



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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## PARENT BULLETIN No. 42

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### Welcome

As you have seen from my weekly 'Covid Updates' it is clear that our numbers are continuing to decrease. As a result, **from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February, I will no longer require you to wear face masks in any area of the Academy.** Face masks have been a necessary control measure but I think many people would agree that young people learn better without them.

I have been amazed by the support and understanding parents have given staff at school through this difficult time and I want to thank you for all that you have done to keep your children coming to school by supporting them and valuing the education they receive.

**A reminder also, that we finish for half term, next Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 3:00pm for all students.**

If you have any questions about anything in this bulletin, please contact us at [enquiries@theacademy.me](mailto:enquiries@theacademy.me).

Have a good weekend.

**Gavin Gibson**

**Academy Principal**

### International Women's Day Art Competition

The Art Department are running a competition to celebrate International Women's Day all Year 7's are invited to enter. Students can use any medium e.g. pencil, paint, sculpture, photography and digital art. All entries must be presented to the Art Department by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Entries received will be displayed around the school and there will be a prize for the winner and runner up in each Key Stage as well as Achievement Points for all entries submitted.

**International Women's Day is a global celebration of the economic, political and social achievements of women which took place for the first time on March 8<sup>th</sup> 1911. Many**



## AVA Second Hand Clothes Sale

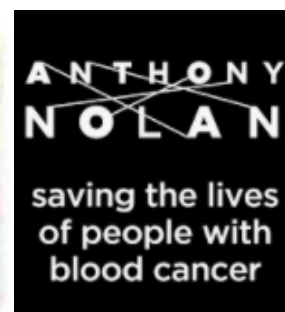
After school on Thursday, we will be hosting the Charity Clothes sale in the Main Hall from 3- 5pm.

This event is open to all AVA staff and students and will be a super fun end to the term.

We have a range of second-hand clothes to fit both adults and children and with many donations coming straight from AVA's fashionistas there will be bargains you do not want to miss.

We are not only selling clothes, but we will be joined by our young enterprise team who will be selling their Fit Kits and our very own Millie Makes who has the new season's range of gifts and crafts for sale. Students will be selling refreshments and playing their specially made Spotify Playlist for our enjoyment.

£1 entry and all clothing items 50p each. We look forward to seeing you there to support our fundraising for The Nepal Group and Anthony Nolan charity.



## Join Our Sixth Form

AVA Sixth Form applications are now open Year 11 can apply online: <http://www.theacademy.me/sixthformcourses> If you experience any difficulties, please email [avasixthform@theacademy.me](mailto:avasixthform@theacademy.me) If your child would like to arrange a 1:1 meeting to discuss options, please contact Mrs Sharma on [psharma@theacademy.me](mailto:psharma@theacademy.me) or Mrs Marina on [pmarina@theacademy.me](mailto:pmarina@theacademy.me)



## A Career in Medicine?

Before Christmas Mrs Leach, Achievement Director for Year 11 shared an opportunity with all students to experience a nine week Medicine and Dentistry course with Kings College London. Three of our Year 11 students signed up and are now balancing their GCSE studies along with this course. They have 9 lectures throughout the course as well as mini projects. They are Akindu K, Fizah Q and Filip K

Fizah gave her review of the course so far:

*The KCL Outreach Medicine and Dentistry Programme interested us as it seemed like a good opportunity to gain more of an insight into both fields. Firstly, it helps with references for Sixth Forms, College and Universities as we get certificates at the end of the 9-lecture course at the end of the summer. Some of the recent lectures spoke about the day-to-day life of both a surgeon and a dentist. This helped us to understand how the regular routine looked like for someone in that position and how we can manage our time when we get into that career. Furthermore, it allows young aspiring medical and dentistry students to understand the qualifications that are needed to get there. Additionally, it gives young people the opportunity to learn about specific professions within both fields, understanding what part they are most interested in and how they differ from others. Finally, it helps to think about the practical sides of specific occupation rather than just focusing on the academic perspective of the jobs.*



## 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 **Chloe Turner** for being aspirational and hardworking in every lesson. She has also completed outstanding homework. Well done!

Geography Team.

## Year 7

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### Update

Year 7 recognised Holocaust Memorial day by attending an Assembly led by our Curriculum Lead for History. The presentation was very informative and linked into our values. Our students learnt about the tragic events, the victims and final outcome of one of Europe's worst atrocities of war. A very hard hitting subject with a clear lesson of where indifference can lead.

### Awards/Accomplishments

Students reaching their Bronze Award this week are:

**Leo P, Sofia P, Alesia B, Demian B, Irum M, Zain N, Cassie W**

### 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. The following students were commended for their efforts:

**Respect:** Lewis Gabriel, Emily Coleman, Rupert W, Hanifa S  
**Aspiration:** Aqdas B, Abhjot D, Jannat Haque, Mohammad S,  
**Resilience:** Vinny H, Sabreen A, Kaitlyn, Kenny H, Lexi K

Well done to each and every one of you – keep up the good work

Well done all!



### Special R.A.R. Award

This week we are making a special award to Samara M for demonstrating all our values this week. Samara will be presented with a copy of You Are Awesome by Matthew Syed – an inspirational read that we recommend to the year group.

Countries around the world celebrate the holiday with demonstrations, educational initiatives and customs.

We very much hope all Yr 7 get involved and we are looking forward to some colourful artwork.

### Movie Night

We are all looking forward to our Movie Night on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> February. If your child wishes to join us please ensure that you have provided your consent before the event.

We are looking forward to seeing you all there

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Ms Dutson and the Year 7 Team



## Year 8

### Update

This week in tutor time the year 8s have been watching options videos made by curriculum leaders, to give them an idea of what the GCSE courses are like and to help them make their choices. In the coming weeks, the students will receive an options booklet that they can go through with parents/carers to support them with their options. Parents/carers will receive more information about making options choices after half term.

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Wednesday evening, year 8 held a rewards movie night with drinks and popcorn. The Greatest Showman was a big hit with the students and their singing was fantastic. It was lovely to see how well behaved they all were.

### Academy Values Awards

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**Respect:** Rida B, Amelia D, Alicia D, Abdul-Kahar A, Lilly L, Finley D'C.

**Aspiration:** Armin K, Natasha W, Chloe J, Lucas C, Jake C, Ryan.

**Resilience:** Tamzin A, Emelia K, Summer Wh, Raya P, Ella H, Michaela C.



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Mrs Lloyd and the Year 8 Team

## Year 9

### Update

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

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Tutor time on Friday was the debate day, this week's topic was "Is the Internet driving us apart?" 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 the theme of Family and Friendship this was led by the Year 9 students. A special mention to Sophia D, Mya-Ruby L and Henry P for delivering a great assembly.

### Key Dates

- **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 9 Movie Night – Whole Year Group invited
- **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 9 Parents Evening
- **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March** - Harry Potter Studios – Students with Zero behaviour points from January to March

### 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:** Fahtima A, Angel B, Khadeeja B, Chantai C, Zubayda H, Hannah J, Sabah K, Syna L, Phoebe P, Carla P

**Aspiration:** Kamil A, Junaid A, Theo D, Maciej F, Ibbi I, Aryaan K, Ruby M, Sienna Pr, Abigail S, Oscar B





**Resilience:** Sophia D, Mya-Ruby L, Henry P, Cherry R, Elliott S, Katie S, George S, Sonny S, Carrick W, Hannah W

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Mr O'Leary and the Year 9 Team

## Year 10

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### Movie Night

Year 10s had a great movie night on Thursday as part of the Academy rewards system. Students enjoyed Black Panther, the movie, candyfloss and popcorn. A great evening and a well-deserved reward for some excellent students.

### 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. The following students were commended for their efforts:

**Respect:** Blessing AQB, Emily N, Sam C

**Aspiration:** Toby L, Hermione S, Xander M, Charlie SS

**Resilience:** Kendra, Daijon B, Olimpia S



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Ms Pinker and the Year 10 Team

## Year 11

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### Year 11 Mocks

Next week sees the start of the Year 11 mock exams, starting with English on Monday. The schedule for next week is:

- **English: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February, P1&2**
- **Science: Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> February P1&2**
- **Maths: Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> February P3&4**
- **Maths: Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> February P1&2**

Your child has been given their personalised mock timetable.

After half term students will be expected to sit mocks for all subjects, these will be sat in the classroom. They will receive more information on this next week.

### Revision

To support your child with their revision please refer to the following revision platforms:

- <https://www.gcsepod.com/>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z98jmp3>
- <https://mathsapp.pixl.org.uk/>
- <https://englishapp.pixl.org.uk/>
- <https://historyapp.pixl.org.uk/>
- <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

The History PiXL App covers a wide range of our topics including Elizabeth I and Germany. This app targets GCSE specific content and is compatible with all devices.

Mrs Michhiana and Mr Hawley also continue to run **Friday Period 6 sessions** for more 1:1 support and tutoring.

### Leavers Hoodies

Leavers Hoodies are now available to order. Please click the link to order your child's hoodie <https://plschoolorwear.co.uk/shop/aylesbury-vale-academy/ava-girls/aylesbury-vale-acadamey-year-11-leavers-hoodies/>. Hoodies will be given out at the Leavers Assembly in June.



### Prom

The local community would like to support you with the preparation for the Prom. A number of hairdressers, make-up artists, nail technicians, spray tan technicians have been in touch to offer you all a discount on your treatment for the Prom. Please contact them directly.

- ✓ **Jodie Watton** can offer hair, make up and lashes for £85. These treatments can be done at your home. Please contact her directly on [jodie.watton@icloud.com](mailto:jodie.watton@icloud.com)
- ✓ **Becki Pontefract** can offer make up for £20. You can contact her 07704025190
- ✓ **Kaycie Pearson** can offer the following: Hair curl £20. Hair curl and soft simple make up £50. Hair up and make up £70. Group discount of 10%
- ✓ **Phoebe Wellbourn** can offer all 50% on any of her treatments, please look at her instagram page @thebeautywitch.
- ✓ **Rosy Salt** can offer gel nails for £20 please look at her instagram [rosy.gelnails](#)
- ✓ **Larris Grant** can offer all spray tans £20 each or come with a friend and get 2 for £30, Please contact her via facebook or instagram @spraytanbylarris

We are also planning a prom shop after half term, we have a selection of prom dresses and suits that will be on sale for £5. Some have only been worn once, some never at all.

### Apprenticeships: everything you need to know

There are multiple pathways for young people to consider post 16, and we understand that it can be hard to keep up with these ever-changing options. An apprenticeship is a highly credible route that perfectly suits young people who want to earn as they learn, whilst gaining the valuable skills and confidence they need to forge successful careers

[Access these on line resources](#) to boost your apprenticeship knowledge and encourage effective careers conversations at home.

To further enhance yours and your child's knowledge, a new campaign, '[Get the Jump, Skills for Life](#)', has launched to help young people aged 14-19 understand all their education and training choices, how they compare and where they can lead.

Keep up with all things apprenticeships this week by following **#NAW2022** on social media.

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**Respect:** Matt Arif Millie

**Aspiration:** Megan Kayleigh Gracie

**Resilience:** Lucie Alex Leila

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Mrs Leach and the Year 11 Team

## Year 12 & 13

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### Academic Public Relations

Our Year 12 media students are creating their own in-house Public Relations company- APR - Academic Public Relations. They needed to recruit 5 student members from across the Academy.

The Year 12 students created the application process including the application form, shortlisting candidates, and then arranging and carrying out the interviews. This was done in the most professional and considerate way.

The student interviewees were very nervous and keen to share their skills, while the 6th formers were interested and supportive and showing real leadership skills. It was good to see our 6<sup>th</sup> formers being so respectful and encouraging to the younger students' aspirations!



### Young Enterprise Valentine's Day Sweet Sale - Monday 14th February

The Year12 Young Enterprise Team is running a Valentine's Day-themed sweet sale on Monday 14 February at break and lunch-time in The Atrium and Main Hall. They are also raffling 2 Amazon Gift Cards so bring along some money to support them on Monday.



**Thank you for all your support**