



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Welcome

Another busy week at AVA. Students have now been through a full cycle of their timetable and should know where they are supposed to be. We have been understanding about students getting lost and being late to the odd lesson but we now have to expect them to get to all lessons on time.

Can I encourage parents and carers to get in touch with *any* concerns using with the following email: enquiries@theacademy.me or by emailing one of the specific year teams using their direct email below. This is always the most efficient way to get through.

Have a restful weekend

Gavin Gibson

Academy Principal

Lateral Flow Testing

As you know, due to a number of positive cases in Year 11, we were forced to test all of Year 11 last week. Fortunately, there have been no further positive cases in that year group.

Please can all parents ensure that they get their children to self-test twice a week before coming into school on Mondays and Thursdays. Reminder texts are sent out and students have been issued with kits.

This is the most effective way to minimise transmission in school.

Please record your result by clicking on the following link:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vujYj3JiOk-ROacP9_VtsLsz7hMW8FICt826ukpqQWFUMTIRUFZYQjJFSkJDNDYzQkU1TTQ2M1hUSS4u

Thank you

Year 7

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Settling In

Our Year 7s continue to settle and familiarise themselves with secondary routines, they have impressed us with their efforts thus far and as a year group are receiving recognition for the effort they are making. We are very proud of them all. We have now completed most of the biometric scanning and locker allocation is well under way.

Library

All Year 7s will have undertaken an informative visit to the Library where they have/will familiarise themselves on what books are available, how to borrow them and register an interest in becoming a School Librarian. The Read to Succeed reading programme has/will be outlined to them and this will then be facilitated during one tutor time period per week. We would ask that parents and carers support us by encouraging reading at home

We have the author Dan Freedman coming in to talk to Year 7 on 28th September. He will be sharing his top tips on how to be a successful writer -- something he knows about as he has moved from writing newspaper articles about the England football team to having his *Jamie Johnson* series adapted into a popular CBBC programme. He has donated over one hundred copies of the first chapters from his latest book and will be doing a book signing when he is in too.

Homework and Microsoft Teams

All students have received emailed instructions on how to access Teams as well as an email with a guide to completing home learning on Teams that was written by our students during the last academic year. Please support and encourage your child in logging on to their Academy Microsoft account in order that they can start to organise their home learning time. Any continuing issues or concerns should be directed to Achievement Directors in the first instance.

School Photos

On Tuesday Year 7's will be having their school photos taken.

European Day of Languages

On the 23rd and 27th of September Year 7 will be celebrating European day of Languages through Tutor Time activities. Foods available in the canteen will have a European focus as organised by our Modern Foreign Language Team.

Postcard Competition

The competition to create a postcard of what you did in the summer has now closed, choosing winners was difficult but I am really pleased to announce the following winners, certificates will be given during our Assembly and all artworks will be returned to their creators.

Winner - Poppy Parker, 50 achievement points/certificate and Art Set

Runners Up - Sofia Boswell and Isabella Hutcherson, 25 achievement points/ certificate and Art Set

I hope you enjoy the pictures of the winning artwork below; we were really impressed with the efforts our winners made particularly their use of materials and colours.

We will be announcing our next competition soon. This will be given to students during the tutor period.

Any enquiries, please contact year7enquiries@theacademy.me

Well done Year 7

Ms Dutson and the Year 7 Team

Year 8



Settling In

Year 8s have had a fantastic week this week. Lots of students have enjoyed various after school clubs such as Dodge ball and UV fitness, which is great to see! They have all settled in extremely well and it's lovely to see them really enjoying their lessons. Please see the Extra Curricular Timetable at the end of this newsletter for other clubs students can join.

Volunteers

We now have a fantastic group of litter pickers, who are doing an amazing job at keeping the school clean and tidy at break times. They volunteer their time each day to do this role. Thank you to the following students: Summer White, Chloe Johnson, Amelia David, Lilly Lloyd, Alicia Dashwood, Jolleen Chapman, and Ava Pogson

Each week a student in each Tutor group is nominated for the 'Star of the week' award. Congratulations to the following students. A great start !

Nobel 1 - Emily Mack
Nobel 2 - Lucas Cooper
Nobel 3 - Reuban Smissen
Faraday 1 - Harley-Ray Hussey
Faraday 2 - Aiden Stirzaker
Faraday 3 - Franky Warner & Alfie Warman
Franklin 1 - Yahya Khan
Franklin 2 - Matthew Harding
Franklin 3 - Tamzin Aiken & Grace Boswell

Uniform

Most students have continued to keep up the high expectations regarding uniform and looking incredibly smart, however a small number are coming into school without the correct uniform. Please can you ensure your child has the correct uniform before they come into school each day.

Any enquiries, please contact year8enquiries@theacademy.me

Mrs Lloyd and the Year 8 Team

Year 9



Tutor Time

This week during tutor time, the Year 9s have had two sessions where they focused on numeracy and literacy. During the numeracy sessions, the students have the choice of three sets of questions. The students pick between Bronze, Silver and Gold with increasing levels of difficulty. Literacy also take place in tutor time and students have started silent reading which is part of the 'Read to Succeed' programme. Please encourage them to have their own reading book in their bag each day.

Our assembly this week was linked to the curriculum and our values where students were asked to explore what made an effective learner. They explored the importance of reciprocity, reflectiveness, resilience, recall and resourcefulness. These ideas were linked to the US Open Champion, Emma Raducanu.

Focused on our Cognition curFriday's are debate days and this week's topic was "Is involvement with a criminal gang always a choice?"

Tutor Group of the Week - Based on Achievement Points, Behaviour Points, Attendance.

Each tutor group are awarded points based on their rank against other tutor groups in each category.

So far, the front runners are:

1st Place - Faraday 1 - 22 points

2nd Place - Franklin 2 - 20 points

3rd Place - Faraday 3/Franklin 1 - 19 points

Each week a student in each Tutor group is nominated for the 'Star of the week' award. Congratulations to the following students. A great start !

Faraday 2 - Alex Bridges

Faraday 3 - Gerrad Yeboah

Franklin 1 - Furqaan Khan

Franklin 2 - Khadeeja Bibi

Franklin 3 - Archie Umpleby Turner

Nobel 1 - Lauren Baldwin

Nobel 2 - Leo Cooper

Nobel 3 - Maya Fenn

Any enquiries, please contact year9enquiries@theacademy.me

Mr O'Leary and the Year 9 Team

Year 10

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Primary Volunteers

Some students have been helping out in our Primary as part of their Extended Schools programme. They

have been doing a great job so far, engaging with our youngest students ensuring they are enjoying themselves in their after-school clubs. These students are: Oliver Smissen,

Iram Noor, Junaid Perriss, Aliza Khan, Geoleande Vivas, Zorah Bibi, Madison Baldwin-Biggs, Megan Puddefoot and Zoha Omer

Well done to all these students, keep up the great work, the primary students are loving your help and support.

Achievement

Our key students who have achieved awards for meeting our school values have amassed a huge number of achievement points in a short space of time. They are: Blessing Agyei-Baah, Zahra Butt and, Tayla Dumbarton. Well done girls!

Year 10 Day Trip to Operation Encounter (PGL) - 24th September 2021

The year 10 trip is now full and we are not accepting any more places. The students who have been given a medical form **must** return their form to Miss Pinker as soon as possible.

On the trip the students will take part in activities that underpin not only the school's core values but the British Military values also, such as: selfless commitment, courage, discipline, integrity, loyalty, respect, resilience, aspiration and determination.

The activities that the students will be doing are: high ropes - crate stack, bush craft, raft building and canoeing.

All students who are attending the trip must come to school in casual sportswear and appropriate trainers.

School Photos

Year 10 students will be having their school photo taken on Tuesday 21st September.

Any enquiries, please contact year10enquiries@theacademy.me

Ms Pinker and the Year 9 Team

Year 11

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Settling In

Year 11 students have certainly settled in well to their role as Year 11. It has been a very positive couple of weeks with students arriving on time to lessons, especially Period 6. Well done Year 11 you are setting an example to the rest of the students to show everyone that every lesson counts.

Careers

If your son or daughter would like a careers appointment then we can arrange this with Aviza who visit the school weekly. Student are encouraged to ask Mrs Leach to book their appointment. Also, Educational establishments are now starting to promote their open evenings/days. Make sure you look at the college or school you wish to attend and go and take a look around to make sure it is right for you. Don't forget we also have a variety of Sixth form courses here at AVA, please speak to Mr Cort about these.

Getting the Grade Evening

Year 11 students and parents are invited to the Getting the Grade evening on Thursday 7th October 5-7pm. This evening will inform you about getting the most out of your revision and core subjects.

Core Values

Every week we will be celebrating Year 11 students who have shown the core values around school. Teachers have been nominating and this week the following students have been recognised. All students will receive achievement points and will be entered into a draw to win 3 x £20 Amazon Voucher in October.

Respect: Lily, Alexandru, Tom, Jude, Mark, Charlie and Syed

Aspiration: Jacob, Vanessa, Millie, Moses, Hashim and Lukas

Resilience: Ashton, Megan, Ishaq, Alfie, Tatianna

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Geographer of the Week

Every week we nominate a student as Geographer of the week, for outstanding work and effort in Geography. This week we have nominated Toby Lloyd as he has given 100 percent in lessons this term and has been a fantastic example for everyone else in the class. Keep up the amazing work in lessons.

Ms Smyth and the Geography Team.

Early Closure 30th September

A reminder that we will be holding our Open Evening on Thursday 30th September. In order to prepare the school for this, we will be closing at 13:25. A reminder will be sent to all parents closer to the time.



Uniform

Please ensure your child arrives to school in the correct school uniform. This includes formal black shoes, a knee length skirt or black trousers, a white shirt, an AVA tie and AVA blazer. A reminder hooped earrings, acrylic nails, and trainers are not permitted.



Extra-Curricular Timetable

Please see the following timetable for the range of clubs and activities offered at AVA between 3:00pm and 4:00pm.

15:00 - 16:00		
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 9 & 10 Netball: MUGA: Miss Walker Year 9 Fitness: Gym: Miss Fuller (A) & Mr Verity (B) Year 9 & 10 Football: 3G: Mr Wakefield 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Netball: MUGA: Miss Walker Year 10 Football: 3G: Mr Wakefield Year 10 Basketball: Sports Hall: Miss Pinker
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7-10 Girls Fitness: Main Hall: Mrs Finnie, Mrs Michhiana, Miss Mehmeti Year 7 & 8 Netball: MUGA: Mrs Haynes (A) & Miss Walker (B) Year 7 & 8 Football: 3G: Mr Verity Year 7-10 Dance: Dance Studio: Miss Hayes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Girls Fitness: Main Hall: Mrs Finnie, Mrs Michhiana, Miss Mehmeti Year 10 Fitness: Gym: Miss Fuller (A) & Mr Wakefield (B) Year 10 Dance: Dance Studio: Miss Hayes Year 10 Badminton: Sports Hall: Miss Pinker
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7-9 Basketball: Sports Hall: Miss Gibbs Year 7-10 Glow Fit: Main Hall: Mrs Haynes Year 7-9 Boys & Girls Rugby: Field: Mr Wakefield Year 7-10 Girls Football: 3G: Miss Pinker 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Glow Fit: Main Hall: Mrs Haynes Year 10 Girls Football: 3G: Miss Pinker Year 10 Fitness: Gym: Miss Wise Year 10 Sport Leaders: Classroom: Mr Verity
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 9 & 10: Boxercise: Main Hall: Mr Carr Year 7-10: Running fitness: Field: Mrs Briggs Year 7-9 Dodgeball: Main Hall: Miss Walker Year 7-10 Zumba: Dance Studio: Mrs Crumpton Year 7-9 Badminton: Sports Hall: Miss Gibbs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10: Boxercise: Main Hall: Mr Carr Year 10: Running fitness: Field: Mrs Briggs Year 10 Rugby: Field: Mr Verity Year 10 Fitness: Gym: Mrs Haynes Year 10 Football: 3G: Mr Wakefield Year 10 Zumba: Dance Studio: Mrs Crumpton
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary- Year 6 Sports Club: Mr Wakefield 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 Prefects (Year 6 Sports Club)

Home Learning

A reminder about the homework timetables for Years 7-11 To identify what home learning your child should be set each day, you will need to refer to the class codes printed on the timetable issued to students at the start of term. However, please be assured that individual teachers will communicate with their classes which days they will be setting homework using these timetables as well.



Year 11	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEKS A AND B	OPTION A	OPTION B	SCIENCE	MATHS	OPTION C
	OPTION D		ENGLISH		

Year 10	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEKS A AND B	SCIENCE (y band and x1 and x2)	ENGLISH	OPTION B	MATHS	OPTION A
		SCIENCE (band x, groups 3-5)	OPTION D		OPTION C

Year 9	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEKS A AND B	SCIENCE (band y 3-5 and band x 3-5)	SCIENCE (band x 1-2 and band y 1-2)	ENGLISH	MATHS	OPTION A

		OPTION C		OPTION B	OPTION D
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KS3: **The timetable operates for core subjects only.** All other subjects to set home learning one day per week of their choosing for both Week A and Week B. Reading home learning monitored by Literacy teacher.

Year 8	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK A	8c English 8a Maths 8b Reading	8b English 8a Science	8a English 8c Science	8c Maths 8b Science 8c Reading	8b Maths 8a Reading
WEEK B	8c English 8a Maths 8b Reading	8b English 8a Science (sets 1 and 2)	8a English 8a Science (set 3) 8c Science	8c Maths 8b Science (sets 1 and 3) 8c Reading	8b Maths 8b Science (set 1) 8a Reading

Year 7	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK A	7a Science 7b English 7c Reading	7a Reading 7b Science 7c English 7a Maths	7a English 7b Maths 7c Maths	7b Reading	7c Science
WEEK B	7a Science 7b English 7c Reading	7a Reading 7b Science 7c English 7a Maths	7a English 7b Maths 7c Maths	7b Reading	7c Science

Thank you for all your support