

PARENT BULLETIN No. 40

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Welcome

Despite the challenges we face it has been another extremely busy week at AVA. Year 11s have received a lot of careers advice in the past couple of weeks and lots of discussion has taken place in one to one interviews and in assemblies about their next steps. We are recruiting for our Sixth Form with a wider range of courses than last year so please do take a look below.

I was particularly impressed this week with the members of the Student Parliament who presented every day this week to each year group on the importance of the environment, recycling and litter. They overcame their fears of presenting in front of over 250 people each day and delivered an important message. We are so proud of what they achieved.



We are keeping our face mask decision under review and if the numbers continue to fall, we will decide whether it is safe to ask students not to wear them anymore. Please see my letter earlier today for further details on this.

If you have any questions regarding the information in this bulletin or anything else, please contact using the following email: enquiries@theacademy.me.

Have a good weekend.

Gavin Gibson

Academy Principal

History Hero

This week's History Hero is **Maya Powell**. Her dedication to attempting higher order thinking tasks and participation in class discussions demonstrates excellent aspiration as well as resilience.

Well done from the History Team



Food Parcels

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 a.m. to 12 noon.

If you wish to call prior to visiting, their contact number is 01296 424400.



Join our Sixth Form in September 2022

Our sixth form applications will open on the **1st of February**. You will be able to apply online using the following link:

<http://www.theacademy.me/sixthformcourses>

If you would like to arrange a 1:1 meeting to discuss your child's options, please contact Mrs Sharma on psharma@theacademy.me or Mrs Marina on pmarina@theacademy.me

If you experience any difficulties, please email avasixthform@theacademy.me

We have included some important information, that was shared with the learners regarding their post 16 education, that might be of interest to you.

Differences between A Levels and BTECs

A Levels

- Broader academic base
- More theoretical
- Assessments are mainly exam based, at the end of Year 13
- More university options
- Examples: Psychology, English Literature, Physics, History

BTECs

- Specific focus
- Flexible in size
- Includes practical experience
- Assessments are a combination of assignments and exams
- Examples: Health and Social Care, Business, Media, Sports and Fitness

Similarities between A Levels and BTECs

Both qualifications equivalent for university admissions

Both are 2 year courses

Both give you opportunities for employment

T-Levels: A New Technical Qualification

- Introduced in September 2020
- One T-level is equivalent to three A-levels
- 2 year course
- Involves a mixture of classroom learning and on-the-job experience through industry placements
- Designed for students who have a good idea of what future career they want to go into



PE Students of the Month

The following students have showed excellent effort, participation, team skills commitment. Well done:

Alicia Dashwood (8Nob1), Jamie Lamb (9 Nob1), James Laker (10 Fara 3), James Catten (8 Nob 2), Kira Millward (8Nob 2), Phoebe Labross (7Fara 2) and Laiba Khan (10Fara 2)

Holocaust Memorial Day

Thursday 27th January marks International Holocaust Memorial Day.

This is the day for everyone to remember the millions of people murdered in the Holocaust, under Nazi Persecution, and in the genocides which followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia, and Darfur.

Students in Years 10 and 11 have been commemorating this through tutor activities. Assemblies on the importance of apathy and challenging prejudice will be done to all year groups throughout next week.



Rewards

As a school we know rewarding students' is important and since September we have given out the following rewards:

- Achievement points
- Amazon vouchers
- Lunch vouchers
- Form breakfasts
- Stationary
- Postcards
- Trips to the theatre, bowling, cinema
- Prom tickets
- Badges
- Tickets to live performances.



This term we are inviting all students to a movie night during the last week of term and two students from each year group will be receiving a copy of the book *The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse*. The students who receive the books will be based on their attitude to learning this term, focusing on their respect, aspiration, and resilience.

Parent Pay Shop

Parents are reminded that the Aylesbury Vale Academy Parent Pay shop is now open with a range of subject revision guides.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=3726>

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 Zara Presdee for her respect within Geography lessons and hard work. She is dedicated to producing her best work every lesson and proactive in making improvements. Well done!

Geography Team.



Year 7

Our Year 7s have had a very busy week with many of our Ambassadors planning and preparing activities. Most notably this week the Student Council will be delivering tomorrow's Assembly on Waste and Recycling, this will be the first student led Assembly for Year 7 so we are all very excited. In a fortnight it will be the turn of the Achievement Director Ambassadors who are working with Mr Verity on their Assembly with a focus on friendships and conflict resolution.

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We have had the pleasure of visiting some forms to watch student presentations over the course of this week. What we have seen has been impressive, the effort, detail and passion of our student's delivery to each other has taught us adults a thing or two. Presentations from Demian B and Ethan C were outstanding most notably for the way the boys were able to hold peer attention and answer questions on their presentation topic. Well done both.

Awards

This week we are very pleased to announce our first Silver Award recipient for reaching 500 Achievement Points: **Poppy P – 7 Nob 1**
Well done Poppy!

Students reaching their Bronze Award this week are: **Samara M, Rupert W, James S, Rana W, Khazim K, Isabella M, Billie Rose B, Claire H and Sam T**

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: Joseph C, Kai W, Rio, Ollie E-H, Jenifer B

Aspiration: Vinny H, Aya A, Demian B, Ellie R, Zak A

Resilience: Chantelle W, Gethen A, Aiden A, Kimberley S, Lila S



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

Well done all!

Cross Country Event

On Wednesday the 2nd of February Rufus M and Cameron D will be entering the Buckinghamshire Schools Cross Country 2022 race at Stowe School – we wish them every success at the event and look forward to updating you on how they got on next week.

Movie Night

The Year 7 Team will be hosting an Awards Film Night on the 14th of February in the Main Hall, everyone is welcome. The event will commence directly after school and end no later than 17.00. A letter requesting parental consent will be sent to parents/carers via Edulink early next week. Year 7s are currently selecting their choice from the following three options:



The event is free and refreshments/popcorn will be provided. We hope to see everyone there.

Any enquiries, please contact year7enquiries@theacademy.me

Ms Dutson and the Year 7 Team

Year 8

Update

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As always, Year 8 have had an extremely busy week. We were extremely proud to see the Year 8 members of the Student Parliament present in front of each year group. As Mr Gibson says above it is extremely daunting to have to stand up in front of your peers, never mind much older students and we thought they did Year 8 proud. The message on recycling, litter and saving the environment was extremely powerful. Well done Year 8s!

The Read to Succeed programme during tutor time is in full swing. Students pick their own books and read these during one tutor time per week. Year 8s then pick one of three tasks to complete after reading their chosen book and work towards a bronze, silver or gold award. We hope that this will spur them on pick three worksheets to receive bronze, silver awards etc.



Year 8 Boys Football vs John Colet

Year 8 played their second game of the season against a strong John Collet team. The AVA team conceded an early goal. John Collet continued to apply pressure during the first half putting AVA under more pressure. AVA then started to apply their own pressure claiming a goal back just before half time making the score 3-1 only to concede in the dying seconds of the first half once again.

The second half began, and AVA had taken a new formation with the aim of withholding the ongoing pressure from John Collet which they were able to be do till the end of the game. Final score 4-1 to John Collet

Player of the match: **Narcis Braisteanu**

Goal: **Azaan Aslam**

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Respect: *Sayan A, Lucy S Shrid B*

Aspiration: *jake F Natalie S*

Resilience: *Finley B Hayley... Ella H*



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Mrs Lloyd and the Year 8 Team

Year 9

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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 is voting different around the UK?**' 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 litter and recycling led by School Parliament and Mrs Lutchi.

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: Zainab K, Alexandra N

Aspiration: Kamil A, Junaid A, Angel A, Sienna Pi, Abigail S

Resilience: Morgan B, Binta C, Leonne F, Ben G, Hannah J, Haleena P



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Mr O'Leary and the Year 9 Team

Year 10

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Study Higher/Revolution Hive

On Tuesday 25/01 year 10 students were visited by external public speakers from Study Higher and Revolution Hive who addressed the cohort to motivate, encourage and inspire them to have a focus on having a vision for the future. Informing them that every person is here for a purpose, and they should do all they can to believe that. The focus of the speech was to drive the vision of 4 aspects in life, these were:

- Family
- Career
- Lifestyle choices
- Home



The questions that were asked was, what do you want out of these 4 aspects in your life? What can you do to make your chances better to succeed?

The students engaged and participated so well, answering questions, and interacting with the presenters. The students were inquisitive and asked lots of very important questions. The atmosphere in the assembly was exciting and vibrant and after the presentation the students said they were inspired by it and found it motivating.

Movie afternoon

As part of this terms reward incentives, we are offering the Year 10 students a movie night in the school hall. Thursday 10th February 3-5pm Year 10 students are invited to watch a film of their choice for free. To compliment the evening, we will be offering them a bag of popcorn, candy floss and a drink.

The film choices are:

1. *Black Panther*
2. *Wonder Woman*
3. *The Imitation Game*
4. *The Hate U Give*

If your child would like to attend and you give them permission, please check your emails from dcollins@theacademy.me, and complete the MS form via the link in the letter attached to the email. The deadline for this is the **8th of February**.

Year 10 Boys Football vs Buckingham School 20.01.22

The year 10 boys football team played Buckingham School last Thursday and secured a 2-1 win. The boys played so well and their work ethic and effort was excellent throughout the match. They worked extremely hard for each other and managed to secure the win. A massive shout out to Aidan Selimi in year 9 who played up a year and played in goal which aided the team in getting the win.



The next football game for the boys team is against John Colet on Thursday 27th, away. Good luck to Mr Wakefield and the boys!

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:

Respect: Ella-Rose C Cassius D Thomas D Daniella F Adrian F Kajus G Angel G Teegan H Hamza K Gerry Mc Amna M Hajrah N Mark O Dominico R Saheba Z Florence S Jenna T Lily W

Aspiration: KK B Sam C Axl H Declan K Numair K Riley N-W Mare P Nico R Ihtisham S Alfie W Heba A Haider A Jade-I Emily B Dylan B Zainab B

Resilience: Elizabeth D Jasmine H Shameer H Saran K Tausif M Junaid P Usman Q Alexandria V Finn W Roza W Yousuf Z David A Courtney B Reece B Lilly B Bethany B



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Ms Pinker and the Year 10 Team

Year 11

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.

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National Citizenship Service

On Friday Year 11 students had an assembly by NCS to launch an exciting summer opportunity for our students.

NCS is a nationally recognized government initiative for those aged 16-17 which takes place during the summer. It's a great way for young people to learn the skills for work and life they need to succeed in the future, whilst having an amazing time. The two week experience costs the government £1200 per young person that participates, however you only have to pay a maximum of £50. The programme is only available for students in Year 11 or Year 12; over 95% of students taking part in the programme are Year 11 due to their extended summer holidays. Each year we have over 3000 Hampshire



students taking part in the programme with 100,000 doing it on a national scale including many of the schools previous students.

What happens on NCS?

- **BE EPIC** In the first week, young people will live away from home and nurture their adventurous side. Whether they take on the high ropes, wild waves, or scale a wall, one thing we can guarantee is, by Friday night they'll feel fearless (and pretty worn out)! Don't worry, you'll have the weekend back home to catch your breath.
- **LIVE LIFE NEW** for 2022, phase 1 and 2 will take place in the first week! During this first week of residential young people will also have the chance to take part in some workshops. They will get a crash course in adulting and pick up skills to setting them up for life. By the time they're done, they will be speaking to a room full of people without freezing up and know a whole load more about what they want from life after school.
- **DO GOOD** Fuelled by the first week, young people will be back living at home and will have the opportunity to use their voice and have a lasting impact. They will meet their team every day at a local site to plan and deliver an impressive 'passion project' – we can't wait to see they achieve as a team. Young people get the chance to put all the skills and experiences developed in phases 1 and 2 into practice as a team, agreeing on a social action project that will make a difference to their local area.
- **GO PARTY** Ok, so this is a VIPOYE (Very Important part of Your Experience), naturally. By this point, you'll have achieved A LOT. Now it's time to be recognised. You've got to go out with a bang, right?

When can we take part in NCS?

Each programme will run for two weeks, Monday to Friday, depending on which of the start dates you choose from. Start dates will be released by the start of January when the website goes live to sign up.

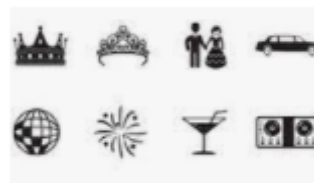
Start your amazing journey:

Applications for NCS are now open and selling fast! Places are limited and are given on a first come first serve basis. You can visit <https://wearencs.com/sign-up-to-ncs> for more information about the programme and to sign up. We highly recommend this unique and valuable opportunity and hope you will encourage your child to take part

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
- ✓ 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](https://www.instagram.com/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.

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Respect: Megan L Basit A Leah K

Aspiration: Isabella S Jacob A Alex O

Resilience: Liam S Emma H Fizah Q



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Mrs Leach and the Year 11 Team

Year 12 & 13

12/13

Parents' Evening

This will take place of **Thursday 3rd February** and we will send you the relevant link next week for you to book your appointments.

Thank you for all your support