



# The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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## PARENT BULLETIN No. 38

### 14<sup>TH</sup> January 2022

#### Welcome

The new school term has started quickly and students have settled in well to lessons. In my assembly to all students at the start of the year, I talked about **aspiration**, one of our three school values. As with new year's resolutions, students can often find it difficult to do things 100% better than before. Therefore, I suggested that they do *many* things 1% better so that they see a significant change. A 1% **aspirational** change might be asking their teacher for more work in lessons, being 1% more **respectful** by asking someone how their day is. I have been hugely impressed by how settled students have been in lessons this week and how many have asked me how *my* day is! Instead of dramatic new year's resolutions which can sometimes fail, I have asked students to make a lot of little changes so they see a big change. Young people always surprise you with their adaptability.



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

Have a good weekend.

**Gavin Gibson**

**Academy Principal**

#### Join our Sixth Form in September 2022

We are excited to announce our new Prospectus will be available on the 20th of January and our applications to the sixth Form will open on the 1st of February 2022. Please contact us on [avasixthform@theacademy.me](mailto:avasixthform@theacademy.me) for any enquiries.

#### Year 11 Parents' Evening

A reminder that Parents' Evening is **Thursday 20th January**, please use the School Cloud platform to book your virtual appointments <https://aylesburyvaleacademy.schoolcloud.co.uk/>.

These meetings are in place to support your child in their final weeks at school.



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Parents Evening

## Uniform

A reminder that students are not permitted to wear black trainers instead of school shoes and are not permitted painted or acrylic nails. We will text you to inform you if your child is not in their full school uniform.

## History Hero

This week's History Hero is **Abdur- Rahman Savage**, for great improvement in his Year 11 history studies and a fantastic mock exam result score as well.

History Team



## 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 Jack Alidis for his very high scores in his recent assessment. He always works to a high standard and gives 100 per cent all the time in every lesson - well done!



Geography Team.

## Year 12 and 13 Parents' Evening

This will take place of **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** and we will send you the relevant link in the coming weeks for you to book your appointments.

## Year 7

We are pleased to welcome back Year 7 to the new term and are very much hope our Yr 7 families had a restful and enjoyable break. For some covid may have ruined plans and led to illness and we are very sorry if this has been the case.

# 7

The term commenced with LFTs on Tuesday, our Yr 7's were prompt and well behaved with the majority attending, we are grateful to parents and carers for their support with this. Our Principal, Mr Gibson led our 'Welcome Back' Assembly on Thursday with a focus on looking after each other, our environment, and the meaning of aspiration. Our Assembly this Friday will centre on Equality, particularly respecting the choices, views and beliefs of those around us.

### Tutor Programme

Our Tutor programme this term will continue with the same structure, to give you a flavour of this your children will undertake the following activities:

- **Monday:** Continue to build and prepare individual presentations with a focus on British Values, the Yr 7 Team are very much looking forward to visiting forms to watch the presentations in the coming weeks.
- **Tuesday:** Focus on reading, our work on PAX is ending and we will be moving onto the Reading to Succeed Award Scheme. Students will design their own book covers and read a book of their own choice before creating a word search and quiz based on their book selection. We would recommend that our students begin to select their book and begin to bring it into school, particularly on a Tuesday.
- **Wednesday:** Debate, students will be given the opportunity to debate current affairs.
- **Thursday:** Numeracy, offering our students the opportunity to revisit concepts, practicing and building on their number skills.
- **Friday:** Assembly

**Welcome/Thank you:** Year 7 would like to welcome Miss Waugh who will be taking over as Form Tutor for Mr Duhaney who we would like to thank for all the work he has done with Faraday 1.

## Ambassadors

We were very pleased to announce all our Ambassadors in the last bulletin. This term they will begin to undertake roles and responsibilities linked to their specific area. We will keep you updated with their activities and undertakings.

## 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:** Gabrielle O, Olivia U, Aleem A, Harrison C, Riley S

**Aspiration:** Theo H, Demian B, Harry T, Tia H, Kelly A

**Resilience:** Fatima A, Jasmine J, Niamh H, Cameron C, Carrick E

Well done - a brilliant start to the term



## Cheerleading

The Academy will be offering the above activity, the opportunity has been outlined to our students but if your child wants to get involved, please let us know, the poster below contains all the details.

Any enquiries, please contact [year7enquiries@theacademy.me](mailto:year7enquiries@theacademy.me)

Ms Dutson and the Year 7 Team

# Year 8

## Update

Year 8s have had a fantastic week this week and a great start to the term. Lots of students have been engaged in their extra responsibilities such as School Parliament meetings, Anti-Bullying meetings, Equality club meetings, Litter picking, Librarian responsibilities and generally being very active around the school.



They have also been extremely busy in Tutor time and enjoyed an Assembly led by Ms O'Loughlin around the importance of Teamwork and Tolerance.

Well done to the following students for becoming Mental Health Ambassadors: James C, Abi S, Kara N, Ami M, Brooke B, Jessica M, Kyrah F, Jacob P, Oliver W, Aleena F, Jessie B

Each student had to submit an application, explaining why they would be suitable applicants for the role. Well done !

## Academy Values Awards

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**Respect:** Kira M,

**Aspiration:** Adam S, Ella H,

**Resilience:** Lydia B, Macy C,

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Mrs Lloyd and the Year 8 Team



# Year 9

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## Update

Happy New Year to all Year 9 students and their families

The term has started well for the year group and they have settled back into academy life.

Just before the Christmas holiday's we took 84 students to Rogue Bowling in Aylesbury, the trip was very successful and all the students had a great time.

We will be running another reward trip in the Spring and we look forward to taking as many of our students as possible on this trip.

## Tutor Time & Assembly

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 "**What does the future hold for space exploration?**". There were some great debates held during tutor time.

This week's assembly was on the theme of Tolerance and Teamwork led by Miss O'Loughlin

## Academy Values Awards

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**Respect:** Dillon E, Richie C, Quixote H

**Aspiration:** Ben G, Anisa K

**Resilience:** Jessica H



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Mr O'Leary and the Year 9 Team

# Year 10

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## Breakfast Reward

Well done to Nobel 1 and Franklin 1 who won the virtual quiz and virtual escape room which was completed before Christmas. The students in these tutor groups were invited to have breakfast this morning to congratulate their aspiration and resilience to win the quiz/escape room as a tutor group.

## Study Higher

On Tuesday 25th January Study Higher will be visiting the school and running a 50-minute presentation. This presentation will focus on building confidence and dealing with fear and anxiety as the year 10 students prepare for their mocks and transition into their final year at AVA.

## 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:** Dylan B Ruby I Esther S Emily K

**Aspiration:** Toby L Daisy W Tayla D

**Resilience:** Aliza K Scarlett-Lilly F Livvy B



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Ms Pinker and the Year 10 Team

## Year 11

# 11

### Mock Results Day

Year 11 will be coming home with their mock results today. We wanted the students to experience receiving their exam results in an envelope as if it was the real results day. All students were treated to breakfast whilst they opened their results and then we were joined by Study Higher who delivered a sequence of seminars to the students from a variety of industries such as ASK who delivered a talk on apprenticeships in the workplace. Bucks New Uni discussing the university courses they have to offer and CV writing and finally the Army delivered a seminar on the careers they have to offer. We hope your child found today useful. Please do remind your child to keep their mock results in a safe place, they will need these when applying for their future pathways.

### Calling all Medics

If your child is interested in a career in medicine, please encourage them to sign up to this free webinar.

To help aspiring medics get back on track with their Medicine applications, we will be running a free online webinar where we will be covering the following:

- Medicine Application Timeline
- Medical Work Experience
- How to Get Work Experience
- Reflection
- Key Deadlines/Dates to note down
- Choosing a Medical School - Making Choices

Every attendant will also receive multiple frameworks, templates and other materials they can use on their journey to Medical school.

**Webinar Name:** Medicine Application: Getting Back On Track

**Date:** Wednesday, January 26

**Time:** 07:00 PM (London time)

**Location:** Online - Zoom

**Admission:** Free

**Suitable for:** Students in Year 10,11 and 12

Your child can book their free space here: [educationprojects.co.uk/project/medicine-application-getting-back-on-track](https://educationprojects.co.uk/project/medicine-application-getting-back-on-track)

The spaces are limited so your students need to book their spaces as soon as possible.

### Prom

The Prom committee met on Wednesday to start organising the Prom, we discussed themes, decided on the menu and started to look at the lead up to prom. One of the most important aspects of prom for a child is the preparation part. We are lucky that our school is situated in the wonderful community, Berryfields. A number of hairdressers, make-up artists, spray tan technicians and nail artists have been in touch to offer discount. I have emailed all students with details of how they can book their treatment and the discount offered.



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**Respect:** Leila K Fizah Q Maja P

**Aspiration:** Poppy S Jack A Basit A

**Resilience:** Millie W Aiden S Lucy M



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Mrs Leach and the Year 11 Team

## Media Studies Updates

The Year 12 and 13 Creative Media students enjoyed a trip to the Milton Keynes Job Fair last week. They networked with industry professionals and got some great tips for writing CVs.

This week the Year 9 and 10 Media GCSE students will watch their GCSE text, Marvel's Black Widow at a local pop-up cinema in Aylesbury.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> is the World Challenge Training Day. Students going on the Nepal expedition will meet their World Challenge leader and get a taste of what is to come on their upcoming trip.

## Face Masks

All students are now required to wear face masks in communal areas and classrooms. This helps to ensure our school can stay open.

Students should arrive at school with their own face mask. The school has a limited supply of face masks which we can provide in emergencies but it is essential that students have their own and, ideally, a spare.

Students who are exempt from wearing face masks will be provided with an exemption card. If you feel your child is exempt and they do not have a card, they should see their Achievement Director.



## Pencil Sharpeners and Scissors

I have taken the decision to stop students bringing in their own pencil sharpeners and scissors to school. This is to ensure we keep our school and students themselves as safe as possible. This is merely a precaution.

If students need these items, they will be provided by their class teacher.



**Thank you for all your support**