



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Welcome

This bulletin will be the last of the current academic year.

It has been an unusual end to the year due to the switch to remote learning, I hope you, and your families are doing your best to stay cool.

We had a wonderful evening on Thursday 14th with lots of parents and students in the Main Hall for our final Awards Evening of the year. There was an atmosphere of pride, warmth and celebration, which marked a wonderful end to the year for many of our students. We hope to see you at the next one in the autumn.



School will re-open again on **Tuesday 6th September for Years 7, 11, 12 and 13** and **Wednesday 7th September for all year groups**. **Students should be inside the building by 08:25 on those days**. Reminders will be sent to parents before the end of the year and at the end of August.

Thank you for all your support and I hope you are able to have a good summer with your families.

Gavin Gibson
Academy Principal

Parent Survey 2021/22

We are keen to hear the views of parents and carers. We would be grateful if you could complete our annual survey using the link below:



https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vujYj3JiOk-ROacP9_VtsLsz7hMW8FICt826ukpqQWFURThZVUowWEQ2Q1MwNTI5RUhOWTBFN0M0RC4u

Thank you

Become a Governor at AVA

We have vacancies on our governing board for parent governors and co-opted governors.

It is a hugely rewarding role and we are looking for individuals with experience of business, HR, finance, law, primary and secondary education and many others.

If you would like to become a governor at AVA, please contact our Chair of Governors, Robin Scott via email cog@theacademy.me

History - We Rocked the Mocks!

We'd like to congratulate the following Year 10 students for their excellent History mock exam results. This is a true accolade to their hard work and commitment this year. Well done!



Aaron Adenibi
Joshua Ainger-Boyt
Aishwarya Aniraj
Momina Azam
Madi Baldwin Biggs
Dylan Beazley
Reece Benn
Daijon Bryon
Zora Bibi
Alexia Cristea
Izabela Cristea
Scarlet Fleuty

Lilly-Grace Hockridge
Samira Hussain
Daniel Johnson
Charlotte Joordan
Hamza Kabir
Declan Kennedy
Khadija Khan
Sahara Khan
Emily Mudd
Amna Muhammad
Iram Noor
Junaid Perriss

Caitlin Porter
Esther Shabong
David Stephens
Jenna Turnham
Kallum Veeriah
Antony Ward
James Webb
Daisy Weller
Laura Woffindale-Smith
Saheba Zada

Classroom to Careers Newsletter - July 2022

To all parents, especially those of whose children are in Key Stage 4 and 6th Form, the link below is of a comprehensive careers monthly newsletter for parents and carers ([Click here](#)). You'll also find career events, activities, university information, work experience, understanding the job market, skills, Labour Market Information (LMI) and everything you need to help prepare young people to enter the fast-changing world of work. July's edition covers a focused take over on the Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism industry.



CAMHS

Please find attached a flyer with this bulletin from CAMHS (Child and Adult Mental Health Service) giving details of parent led support sessions for anyone supporting a young person/persons with any of the following:

- Anxiety and challenges around going back to school
- School avoidance and exclusion
- Gender dysphoria and gender difficulties

Ending Period Poverty

Period products, such as pads and tampons, should be available for all who need them, when they need them, in order to access education. Having periods should not be a barrier to education for anyone. Making girls and women aware of the scheme is vital to making sure they can access period products when they are needed and to reduce the stigma surrounding periods.

This scheme is for all girls and women who need to access period products in their place of learning in order to access education.

As a School we have lots of products still available from this academic year. There will be some bags in reception if any parents would like to come in to get products for students who may need these during the Summer Holidays.

Students can also collect any products needed from the Medical Room or by speaking to pastoral support.

Donate or Swap Your Blazers!

If you have a blazer that does not fit your child, bring it in to school and we may be able to swap it for a second hand one in good condition.

Alternatively, if you would like to donate your blazer to the school because your child is leaving Year 11 or you have purchased a new one, we would be very grateful.

Just come in to the main reception and talk to our staff.



PSHE Policy Consultation

Following the letter sent to parents this week, a reminder about the following: the Personal Social and Health Education (PSHE) policy is reviewed annually. We would like to give parents the opportunity to reading the attached policy. If you have any feedback, please complete the attached form. The consultation period opened on Monday 11th July and will close on Thursday 21st July https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vujYj3JiOk-ROacP9_VtsIG_QHGPDE5lvUg-jVs8PjhURThIN0dJTEZYMEZZSIZKN1c2VzZNOFk2Si4u



Return of School Library Books

Please can I ask parents and carers to ask their children to return any outstanding library books they have by the end of term. Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will have received reminders from their English teachers and tutors and I have also sent a message home to make you aware that they have overdue books. I hope you understand that we may have to charge for replacement copies of books which are not returned. Please contact me at acluett@theacademy.me if you have any questions regarding what book or books your child has borrowed. Thank you.

Mr Cluett
Librarian

Year 7

Final Update of the Year

As this Academic Year draws to a close, the Year 7 Team would like to congratulate our Year 7s on such a positive year, seeing them develop and mature over the last three terms has been a real pleasure. Many have thrown themselves into a variety of opportunities most notably this term the Academy's presentation of Matilda, which I am sure you will agree, was a resounding success. Many of our students are now Ambassadors, undertaking roles in support of their environment, favourite subjects and peers. Our successes within sport from Football to District Sports has been outstanding as has been our student's involvement and achievements in activities outside school. Our trips have included, The Aylesbury Panto, The Black Country Museum and Chessington World of Adventure, we have had visits from musicians, singers, a magician and even a Roman Soldier.

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I am very pleased that both myself and Miss Powell will continue as the Pastoral Team for your children in year 8, one of our main focusses will be to guide them and our parents/carers through the options process.

Mr Verity will be leaving us and I know he will be very much missed; we thank him for his contribution to our team and his dedication. On behalf of the Team and the students we wish him every success in his new ventures.

Academy Values Awards

Our final event of the Year will be our Celebration Assembly taking place during Form Time on Friday the 15th July, those students to be recognized and awarded are as follows:

Respect: Carrick E, Kelly A, Zoe U, Gethen A, Hassan H, Sofia P, Elysia G, Victor C, Jennifer B, Zach P, Harry T, Zeeshan A, Humayun H, James K, Alexandra M, Rupert W, Florence S, Samara M, Gabrielle O, Unai G, Alex W, Fatima A, Naomi S

Aspiration: Niamh H, Lily P, Theo H, Harry M, James K, Abhjol D, Aisha H, Kaitlyn P, Ami G, Fatima A, Carrick E, Zeeshan A, Alexandra M, Humayan H, Izabella P, Lily P, Aimee H

Resilience: Logan E, Kayden C, Kai G, Alyssa T, Poppy P, Alexandra M, Jamie M, Lily P, Leo P, Jamie O, Zain N, Freya R, Zeeshan A, Shanade W, Lexi K, Anya S

Assistant Achievement Director Award – Hanifa Shah

Achievement Director Award – Alfie Barnes

Our final Achievement Award certificates this year go to **Jennifer B** and **Rufus M** who have reached their platinum award.

On a final note we would like to wish all our families an enjoyable summer and we very much look forward to working with you all again in September. We thank you for all your support it is always very much appreciated.

The Year 7 Team

I am pleased to announce that **Mrs Dutson** and **Mrs Powell** will continue with the Year 7s into Year 8 next year. Sadly, **Mr Verity** will be leaving us to become a Head of PE. We wish him well and thank him for all the support with Year 7s this year. I would also like to thank Mrs Dutson and Mrs Powell for giving Year 7 such a good start to life at the Academy.

Mr Gibson

Art Club: Alien Series Success!

Art club was a hit this term with Year 7 building spaceships and creating amazing alien characters. Using lots of different materials ranging from clay, dyes, and paints, they have created amazing storylines for the next Sci-Fi movie blockbuster!

Art club will continue in the new term where KS3 pupils are welcome to come and create for the next Art Series.

Ms Green

Any enquiries, please contact year7enquiries@theacademy.me

Mrs Dutson and the Year 7 Team

Year 8

Final Update of the Year

We have been very proud of our year 8s this last term, including those who took part in the Matilda production, helping out with transition evening, sports day, district athletic, PGL,



Greatmoor incinerator trip, French troop play just to name a few. We look forward to celebrating our fantastic students at the Awards evening, where they will be recognised for their hard work and Achievements in their lessons.

This half term we have been running daily celebration assemblies where students have received certificates, books and other prizes. We have covered a range of topics to support the students in their transition from year 8 to year 9. This bespoke programme has given them the opportunities to reflect on their time at school and their contributions to the wider community. This term has been important for our students in the options process, and we hope we have helped prepare them for the start of their GCSEs.



The Year 8 Team

I am pleased to announce that **Mr Hawley** will become our new Achievement Director for Year 8. He has already started to get to know the students and he will be ably supported by **Mrs Burles and Ms Freshwater. Miss Mehmeti** will leave the team following her promotion to Achievement Director for Year 7 next year. We thank her for all her hard work with Year 8 and wish her well in her new role.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank **Mrs Proud** who stepped into the role of Year 8 Achievement Director mid-year when Mrs Lloyd left us. She has worked incredibly hard to support the year group and her knowledge of the students will continue to be invaluable next year.

Message from Mr Hawley

As the new Achievement Director for the year group, I am excited to take them into Year 9 from September. Over the past few months Miss Proud, Mrs Burles and Miss Mehmeti have been working hard with the year group and currently we are in the process of handing over. I'm already thinking of priorities for the year group in September and will be excited to share these with you when we return. I know we have an amazing group of students in the year group and I'm looking forward to working with them as they embark on their new GCSEs.

I've worked at AVA for 4 years, teaching History. Last year I became an Assistant Achievement Director for Year 11. From September the Year 9 team will be Ms Freshwater, Mrs Burles and myself. We will continue to hold the year group to the highest possible standards, as it is what they deserve. We will endeavour to produce a learning environment which enables the students to make the best possible choices and aspire to the futures that they want. I look forward to meeting you in the new academic year.

Academy Values Awards

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

Aspiration: Rumen I, Tymon O, Charlotte W, Lewis BW, Hakeem K, Elisha W.

Resilience: Sienna R, Taia D, Brooke B, Lilly LI, Jessie B, Abigail S.

Respect: Macy C, Aya J, Summer M, Nichole MW, Rayian M, Harrison T.



Any enquiries, please contact year8enquiries@theacademy.me
Mrs Proud and the Year 8 Team

Year 9



Final Update of the Year

As Year 9 reach the end of the first year of their options we would like to praise them for their resilience, GCSE work has proved challenging, but they have shown great aspiration in pushing themselves

to keep up with the workload and strive for the best levels they can achieve. Tuesday 19th July will be the Year 9 celebration assembly and we look forward to celebrating their successes again.

We hope they enjoy a well-earned break over the summer and return refreshed in September ready for another year of working hard and achieving their targets.

Year 9 have continually been seen displaying AVA's core values, this is evident in the number of achievement points the year group have received as a whole... **227,500!**

Celebrating Successes

Stars of the Week: Hayden T, Callum W, Maya P, Sophia D, Janhavi K, Sami-Ullah K, Marco R, Ruqayya S, Taylor F

Academy Values Awards

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

Respect: Angel A, Max C, Daniel F, Haris W, Tamara A, Lara B, Ines D-D, Akisharra J, Yahya K

Aspiration: Krystain N, Fatima A, Leo C, Dillon E, Ruby Mc, Patrycja M, Lavinia N, Viktoria R, Aaditya A

Resilience: Harrison C, Hannah S, Chloe T, Cameron B, Alice K, Maddoch O'D, Markus O, Subhan K

The Year 9 Team

I am pleased to announce that **Mr O'Leary** and **Ms Porter** will continue with the Year 9s into Year 10 next year. We thank them for all the hard work and support they have given the Year 9s.

Mr Gibson

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Mr O'Leary and the Year 9 Team

Year 10

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Whipsnade Zoo Trip

Last Thursday 170 Year 10 students were lucky enough to visit Whipsnade Zoo as their end of year reward trip. The students enjoyed exploring the zoo, going on the train, and even becoming big kids again on the play area. If your child was on the double decker bus home, I'm sure you've heard all about the sing-a-long they did. I think we should definitely start a Year 11 choir when we return in September.

Year 10 Jewellery Making Competition

During lesson 6, students in the Jewellery Making club have been entering their creations for judging over the past couple of weeks. Congratulations to Chloe Rees who gained the most votes for her Japanese inspired Kumihimo bracelet.



Ms Lambourne

Matilda

I was blown away to see so many wonderful Year 10 students participating in the school production of Matilda. They certainly are the epitome of our core value 'Aspiration' and all students who were involved have been rewarded with a free ticket to next year's Prom.



Olly S
Jack R
Xander M
Ella H

Teddy A
Kayleigh E
Jasmine H
Ruby I

Hermonie S
Lucy C
Adam Y
Kirstin M

Tayla D
Connie M
Finley C
Daisy W

Awards Evening:

Last night we had our Summer Awards Evening and again, it was fantastic to see so many Year 10 students be awarded for their **Respect, Aspiration and Resilience**. Well done to all the Year 10 students who were awarded last night. Enjoy your summer, you deserve it.



Bethany B
Laura S
Joshua O
Dragos I
David S
Izabela C
Mohammed M
James L
Eira S
Esther S
Evelyn G
Amna M
Ruby I

Sean P
Caitlin P
Aliza K
Sumayah B
Khadijah K
Zaynab B
Olimpia S
Hermonie S
Zora B
Elizabeth D
Evie P
Kendra A-M
Emily N

Millie W
Mohammed M
Joshua A-B
Tobias T
Aishwarya A
Katie T
Charlie S-S
Saheba Z
Jasmine E
Tayla D
Caitlin P
Maksymilian S
Livvy B

Daisy W
Dylan B
Liaba K
Jessica T
Ted A
David S
Elizabeth D
Megan P
Scarlett-Lilly F
Alexandria V
David S
Samantha D
Bakhteyar B

The Year 10 Team

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Leach and Ms Collins will continue with the Year 10s into Year 11 next year. We thank them for all the hard work and support they have given the Year 10s. I am especially grateful to Mrs Leach who stepped in to support this year group while also being the Achievement Director for Year 11. No mean feat!

Mr Gibson

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Mrs Leach and the Year 10 Team

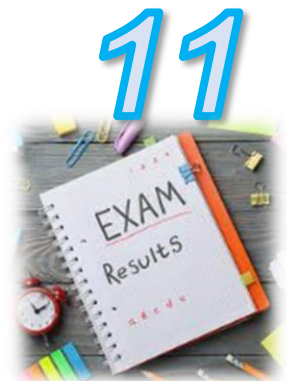
Year 11

Save the Date

A reminder that Results Day is Thursday 25th August, 9am -12pm. Students can come and collect their exam results in person on this day. If parents wish to collect results on behalf of their children, they need to bring a note written and signed by their child.

New to Sixth Form in September

Enrolment for new Year 12s will take place on the 25th and 26th of August and 1 September between 9:00 and 12:00 in the Main Hall



Any enquiries, please contact year11enquiries@theacademy.me
Mrs Leach and the Year 11 Team

Thank you for all your support