



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

RESPECT | ASPIRATION | RESILIENCE

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Welcome

We talk about **Resilience** at AVA through assemblies, our awards and the activities that students undertake in lessons. The ability to overcome any problems, sticking at something that is challenging or even just having the will power to avoid things that make you unhappy. Today was extremely hot, nearly 32° and students needed to show their resilience by remembering to drink lots of water, remain focused in lessons when they felt uncomfortable and keeping their energy levels high. This weather is lovely but many of us struggle with this because we are not used to it but I am proud of the way students managed to do these things in the face of conditions that they are not used to.



If you have any questions about anything in this bulletin, please contact us at enquiries@theacademy.me.

Have a good weekend and enjoy the sunshine (if it lasts...)

Gavin Gibson
Academy Principal

Energy Drinks

We do not allow students to have energy drinks at AVA. This includes brands such as **Lucozade, Red Bull, Monster, Gatorade, Rockstar, Monster** and many others as well as supermarkets' own versions of these drinks. These products contain large amounts of sugar or glucose and caffeine may cause serious heart and blood vessel problems such as heart rhythm disturbances and increases in heart rate and blood pressure. They do not support students in concentrating effectively and we would suggest students have a good night's sleep, breakfast before coming to school and carry a refillable water bottle to ensure they have the energy levels they need.

If students have these products on them in school, they will be confiscated and disposed of.

Parent Pay Shop

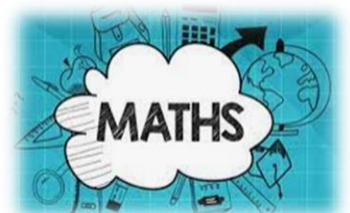
We have an AVA shop on Parent Pay, where they can purchase revision guides. <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=3726>



Maths Challenge

This week's winner of the Maths Challenge is **Russ Harris** of 10Fa3. Well done, Russ, for demonstrating excellent mathematical ability!

Mr Binns, Maths Department



Race for Life: Primary and Secondary

National School Sports Week will be taking place Monday 20th-Thursdays 23rd June. All students across the academy will have the opportunity to participate in the AVA 'Race for Life' event, with every student receiving a medal for all their hard work and effort.



Students will have the challenge of completing as many loops as possible in the given time.

Sponsorship forms will be available from classroom teachers (Primary) and the PE Department (Secondary), or donations can be made directly via the school link below:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/aylesbury-vake-academy>

Last year the academy raised over £1000, lets see if we can match or even beat this target!

Classroom to Careers Newsletter - June 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 events, activities and on university, 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. The important events for your attention are Careers in Criminal Investigation, Future Jobs, Film crew training with Pinewood, Exams guidance, Work experience with InvestIn.



History Updates

Have Your Say

All Students have been sent a link to a short survey via their class Teams page regarding their experiences as a **History** student. We really value student feedback so if you could encourage your child to complete this, we would be very grateful.



GCSE History Tuition

We have opened availability for tuition on GCSE History. For Year 9, this will be Mondays 3-4pm and for Year 10, this will be Fridays 3-4pm. Sessions will be held in E-02-04. There is no need to book, nor a requirement to attend weekly, unless students wish to. Sessions will focus on 1:1 tutoring of, but not exclusive to, the following.

- Catch up on work missed
- Revise content not understood e.g. key events, roles of key individuals etc.
- Practice exam technique
- Develop revision strategies

History Hero



This week's History Hero is **Rayian Mohammed**. He has worked extremely hard in his history lessons for the last month and this change in attitude and behaviour has been noted by myself and support staff in lessons. I am greatly impressed by his recent attitude to learning and participation in class discussion as well as aspiration in attempting as many tasks as possible. Keep it up!

Year 7

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Last week as well as celebrating our Yr 7's achievements through the Awards Assembly, we also undertook our first "Culture" week. Food from around the world was featured and served in the canteen while music from a variety of cultures was played in the Atrium at Lunchtime. Students were able to celebrate their own cultures and learn about their peers and teachers. Our Academy is diverse and rich in culture which we plan to celebrate this regularly through events. A variety of displays were created for the event with many of our students getting involved.

This week we are exceptionally pleased to announce our first student to reach the Platinum Award with over 1000 Achievement Awards – well done Julia B, other achievement point milestone awards this week go to:

Bronze Award: Ryan W

Silver Award: Jamie M, Riley S

Gold Award: Alysia Gray

Well done to each and every one of you.



Race for Life Event

Our PE Department led by Miss Haynes will be organizing the Race for Life event in school between the 20th and 23rd of June. All our Y7s are encouraged to get involved, information will have been shared with them during Tutor Time. During the event students will walk or run a pre-planned course and they are encouraged to **wear an item of pink** while they take part. There will be prizes for the most laps completed plus recognition for getting actively involved.

Transition Boxes

This week Y7s are being asked to provide advice for our new Y7s joining us in September, each form will formulate a bank of advice for our new students which we hope to share with them as they transition into the Academy.

Any enquiries, please contact year7enquiries@theacademy.me
Mrs Dutson and the Year 7 Team

Year 8

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Update

The sun has been out, and the student have been making the most of it this week. This week we have been focusing on resilience and transferable skills. Every day this week for the start of period one, they have had an assembly to celebrate their achievements and to discuss a range of topics. In tutor time they have also continued with the tutor programme and on Tuesday Nobel 1 did active tutor time.

Year 8 Assemblies

As you know, we have introduced Period 1 assemblies daily to ensure that Year 8s have a strong start to each day. They are between 15-20 minutes and provide opportunities to discuss personal development topics, social interactions, behaviour and to celebrate the successes of each individual. This week the timetable for these assemblies was:

Monday - Ms Proud discussed the importance of reading and how it can improve literacy skills.

Tuesday - Mr Hawley delivered an assembly on the importance of never giving up and becoming more resilient.



Wednesday - Mr West delivered an assembly on importance of failing and learning from our mistakes. He discussed how famous people have become successful from their failure.

Thursday - Miss Mehmeti discussed bullying and how to be an 'upstander' rather than a bystander.

Friday - Matilda performance from the drama department.

Academy Values Awards

One of the most rewarding parts of our job is celebrating all the fantastic students in our year for all their hard work and effort. 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: Aidan B, Reiss VD, Jacob Sp, Macy C, Euan B, Emily M.

Resilience: Cassie R, Abigail S, Lowri T, Rohan A, Bradley B, Summer E.

Aspiration: Sebastian B, Kiah T, Chloe J, Zakarayah K, Sahiba F, Alayan S. Rehan H.



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

Year 9

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Update

The Year 9 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 are microaggressions?**" 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 "Sports Week" and was led by the PE department.

Celebrating Successes

Stars of the Week: **Jessica H, Zain Y, Gerrard Y, Tyla F, Lara B, Sophie F, Yvonne C, Karol K, Haroon U-R**



Key Dates

Summer Reward Trip, Monday 18th July: Thorpe Park

Letters will be distributed to students and parents next week.

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Respect: Angel A, Musa K, Shannon H, Sheza R, Manal S, Eleanor C, Isabella B, Zayneb B

Aspiration: Tamara A, Annabel H, Dayaan K, Alice K, Janhavi K, Phoebe P, Theodore H,

Resilience: Binta C, Jessica B, Lauren B, Evan H, Lilly C, Summer C, Sami-Ullah K



Any enquiries, please contact year9enquiries@theacademy.me
Mr O'Leary and the Year 9 Team

Year 10

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Mock Exams

Year 10 mock exams begin on Monday and will run until Wednesday 6th July. Please encourage your child to revise and be prepared for their mock exams, we do offer the following revision platforms for them to use:

Microsoft Teams

- <https://members.gcsepod.com/login>
- <https://www.aqa.org.uk/>
- <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/about-us/qualification-brands/edexcel.html>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>



The exam timetable issued to students is below:

Date	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
WEEK A						
Mon 20 th June	10CAf1 and 10C/At1 Art exam all day					
Tue 21 st June	10CAf1 and 10C/At1 Art exam all day					
Wed 22 nd June	10A/Af1 Art exam all day					
Thu 23 rd June	10A/Af1 Art exam all day					
Fri 24 th June						

Date	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
WEEK B						
Mon 27 th June	Year 10 External Health & Fitness Exam 1hr 30mins External Polish Writing Exam 1hr 20mins		Science Triple Biology 1hr 45mins Science Combined 1hr 15mins			
Tue 28 th June	Year 10 External Russian Writing Exam 1hr 25mins		English Language 1hr 45mins			
Wed 29 th June	Drama 45mins		Design Technology 2hrs			
Thu 30 th June	Maths Paper 1 Non Calculator 1hr 30mins		Geography 1hr 30mins			
Fri 1 st July	Science Triple Chemistry 1hr 45mins Science Combined Chemistry 1hr 15mins		Music GCSE 50mins		History 1hr	
WEEK A						
Mon 4 th July	Science Triple Physics 1hr 45mins Science Combined Physics 1hr 15mins		Spanish Writing 1hr 5mins Foundation Spanish Writing 1hr 20mins			
Tue 5 th July	Computer Science 1hr 30mins		English Literature 1hr 45mins			
Wed 6 th July	Religious Studies 1hr 45mins		Maths Paper 2 Calculator 1hr 30mins			
Thu 7 th July						
Fri 8 th July						

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End of Year Reward Trip

All parents and carers have received information regarding the upcoming Year 10 reward trip to **Whipsnade Zoo**. The students seem excited about the trip which is on Thursday 7th July. If you would like your child to attend please complete the form in the link: <https://forms.office.com/r/MXiyBtnZyd>, you will find all the information on Parent Pay.



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Resilience: Ruby I, Bethany W, Toby L

Aspiration: Hajra A, Zoha O, Amani B

Respect: Emily N, Aimee U, Charlie S



Any enquiries, please contact year10enquiries@theacademy.me
Mrs Leach and the Year 10 Team

Year 11

Prom

Prom is just around the corner, and we are all excited to see the students in their eveningwear. Tickets have been sent out this week; please do get in touch if your child has not received their ticket by Tuesday. All students must present their ticket on entry to the Prom.



Exams Next Week

EXAMS - WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 20TH JUNE					
Date	Start	Length (Hour)	Board	Component Code	Component Title
Monday 20th June	08:50	1hr 45min	AQA	8462/2F/2H	Chemistry Paper 2
Monday 20th June	08:50	1hr 15min	AQA	8464/C/2F/2H	Combined Science Chemistry Paper 2
Tuesday 21st June	08:50	1hr	AQA	8145/2B/A-2B/D	History Paper 2 Section B
Tuesday 21st June	13:30	1hr 30min	EDUQAS	5569UA0-1	Hospitality & Catering Onscreen Exam
Wednesday 22nd June	08:50	1hr 30min	OCR	J536/05	GCSE Music Listening & Appraising
Wednesday 22nd June	08:50	1hr 45min	Edexcel	1MU003	GCSE Music Appraising
Thursday 23rd June	08:50	1hr 45min	AQA	8463/2F/2H	Physics Paper 2
Thursday 23rd June	08:50	1hr 15min	AQA	8464/P/2F/2H	Combined Science Physics Paper 2
Friday 24th June	08:50	1hr 30min	Edexcel	1STO/2H	Statistics Paper 2

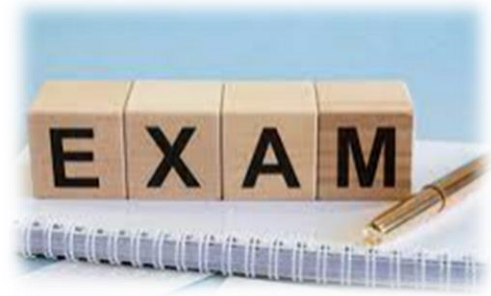
Important Information Regarding Examinations

From Monday students are expected in for exams **only**. They must attend all exams that are allocated to you on your individual candidate timetable.

Mobile phones, headphones, watches must be handed in when students enter the exam hall

Students are allowed to take into the exam room. A drink of plain water in a sealed clear plastic bottle with the label removed.

School uniform must be worn.



British Airways Work Experience

Young Professionals have an exciting opportunity for our students. Working with British Airways they are running a 3-day Business Virtual Work Experience program to give students the chance to gain an insight into the professional teams at BA's Head Office.



Across the three days, you'll hear from different teams from their HQ (including Sustainability, Finance, Digital Marketing and Commercial Analytics) who will pose the question 'where do you see British Airways in one year and ten years' time?' and provide industry updates and trends as well as employability top tips!

The placement involves a mix of activities, quizzes, hearing from live guest speakers (including current apprentices and graduates) and project planning time. At the end of the placement, you'll have the opportunity to share your vision for the future of British Airways and aviation with a special guest panel of British Airways colleagues! You will also have the opportunity to secure an in-person Insight Day at their HQ based at London Heathrow during the October half-term holidays this year.

The event is taking place online via Zoom on **Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th June from 10:00am - 3:00pm** each day. Upon completion, you will receive a certificate which can be used on your CV / personal statements moving forward.

If you'd like to join us for this fantastic work experience opportunity click the following link to sign up:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BA-Work-Experience>

Any enquiries, please contact year11enquiries@theacademy.me

Mrs Leach and the Year 11 Team

Thank you for all your support