr. Wakefield and I took 50 students from Years 7 to 10 to the District Athletics competition at Hillingdon Athletics Stadium. There were many highs, and any many lows, but it was fantastic to see all the Year 8 students who were involved trying their absolute best. They showed real maturity during the event, with a huge amount of sportsmanship being displayed. A special shout out to Will B who managed to finish 4th in the 100m final, despite losing one of his shoes on the start line!

Additionally, after much anticipation... a confirmation of your child's Year 9 options will be sent via Edulink early next week. We apologise for the delay.

Finally, it is with great sadness that I must announce that from Monday 1st July, I will no longer be AD of Year 8. I have managed to secure a permanent AD position with the current Year 7s as Mr. O'Leary takes on his new position in the primary school. Mr. Lobb will be taking over the Year 8 maternity role until Mrs. Weedon returns in April 2025. Although it has been brief, I have enjoyed every minute of being AD of Year 8 and I will sorely miss working so closely with both the students and you. I will endeavour to support the year group, as and when I can, but please direct all enquires to either Mr. Lobb or Mrs. Howe. I will miss this role dearly. Thank you for your continued support!

A huge congratulations to **Kian B** who raced in Slovakia this weekend. A great result for team UK, but it sounds like the journey back was harder than the competition!

Year 8 Academy Values Awards



Weronika S
Elisha M
Tianna H



Kyle S
Emily B
Zinedine M



Oliwia K
Oishik G
Eloise C

Weekly Form Competition

Form Achievement Points:

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

Individual Achievement Points:

1. Freya C
2. Imogen C
3. Alexis W

Form Attendance (%):

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

Any enquiries, please contact year8enquiries@theacademy.me

Miss Roberts and the Year 8 Team



Mr Wakefield says... A very, very, very warm week. It's the same story with the English weather, if it's raining we are begging for sunny days, and when it's like it has been, we are begging for the rain back. We can never be pleased.

However, after this week, I can say that whatever the weather has been, the year 9's have made me a happy Achievement Director. They are continuing to improve their behaviour and attitude and are really starting to show that they are ready to face the challenge of Year 10 head on.

Congratulations to all the winners from Wednesday's Awards Evening. It was a fantastic celebration and makes you realise just how successful our year 9's are. All winner's will be receiving their certificate early next week if they have not done yet. This is a fantastic achievement and they should be extremely proud of themselves.

Particular congratulations to **Mariia K** who was selected for my Achievement Director award. An outstanding student who is constantly striving for the best is everything she does. Also to **Alyssa T** who received the Tim Rolin Award from Mr Gibson.

I have asked tutors to focus on 2 main areas for the next few weeks. Uniform and punctuality to school and lessons. Please can you ensure your child is attending in the correct school uniform. We have seen an

increase in students wearing trainers this week. Please contact the team if there are any issues in purchasing shoes and we can look to support in this.

We will be continuing to follow the sanctions, and escalation to detentions if persistent.

Please also support your child in getting to school on time. We have seen an increase in students arriving during form time or after form time, meaning they are receiving lunchtime detentions and missing part of their education. It is really important for students to arrive on time.

To celebrate those students who get it right day in, day out, we will be holding a year group rewards afternoon for all students on 5 behaviour points or less. Last year, we held this event for only those on 0 behaviour points, however, I feel across a full academic year, having 5 or less behaviour points is an outstanding achievement, and so they need to be recognised.

To also celebrate students that have improved their behaviour, but may already be on more than 5 points, we will be holding an additional rewards afternoon, for students who from Tuesday 18th June to Friday 12th July do not gain more than 5 behaviour points.

The events will be separate, and any student attending the first event, will not attend the second event. The first is for consistency with the second focusing on those who have improved.

Year 9 Academy Values Awards

respect

Summer E
Kartik V
James S

aspiration

Leonard V
Daniel T
Cameron T

resilience

Max B
Callum R
Charlie R

Weekly Form Competition

Form Achievement Points:

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

Individual Achievement Points:

1. Summer E
2. Haziq D, Katilin P, Kaya N, Khazim K
3. Ryan A-V, Shabana B, Emily C, Breanna J, chloe E, Lily P, Macy R-R, Teshnavi A

Form Attendance (%):

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

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Mr Wakefield and the Year 9 Team



Mr Hawley says... Summer is here, and 3 weeks left to go until the holidays.

The Mocks have now begun. The Year 10's have been really well-behaved, organised and punctual, please help us to ensure this continues. If your child has an exam first thing in the morning then they need to go to the main hall for revision, as soon as school begins. If they are not wearing the correct uniform they will not be allowed in.

As the weather is getting warmer, please ensure all students are coming in with a water bottle. Any students who suffer with Hay fever will need to ensure they are managing it correctly.

Data for this last week is –

Achievement Points – 286 Behaviour Points – 331

Attendance – 83.28

The amount of students that are continuously engaged, resilient and respectful in Year 10, is fantastic to see. However, we do have some students letting the Year group down. Please can you remind your child that they are now Year 11 and are role models for the other students in the school.

On the 24th of June, the school took part in District Sports competition. The following students represented our school extremely well - **Summer W, Amelia D, Jazz L, Charlie S, Jacob S, Ibukun F, Henry B, Harry R, Harley H, Megan H and Tamzin A.**

Ibukun F beat his personal best in the 100 meters clocking in at 11.06. For comparison Usain Bolt clocks in at 9.58.

On **Thursday 27 June**, Year 10 GCSE History students studied the sites of New and Old Hardwick Hall in preparation for their historical environment question on the Elizabethan England paper next year.

It was a beautiful day and, as ever, students showed great interest asking lots of questions to the multiple volunteer tour guides on site demonstrating great



Physics Mock

A reminder from Mrs Davoren that it's Physics Paper 1 on Monday 1 July. Students can prepare for this exam by using the attached resource.

Year 10 Academy Values Awards



Joshua G



Matthew H



Rehan H

Weekly Form Competition

Form Achievement Points:

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

Form Attendance (%):

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

Individual Achievement Points:

1. Callum T
2. Abigail S
3. Jake F

Honourable Mentions:

1. Macy C
2. Amelia D
3. Narcis F

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Mr Hawley and the Year 10 Team

Mrs Leach says...

Prom

We look forward to seeing the Year 11s this evening at Prom. A reminder all tickets have now been sent out.

Yearbook

If students wish to purchase a yearbook they will be on sale for £20 at Prom and Results Day.

Results Day

YEAR 11 RESULTS DAY – Thursday 22nd August 2024

Thursday 24 August 2024 between 9am and 12pm in the Main Hall.

Alternative arrangements for results

Your results are personal to you. Should you wish for your results to be emailed to you, or for them to be collected by someone else on your behalf, please notify Mrs Pykett by email: spykett@theacademy.me.

If another person is collecting your results Mrs Pykett must be notified of their name, and they will need to bring photographic ID (e.g. Driving Licence or Passport) on collection.

Any enquiries, please contact year11enquiries@theacademy.me

Mrs Leach and the Year 11 Team

Thank you for all your support

