



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Welcome...

We have come to the end of our first half term of the year, and it has flown by!

The length of the term is represented in the length of this bulletin just to show how much is happening every week.

What makes me very happy is the huge number of students' names – names of those who have been nominated by staff at the school and who deserve recognition for all their efforts.

What a great way to start a half-term holiday, and I Look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 31st October.

Gavin Gibson
Academy Principal



Celebrate

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Key Links:

[Secondary website](#)

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PSHE Workshop

In January we are hoping to run a PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) and RSE (Relationships and Sexual Education) workshop. In this workshop Miss O'Loughlin will answer any questions parents have about the PSHE and RSE curriculum and discuss the RSE policy.

If you would like to attend the Parent's PSHE and RSE Workshop in 2023, please complete [this form](#) before Thursday 10th November.

Black History Month

The Art department's Black History Month competition remains open until **Friday November 4th**, with students invited to design a motivational poster, create a portrait of a black icon, or pay homage to their own family background or culture – and try to win one of two Amazon vouchers in the process. Entries should be handed in to a member of staff in the Art department.



Diwali Celebrations at AVA



To celebrate Diwali this year, we have the following events happening across the Academy:

- Diwali assembly to share the story of Diwali and how it is celebrated across the world.
- Indian Dance Workshop for students for Years 7,8 and 9 on Tuesday November 1st. Please secure a space for your child on ParentPay.
- Year 7 students will be decorating Diwali lanterns during RS lessons to hang around the school.

Hot Chocolate with the Principal and Green Ticket draw results:

The following students were nominated by their Achievement Directors to have Hot Chocolate with the Principal on Thursday 20th October to celebrate their fantastic start to the school year: **Amir C, Megan P, Lexi K, Lila S, Oliwia K, Elionai M, Niran R, Isabella H, Corey C,** and **Dillon M.**

We drew Green Ticket Awards for the first time this year, and the following students were lucky enough to be win Amazon vouchers; **Lucas B, Eoin C, Aidan A, Abbie D, Ali H, Nichole MW, Myra Z, Hannah S, Teegan H,** and **Aimee M.**

Teacher have been awarding green tickets for high quality work throughout the term, with all green cards then entered in to the prize draw. Well done to all students who received a green ticket - the box was full to bursting!



PE Ambassadors

After 2 weeks of applications being open and students sending in letters of application, this year's PE Ambassadors have now been selected. They are: **Zain H, Rupert W, Amber W, Ingrid CS, Rufus M, Summer W, Joleen C, Austin S, Amir C, Eda H, Eleanor G,** and **Alice K.**

These Ambassadors will be our leading lights, assisting with PE events across the academy including Inter-House Competitions, Sports Days (both Primary and Secondary) as well as Primary events being run for the first time at AVA.

Well done to these students for writing excellent applications and showing a real enthusiasm for supporting our PE department.

Duke of Edinburgh Awards update

There has been lots of exciting activity with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award these past few weeks and lots to celebrate within the Academy. Below are just some of the things that have been happening:

- 45 Year 10 and Year 11 students passed their Qualifying Expeditions.
- 9 Bronze Awards have been fully completed and sent for Awards Verification, with many other students in the process of uploading their final reports.
- Year 9's have had a visit from the DofE about enrolling onto their Bronze Award and letters have been sent on Edulink to parents. A reminder that the deadline for payment and returning enrolment forms is Monday 31 October. Thank you to the 3 Year 10 DofE students (Eda H, Eleanor G and Sophia D) who spoke to the Year 9's about their Bronze DofE experiences!
- 21 students in Year 10 and 11 have signed up to do their Silver Award.
- 2 students in Year 10 (Eda H and Eleanor G) have been accepted onto the DofE Young Leaders Programme where only 2 spaces are made available each year, and are busy completing their training.



We are very proud of our DofE students who are taking control of their own personal development, facing new challenges and learning new skills and thank you to all DofE parents who are supporting from home!

Aylesbury Cheerleading Academy Fundraiser



Several of our students take part in Team Apollo from the Aylesbury Cheerleading Academy, and are hoping to raise £30,000 so that they and their team of 19 athletes can travel to The Summit 'All Star World Championships' in Florida in April 2023.

Cheerleading is currently completely self-funded, and as such the Cheerleading Academy is looking to raise funds from across our community to assist with the travel costs and other expenses, which will total in excess of £1,500 per

athlete.

We really hope you can support their athletes by offering a donation via the Club's Just Giving [page](#).

GCSE History Trip to Berlin

Thank you to all parents and carers who provided passport details so promptly. Flights have now been booked so a polite reminder, as stated on letters handed out September, that all deposits are non-refundable.

If you have yet to provide full passport details and indicate if your child would like an 'AVA on tour' hoodie, please complete the form [here](#).

If you experience any issues completing this form, please try the link on your child's History class Microsoft Teams page. Alternatively, you can email smichhiana@theacademy.me



Purchasing Revision Books on ParentPay

Did you know you can purchase revision books for your child via Parent Pay?

Purchasing revision books this way is quick and easy, meaning your child will receive the book in school once ordered.

All available books can be found [here](#).

Car Parking at Pick Up Time

Please can we respectfully request that parents who are collecting their child(ren) by car at the end of the school day show consideration for local residents, each other and our students.

Please consider queuing in the car park rather than parking on the road in Kentish Street and Seabright Way, particularly opposite the junctions, as this can have knock-on effects on the flow of traffic around the school.



Please also avoid parking on pavements - this can create a danger to students leaving on foot or on bicycle, as well as other pedestrians.

Thank you for considering the safety of our local community.

Careers

FAIRE: Fairer Access in to Real Experience

If your Year 9 – 13 child is interested in a career in the legal profession and are looking to secure a training contract, a Solicitor apprenticeship, an in-house GC role or gain a Pupillage – then they won't want to miss out on an online event from join our online event run by Browne Jacobson LLP on **Tuesday 25 October 2022**.

Boasting a long line-up of high profile speakers, the event will see the legal professions most successful, high profile and diverse role models (all of which have faced rejection and barriers) come together to share their stories and advice. Attendees will receive an e-certificate to add to their CV to help boost future career prospects.

Browne Jacobson are passionate about finding innovative ways to attract future talent. We want to break down barriers to accessing a legal career and help everyone - whatever their background - get a foot in the door. Students can sign up to the event [here](#).

Following on from the student day time event we are going to be running a shorter parent/event that will discuss the kinds of careers within the legal industry, legal apprenticeships and where to find them and a Q&A to wrap things up. Parents and carers can sign up [here](#).

Online Careers and Work Experience

Over the coming weeks we have a range of online careers and work experience days for students aged 14-18 to take part in, helping students find out more about their possible future careers and take part in interactive sessions where they can gain experience to help in their university applications. The schedule is as follows:

Saturday November 5th - Psychology Career Day

Saturday November 12th - Business Career Day

Saturday November 19th - Architect Career Day

Saturday November 26th - Vet Career Day

Saturday December 3rd - Law Career Day

Saturday December 10th - Science Career Day

Saturday December 17th - Arts Career Day

Students can visit www.careerdays.co.uk to choose their sessions.



Regular Bulletin Items



Donate or Swap Your Uniform!

If you have a blazer that does not fit your child, bring it in to school and we may be able to swap it for a second hand one in good condition.

Alternatively, if you would like to **donate your old blazer any branded items or any uniform items to the school**, we would be very grateful. Just come in to the main reception and talk to our staff. This can really help families in need.

Special Educational Needs

If you have concerns regarding your child's learning and would like to discuss them with the Special Educational Needs team, please complete the online form, [here](#).

Meeting with Staff

At AVA – as at all schools - staff work to their own timetables, which means they are often in the classroom or on a duty when you may want to meet with them.

The best way to organise a meeting with any member of staff is via Reception, either by calling 01296 482551 or by emailing enquiries@theacademy.me. Requests are always passed on to the relevant person, and they will be in touch with you to arrange a convenient meeting time.

Organising a meeting in this way gives staff the chance to prepare in advance, which usually leads to a quicker resolution than when parents come in to reception without an appointment.





Mrs Weedon says... The first term of Year 7 has been completed - well done to all our Year 7s!

This term has brought many opportunities, events and many first for our Year 7s. The Year 7 team has been very pleased with how well they have settled into academy life, and we have had a fantastic time celebrating all the successes.

The students have maintained a very high standard with uniform throughout the term, and I look forward to seeing them maintain this throughout the year.

We have been very impressed with how the students have been helping each other and the school community, through our litter picking ambassadors and school parliament.

Have a restful break and we shall see you again on October 31st to do it all over again!

This week in tutor time, Year 7 continued with the Read to Succeed programme, completing tasks based on the book they have been reading to earn their bronze award. They completed part of their Careers Booklet, looking at the skills they want to improve for future job prospects.

Our community assembly this week was also related to careers. We had an external speaker who discussed the five most important skills needed in the workplace, which were listening, communication, problem-solving, collaborating, and reporting.

Dates for you Diaries

Friday 9th September – Christmas Panto (Aladdin)

This is a great opportunity, and we would love to take as many Year 7s as possible. Payments should be made on ParentPay.

Thursday 4th May 2023 – Year 7 Parents' Evening

This week we had our celebration assembly, and we had an incredible number of nominations for students demonstrating the academy values. Well done to the students below who have been awarded the Resilience, Aspiration, and Respect awards. These students have been nominated by their classroom teachers:



Year 7 Academy Values Awards



Liam Castle x4	Ava Giles	Ashlee Baldwin	Kian Burnard
Amber Whitehead	Ava White	Effie Dean x2	Sofija Bull
Humna Qayyum	Humna Qayyum	Freddy dean	Mia Barrett
Fawzy Mohammed	Roxanne Brown	Willow Kain	Buck Mitchell
Chloe Way	Matthew Lambourne	Lilli Finch	Michael Bartlett
Dharm Bhatt x2	Izzy Brennan	Noelani Scarlett	Harry Satterly
Kian Burnard	Daniyal Rana x2	Grace Hogg	Imogen Christensen
Megan Price	Afia Master	Eoin Casselton	Arthur Fletcher
Elise Breith	Tamzin Walsh	Jake Clark	George Hart

Year 7 Academy Values Awards



Iris Moss	Isla-Rose Blake	Yug Joshi	Nicolas Neacsu
Cherice Greff	Kallie Clack	Amir Cole x3	Maheema Maheshkumar
Madi Bradley	Shyla Sudasinghe	Elisha Menkah x2	Aleesha Khalid
Keira Pickford	George Pullin	Freya Baldwin x2	Toby Payne
Eloise Corre	Elissa Ingineru	Kayden Braken	Miley Partington
Victoria Naivelt x2	Sofija Bull	Roxanne Brown	Ashlee Baldwin
Weronika Smykla	Izzy Brennan	Elise Breith	Izabella Ionescu
Cameron Sutherland	Joseph Capicotta	Zara Wink	Humna Quayyun
Rehan Somaiya	Noelani Scarlett x2	Izzy Brenna	Bradley Corbett
Imogen Christensen	Fawzy Mohammed	Megan Price	Lorenzo Clatworthy

Year 7 Academy Values Awards



Harley Hill	Alyssa Humphrey-Whittle	Matthew Lambourne x2	Toby Payne
Bradley Corbett	Chloe Dell x2	Graci Morris	Jessica Moloney
Elizabeth Nitu	George Denings	Elisha Menkah	Amber John
Maddie Mucedola	Deenah Khaliq	Emma Beacham	JJ Brownsmith
Yug Joshi	Kaif Kamran	Tamzin Walsh	Matri Rotaru
Bella Hollings	Harry Satterly	Harmony-Grace Frith	Austin Smith
Joseph Capicotta	Kian Burnard	Roni Waite	Mia Owen x2
Kennoy Laundry	Adeyinka Adenji	Tommy Shurey	Alistair Geary

Termly Form Competition

Form Achievement Points:

1. Nobel 3 – 743
2. Faraday 3 – 505
3. Franklin 3 - 453

Individual Achievement Points:

1. Amir C – 115
2. Roxanne B – 108
3. Ava G - 101

Form Attendance (%):

1. Franklin 2 – 98.2%
2. Faraday 3 – 98%
3. Faraday 1 – 97.8%

Honourable Mentions:

Well done to everyone in Year 7 for their hard work this term!

Any enquiries, please contact year7enquiries@theacademy.me

Mrs Weedon and the Year 7 Team



Ms Dutson says... Year 8 celebrated their successes - both as individuals and collectively - during our Year 8 Achievement Assembly on Monday Morning.

Our Achievement Assemblies are very year group focused and take place the last Monday of each half term. We were really proud to present all the following students with certificates and prizes for their dedication to AVA's values:

Nobel 1: Alyssa T, Harry G, Ava H; Nobel 2: Mia N, Lexi K, Kayden C

Nobel 3: Komal I, Edward N, Theo H; Franklin 1: Dior J, Shalom M, Ewan B

Franklin 2: Jennifer, Ethan C, Oliver M; Franklin 3: Ryley C, Olivia O, Riley S

Faraday 1: Summer E, Isabella P, Logan B; Faraday 2: Alana B, Morgan S, Sophia O

Faraday 3: OliviaU, Humayun H, James K

Special mentions went to **Kyran S, Elizabeth B, Jumana A, Shanade W, Sofia B, Rufus M, and Naya N.** **Nobel 2** were the term's top attenders with 97%, and **Franklin 2's** 1567 Achievement Points couldn't be bettered.

Aidan A and **Abbie D** were the terms' Green Card Winners, **Jasmine J** and **Lila S** were treated to Hot Chocolate with the Principal, and **Zach P** won the coveted Achievement Director Award.

Our Tutor Programme this week has run as normal with reading and equipment checks on Tuesday and our Careers Introduction Booklets on Friday. On Thursday our students worked on their Personal Development Folders instead of Numeracy. This offers our students the opportunity to record a host of information including books read, films watched and awards gained, we will be updating the booklets every last Thursday in a half term period.



On Wednesday Year 8s Community Assembly with Year 7 welcomed Dan Walsh as guest speaker, the visit was organised by Miss Marina, the Academy's Careers Lead.

Dan is an Entrepreneur who has created a name for himself in the music festival market, who has worked for big corporations such as Sky and enjoys giving up time to inform, mentor and inspire young people. Dan is the Enterprise Advisor for AVA and works closely with the Careers department.

The presentation focussed on the five most important work place skills: Listening, Communicating, Collaborating, Problem Solving and Reporting. These skills are very important in school life too and we as teachers and student supporters understand the importance of developing these skills across the curriculum.

Dates for you Diaries

12th January 2023 – Year 8 Awards Evening The Awards Evening that was scheduled for December 8th has been moved to January 12th to avoid a clash with the Winter Festival, which will take place on December 7th and 8th.

Year 8 Academy Values Awards

respect

Batool B
Daniel T
Crow H
Edward N
Eman K

aspiration

Alexandra M
Cassie W
Chloe M
Chaitra G
Christopher N

resilience

Fatima A
Gabriel M
Haziq D
Henley C
Zoe U

Weekly Form Competition

Form Achievement Points:

1. Faraday 1 - 537

Form Attendance (%):

1. Nobel 3 – 100%
2. Nobel 2 – 97.4%
3. Faraday 2 – 96.3%

Individual Achievement Points:

- =1. James A & Eleanor S – 57
2. Sam T – 53
3. Rufus M - 39

Honourable Mentions:

1. **Winston & Ilyas** – welcome to the Academy, we very much hope you enjoy every success with us
2. **James K & Jamie M** – for acting as buddiesthis week and being super-supportive
3. **Student Council** – for all the work undertaken sorting the Harvest Festival donations
4. **Riley S & Fabio A** for the effort you make with Word of the Week.

Both Mrs Powell and Ms Dutson would like to take the opportunity of wishing all our students, parents and carers along with their respective families a restful half term break. We would also like to thank you for your continued support, please do contact us if you have any concerns or worries or wish to flag to us an activity or success story your child is happy to share. We look forward to welcoming our Year 8 students back on Monday 31st October 2022

Any enquiries, please contact year8enquiries@theacademy.me

Ms Dutson and the Year 8 Team



Mr Hawley says... Year 9 have earned a well-earned rest for a week after adjusting so well to the new challenges of Year 9. It was so nice to meet so many of you at the Settling In evening. Although next time can you eat more biscuits? They have been in my office winking at me!

The winners overall for the achievement points this term is Nair's Nightmares whilst the winner for attendance are Binn's Barnacles.

Well done to those forms and guard your trophies well as people are coming for them.

Big thanks to the year 9 council helpers at Settling in evening: **Ayyub A, Lily L, Alicia D, Vitor V** and **Summer W**

Well done to **Ali H** and **Nichole MW** who achieved reward cards and put them in the box for the prize draw. They both received a £10 amazon voucher.

World Challenge Trip 2024

I am very excited to announce that World Challenge is going to Malaysia in 2024, and we would love as many students as possible to join us. The trip will take place in the Summer of 2024, led by a World Challenge official. Students will be supported in organising their fund raising.

There will be a Parents Information evening about this trip on Wednesday 16th November. The trip has been announced in the Year 9 and Year 10 assemblies, and once after it has been officially announced to Year 8, more communications are to follow. A similar trip to Nepal in summer 2022 was an absolutely life-changing.



Dates for you Diaries

Wednesday 16th November – World Challenge Parents' Evening

Year 9 Academy Values Awards

respect

Oliwia T – Well done on winning the Hot Chocolate with The Principal! Oliwia is always a kind, helpful and polite student who always does the right thing. She is a role model for all students.

aspiration

Jessica W, James H, Michaela C, Reuben S, and Mega W – for always going above and beyond expectations.

resilience

Elionai M – for overcoming barriers despite being a later starter last year. Elionai has the most Achievement Points in her form (25) and no behaviour points. Well done on winning the Hot Chocolate with The Principal!

Any enquiries, please contact year9enquiries@theacademy.me

Mr Hawley and the Year 9 Team



Mr O'Leary says... We have arrived in the final week of the half term, and Year 10 have shared their successes with a celebration assembly, with a variety of awards presented to the year group, including Respect/Resilience/Aspiration awards, Form tutor awards, Students of the Week, and the Achievement Director Award.

Again a special mention to Mr Walker and Ms Nair's English classes who have impressed their teachers this week.

Please can we ensure students have their PE kits for the correct days.

Assemblies are on Tuesday and Friday, students need to go to the amphitheatre on both days.

Careers

Year 10 will be looking at careers during tutor time and lessons. Tutor time, week commencing 10th October, all tutor groups were looking at careers in different job sectors and the individual skills needed for each job role. Across the year there will be study higher meetings for the students to attend. There will be plenty of opportunities this year for the whole year group.

Extra-Curricular/PE		Lunch Clubs
Monday	Netball, Basketball, Football	Gym
Tuesday	Alternative Sports, Fitness, FightKlub	Futsal
Wednesday	Girls Football, Fitness, Martial Arts	
Thursday	Rugby, Fitness, Zumba, Academy Leaders, Football	Basketball

Tutor time	
Monday	Careers – Session 3 – Skills, Skills, Skills
Tuesday	Community Assembly – World Challenge Assembly – Mr Hawley
Wednesday	Numeracy – Week 6 – Bronze/Silver/Gold Activity
Thursday	Literacy – Week 6 – Word of the Week
Friday	AD Assembly – Celebration Assembly - Mr O'Leary

Dates for you Diaries

Thursday 1st December - Parents' Evening

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:

Year 10 Academy Values Awards

respect

Abigail S
Alex B
Anisa K
Ben G
Bryan J
Callum W
Harrison C
Lemuel M
Maisie F
Priseis K
Sana B
Tanatswa D
Zak B

aspiration

Dillon E
Fahtima A
George W
Hannah J
Ivo M
Joshua B
Macie G
Max C
Niran R
Quixote H
Sienna P
Taylor F

resilience

Eleanor G
Flynn S
Haleena P
Hannah W
Jake F
Lavinia N
Maddy S
Maya P
Oscar B
Ruby M
Summer U
Zain Y

Weekly Form Competition

Form Achievement Points:

1. Faraday 2 – 73
2. Franklin 3 – 39
3. Franklin 2 - 34

Individual Achievement Points:

1. Ben G – 11
2. Callum W – 9
- =3. Dillon E & Niran R - 8

Form Attendance (%):

1. Faraday 2 – 96.3%
2. Franklin 1 – 95.2%
3. Franklin 2 – 92.6%

Honourable Mentions:

1. Sami-Ullah K
2. Dayaan K
3. Max

Any enquiries, please contact year10enquiries@theacademy.me

Mr O'Leary and the Year 10 Team



Mrs Leach says... We have been so impressed with Year 11 this week and how they conducted themselves in their first set of pre-mocks. The students have worked hard and are very tired, but their resilience throughout this term has been remarkable. We wish all the Year 11 students a safe and well-rested half term.

Earlier in the week we celebrated Year 11 and their achievements this term. Year 11 attendance for the term is 91%, and 11 Franklin 1 topped the attendance chart for the term with 95.3%. Individually, **Corey C** and **Dillon M** were nominated for Hot Chocolate with Principal, **Tegan H** and **Aimee M** both won £10 Amazon vouchers

through our Green Card reward scheme, and each tutor gave a £5 Amazon voucher to one of their tutees as a 'random act of kindness'.

Huge congratulations to **Joshua** who spent the weekend competing in the ICO World Championship kick-boxing tournament in Hungary. **Joshua** achieved Gold and Bronze at the tournament and returned back to school on Tuesday ready for his mocks. Well done **Joshua**!!

Work Experience

When we return after half term we will be hosting an assembly on work experience. We send regular emails to Year 11s promoting the Young Professionals work experience days, which can be accessed online for free.

Online career and Work Experience days for students aged 14-18

Over the coming weeks we have a range of online career & work experience days for students aged 14-18 to take part in – please see the 'Careers' section for more details.

Year 11 Prom

The letter for the Prom was sent earlier this week to all parents. You can pay the £10 deposit via Parent Pay. We appreciate that Prom can be a costly event for parents/carers so we have offered you all a payment plan for the ticket.

Tutor time for Year 11 focuses on their core subjects, we utilise the time to help strengthen their revision in Maths, English and Science.

Remember if you need to get in touch with the Year 11 team, please do not hesitate to contact us:

year11enquiries@theacademy.me



Year 11 Academy Values Awards

respect

Zoha O
Lola P
Lily S
Dylan B

aspiration

Lucy C
Hope O
Esther S
Jack R

resilience

Dillon M
Jessica T
Ted A
Dan J

Weekly Form Competition

Form Achievement Points:

1. Nobel 2
2. Franklin 1
3. Nobel 3

Individual Achievement Points:

1. Corey C
2. Dillon M
3. Zoha O

Form Attendance (%):

1. Franklin 2 – 96%
2. Nobel 2 – 95.4%
3. Nobel 1 – 95%

Any enquiries, please contact year11enquiries@theacademy.me

Mrs Leach and the Year 11 Team



Mrs Sharma says...

The Sixth Form has had a very busy half term! Our team of Prefects had the opportunity to have Hot Chocolate with the Head teacher and share their inspiring and exciting ideas for community projects with him and Ms Lutchi.

The year 12 Health and Social care students have been doing work placement over at our primary phase, some of them insist that they would like to spend each day there!

It has been a very successful and fruitful Half term, and I would like to thank our Parents for all the unconditional support in keeping up our standards.

Any enquiries, please contact post16enquiries@theacademy.me

Mrs Sharma and the 6th Form Team



Thank you for all your support