



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN No. 69

18th November 2022

Welcome...

This week has been Anti-Bullying Week as you know. Although this is a national event and we want to raise awareness, I prefer to think that every week is 'anti-bullying'.

This week students had a reminder of the difference between 'bullying' and 'friendship issues', as well as all of the ways that they can report any issues: worry boxes, reporting online to our pastoral teams or, simply, talking to an adult. The sooner staff are made aware of these concerns the better.

On a similar theme, a reminder that we are running our 'School Surgery', a drop-in service where you can meet with a member of the Senior leadership Team on **Tuesday 29th November from 9am-11am**. Here you can discuss any issues regarding your child without having to make an appointment. We would love to see you there.

And finally, I want to remind you of all the support and events that are taking place at AVA. Please take time to read about our upcoming Christmas Carol Concert and play as well as Careers Information and many other events the students are involved in.

Have a good weekend.

Gavin Gibson
Academy Principal



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Anti-Bullying Week

All week the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have been putting up bunting, designed by our Year 7 and 8 students, promoting Anti-Bullying Week around school.

This year's theme is 'Reach-Out', and all students had an assembly reminding them of the different ways to 'Reach-Out' if they are worried about any friendship or bullying concerns.

This includes speaking to any member of staff, including form tutor or year team, using worry boxes placed in pastoral offices, Medical office, library and intervention room or using our online concern form on our internal intranet.

The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have been busy recruiting new members of the team they will be introducing themselves shortly so watch this space! Thank you to all those involved in Anti-Bullying Week and spreading the 'Reach-Out' message



MFL Newspaper

During the first half term, Y9 and Y10 students of Spanish and French have been working very hard during their period 6 to write a newspaper in their foreign language.

We are very proud of them, and we wanted to share their work with you via the attachments.

NUMÉRO 1 // L'AUTOMNE

LE JOURNAL

LES SPORTS



Le foot

Le foot semaine dernière Paris Saint Germain ils ont joué à Reims. Notre prédiction de score était 5-1 à PSG. Marseille ils ont joué à Ajaccio. Notre prédiction de score était 4-0 à Marseille. Lorient ils ont joué à Brest. Notre prédiction de score était 2-1 à Lorient.

Le foot cette semaine Paris Saint Germain ils vont jouer à Marseille. c'est on va être un mauvais. Notre prédiction de score est 2-1 PSG. Lorient ils vont jouer à Reims. Notre prédiction de score est 1-1.



Le Tour de France

Commencer à stage 107'01 133Km Copenhague-Copenhague et ensuite fini à stage 210'24 116Km Paris La Défense-Antony Paris-Champs-Élysées.

Johan Vanggaard il a gagné le Tour de France. Il a fini en un temps de 79'33'20. Elle a eu un grand accident pendant le Tour de France de Reims.

C'était une course très fatigante. Le gagnant était très content. Cependant, coucher à eu un accident. C'est catastrophique mais il ne c'est pas en hôpital. C'est une spécialité suédoise.

Grande nouvelle:
Kylian Mbappé gagne le Ballon D'Or. C'est une grande réussite.

NUMÉRO 1 // OTOÑO

EL PERIÓDICO

FESTIVALES OTOÑALES



Halloween

A. HVLAND Y H. WILLINGTON

Halloween se ha convertido recientemente en una tradición popular en el Reino Unido en lo que llevamos del siglo XXI. Tiene su origen en la antigua fiesta celta de Samhain. Halloween tiene un número de actividades para hacer en familia, como por ejemplo la falta de calabazas, dibujarse la cara o pelucazanas que dan miedo, decorar la casa y salir para truco o trato.

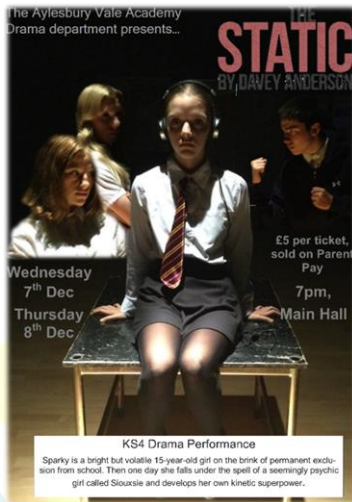


Día de muertos

Image by T. Koller

KS4 Performance

The Drama Department would like to invite you to our KS4 performance of *The Static* by Davey Anderson. Performances are on **Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th December** in the Main Hall. Tickets (£5) can now be purchased via the school's Parent Pay system.



Christmas Concert

The Aylesbury Vale Academy all through Christmas Carol Concert will be taking place on Wednesday the 14th of December in the main hall from 6.30-7.30 pm.

This will be the first time we have had a live Christmas Concert since December 2019 and we are looking forward to being able to celebrate Christmas with you all again.

This is a free event and will involve students from both Primary and Secondary phases performing Christmas Songs and Carols. We look forward to seeing you there for this festive event!



Christmas Jumper Day 9th December

This year we will hold AVA Christmas Jumper Day on **Friday 9th December** in aid of the charity Save The Children, so please wear your favourite Christmas jumper to school.

We will have spare Christmas jumpers at school if you would like to take part and borrow one of ours.

Sweet Sale in aid of MIND

A group of 6th Formers will be selling sweets on Tuesday 29th November to raise money for the mental health charity MIND.

The treats will be on sale from the Main Hall at break time, and then in the Atrium at lunch time. Sweet cones will cost £2 each.



Year 7 Student Librarians

Congratulations to our newly appointed Year 7 Student Librarians.

The team attended an induction session and collected their lapel badges on Monday before hitting the ground running by signing up to help out with the day-to-day running of the Secondary Phase library.

Student Librarians will provide input on the books we stock, prepare new books, shelve returns, issue loans using the library computer, and design and make displays to promote the library and reading.

In addition, there will be special projects such as reading to children in the Primary school and, later in the year, our big 'Book Week' initiative.

Our new Student Librarians are - **Zahra A, Penny B, Amy B, Emily B, Emma B, Dharm B, Izzy B, Roxanne B, Natasha C, Tom E, Lili F, Izabella I, Melvina K, Aeshah M, Nicolas N, Victoria N, Harvey P, Marley P, Jia P, Humna Q, Zihan Q, Lucy U, Chloe W, Amber W, Elodie W, Zara W, Nica W.**

Lunchtime clubs

Please find our lunchtime clubs that we are running to promote to your child and make them aware. They have been hugely popular, and allow our students that little bit of extra activity time during the day.

Lunch time Sports clubs

Lunchtime clubs will run from 1.25pm – 1.45pm.

Students will need to bring trainers to participate. No food or drink is allowed in the designated areas.

Spaces are limited and will be given on a first come, first served basis.

	Yr 7 and 8	Yr 9 and 10
Monday	Basketball – AHA/NWK	Gym – ORO/MLO
Tuesday		Futsal – NWK/ORO
Wednesday		
Thursday		Basketball – MLO/JSM
Friday	Futsal – AHA/JSM	

Careers

Amazing Apprenticeships

Amazing Apprenticeships is a leading organisation in the education sector, working with schools, colleges and employers, tackling misconceptions and promoting the benefits of apprenticeships and technical education.

Amazing Apprenticeships support learners' parents as much as learners themselves, and you may find their ['Parent Perspective' series of podcasts](#) a worthwhile listen.

There's also a trove of information about apprenticeships in their latest Parent Pack, which you can find [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 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.



Mrs Weedon says... Year 7 have had a very positive week, working through the tutor programme and learning where their new classes are. We offer a wide curriculum and a range of extracurricular activities, so please encourage your children to take part - they might find something they really enjoy.

Thirteen year 7s went on the Discover Bucks Museum trip, and became the first people to test out the Museum's new app. We enjoy providing all our students with as many personal development opportunities as we can, and this will continue throughout the year.

Students must make sure to write their timetables in their planners so they have a spare copy if they lose it or have left it at home. It is very important that all students arrive to lessons on time to make a prompt start to their learning. PE kit must be brought in when they have PE lessons. You can find timetable on EduLink.

This week in tutor time year 7 continued with the numeracy programme, testing the skills they have learnt in maths lessons. They also completed part of their careers booklet, look at the skills they want to improve for future job prospects. In addition to this students have decorated bunting for anti-bullying week that will be used to decorate the Atrium.

Assembly this week was based on Anti-Bullying week and focussed on how reaching out can help those that are being bullied. It is a really important message and every student has a right to be safe and enjoy school. The anti-bullying ambassadors have done a great job at decorating the school and spreading the message.

Dates for you Diaries

Friday 9th September Christmas Panto – Aladdin. Payments to be made on parent pay, this is a great opportunity, we would love to take as many year 7s as possible.

Thursday 4th May Parents' Evening



Year 7 Academy Values Awards

respect

Zach MG
Sofija B
Luqman Q
Bradley C
Buck M
Roni W
Maddie M
George D
Will B
Lily-Mae C
Alexis W

aspiration

Weronika S
Jaimee C
Noelani S
Lorenzo C
Madina K
Zain H
Ethan Br
Shyla S
Adekinya A
Kelsey-May G
Ella R

resilience

Joseph C
Lili F
Cheric G
Kaif K
Kelise B
Michael B
Callum W
George P
Harrison P
Jake C
Rehan S
Toby P

Weekly Form Competition

Form Achievement Points:

1. Nobel 3
2. Faraday 1
3. Faraday 2

Form Attendance (%):

1. Faraday 1 – 99.1%
2. Franklin 2 – 96.5%
3. Nobel 1 – 95.6%

Individual Achievement Points:

1. Matthew L
2. Amir C
3. Amber J

Honourable Mentions:

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

Any enquiries, please contact year7enquiries@theacademy.me

Mrs Weedon and the Year 7 Team



Ms Dutson says... It's been another busy week for Year 8 as we recognised Anti-Bullying Week through the work of our dedicated Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. Bunting was made last week and the group have been busy festooning common areas. This year students from Year 8 have been invited to get involved, and register their interest in becoming Anti-Bullying

Ambassadors, working alongside older peers.

Year 8 have followed their normal Tutor Programme this week with the exception of a virtual Assembly on Wednesday due to exams.





The focus of our AD Assembly on Monday was celebrating successes, recognising achievements and rewards, what they look like in school. Students were also invited to consider becoming Ant-bullying Ambassadors, what personal attributes and qualities they would need to successfully join the team and work alongside older peers.

Wednesday's Virtual Assembly focus was "**Bullying**" and the importance of reaching out whether you are a victim of bullying or you witness another being bullied. Students were made aware of the different forms of bullying physical, psychological, verbal or on-line and how they can reach out to seek help by telling a teacher or trusted adult in school, completing the on-line concern form or dropping a note in one of the Academy's Worry Boxes.

Lost Property

We continue to find reuniting lost property with its owners because items are not named – please support us by labelling your child's items. PE kit is the most common lost item, closely followed by coats.

Parents' Evening

Bookings for Parents evening on **Thursday 15th December** is now live. Please log onto School Cloud to make appointments with your child's teachers. If you require any help with this please do get in touch – we are able to make appointments on your behalf. The event is virtual and will run between **4.30pm and 7.30pm**.

Dates for you Diaries:

Friday 25th November Year 9 Breast Cancer UK badge sale (£1 per badge)

Tuesday 29th November 6th Form Sweet Sale in support of MIND

Year 8 Academy Values Awards

respect

Sofia B
Samara M
Scarlett O
Travis S
Tristan B

aspiration

Abena B
Alex W
Armanda B
Ava H
Ami G

resilience

Chloe M
Crow H
Logan E
Freya R
Isabella H

Friday 9th December Christmas Jumper Day.

Weekly Form Competition

Form Achievement Points:

Franklin 1 - 251

Individual Achievement Points:

1. Nadia B
2. Amig & Inaaya S
3. Bahiti L, Ava H

Form Attendance (%):

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

Honourable Mentions:

1. Freya R
2. All our Year 8 Cadets, Scouts and Guides
3. All Year 8 students who made bunting for Anti-Bullying Week

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Ms Dutson and the Year 8 Team



Mr Hawley says... This week Year 9 Council members met to discuss issues of importance to the year group, and helped to decorate the school with anti-bullying flyers/bunting.

Please keep hold of any spare change you may have in the coming weeks as Year 9 look to support both Breast Cancer UK and

Children in Need, with a badge sale for the former taking place on **Friday 25th November**, and the 6th Formers setting up a Sweet Sale to raise money for the latter on **Tuesday 29th November**.

Students are working their way through their careers booklets. Please also be aware that anyone hoping to change subjects would be as many as 24 lessons and two months behind on work covered by other students in those lessons.

Assembly this week was on Anti-bullying Week, and the things the anti-bullying group has come up with to tackle bullying.

Shout outs to **Louis C**, **Aidyn S** and **Lewis B-W** who have been working hard in the gym to help them progress in their chosen sports.



Year 9 Academy Values Awards

respect

Alan P

for outstanding work in science and always being respectful and helpful

aspiration

George N

for always giving his best in Geography

resilience

Harrison T

for his hard work in science, in particular his response to feedback

Weekly Form Competition

Form Achievement Points:

1. Nair's Nightmares
2. Franklin's Furies
3. Nobel 1 (still in need of a new nickname!)

Individual Achievement Points:

1. Ella H
2. Megan W
3. Lily D

Form Attendance (%):

1. Binn's Barnacles
2. Nobel 1 (still in need of a new nickname!)
3. Franklin's Furies

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Mr Hawley and the Year 9 Team



Mr O'Leary says... Myself and Miss Porter are so proud of the students in the year group who always work hard and consistently demonstrate the school's values.

Last year to celebrate our student's success we planned a celebration trip to Thorpe Park. Unfortunately, we were forced to cancel the trip due to circumstances out of our control. With Thorpe Park now being closed for winter we will not be able to run the trip until the summer term. We look forward to offering lots of exciting rewards in the meantime but please accept our apologies for the cancellation. We hope for the trip to go ahead as soon as possible.

Our assembly this week was delivered by Mrs Marina and the focus was on Work Experience and what this means. Work experience is important for getting into any career. Completing a week of work experience can make you stand out from the crowd on applications for courses, training and jobs. Work experience will be offered to Year 10 during April 2023 and more information will be given to students in the coming weeks.



We'll also be looking at Careers during tutor time and lessons, with all tutor groups looking at 20+ jobs, which jobs have the highest salary, and which sectors are likely to grow in the future.

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.

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

PE Kit

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

Dates for you Diaries:

Thursday 1st December Parents' Evening

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	AD Updates – Mr O'Leary
Tuesday	Community Assembly – Reverend Lane - Armistice
Wednesday	Numeracy – Week 9 – Bronze/Silver/Gold activity
Thursday	Literacy – Week 9 – Word of the Week
Friday	AD assembly – Mrs Marina – Work Experience

Year 10 Academy Values Awards

respect

Aimee B
Conner E
Finlay J
Quixote H
Mia A
Diya K
Hope P
Harry N
Annabel H
Chloe T

aspiration

Harrison C
Lacey M
Summer U
Abdelali R
Sophia D
Ines D-D
Lavinia N
Lauren B
Munashe N
Maciej F

resilience

Tyler W
Eleanor G
Callum W
Sienna T
Malaika Q
Riley B
Zayneb B
Leo C
Elijah P
Sanna F

Weekly Form Competition

Form Achievement Points:

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

Form Attendance (%):

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

Individual Achievement Points:

1. Harvey W
2. Macie G
3. Ruqayya S

Honourable Mentions:

1. Jessica W
2. Lucy S
3. Abdelali R

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Mr O'Leary and the Year 10 Team



Mrs Leach says... Year 11 have been given their individual mock timetable. Please check the timetable with your child to make sure it is correct, and let us know about any issues as soon as possible. Could you also talk to your child about their revision - remember you have access to GCSEPod to help support your child's learning.

Our assembly this week was about future pathways and raising aspirations. During the assembly we explained the different entry requirements for Sixth Form, Grammar School, College or an Apprenticeship. We also talked about breaking the glass ceiling and how the world is at their fingertips.

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

Year 11 Leavers' Hoodies

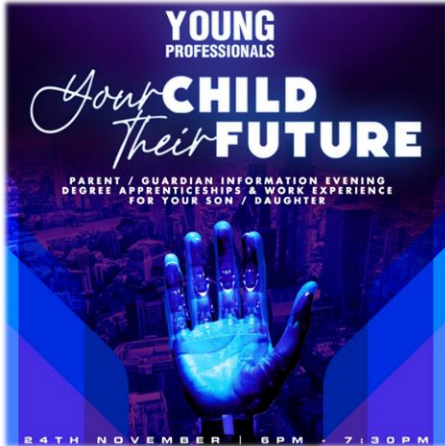
We are excited to announce that Leavers Hoodies are available to order now via the PL Schoolwear website: www.plschoolwear.co.uk Once on the website, click Aylesbury Vale Academy School Uniform. You will then see the leavers hoodies,



please select the size, colour and add the name you would like printed on the back. Colours to choose from are: Navy, black, green, purple, grey, pink. Hoodies cost £24.50 and will be available for students at the Leavers Assembly in May.

Year 11 Prom

Prom payment is now open on Parent Pay. You can pay for the Prom ticket in instalments or in full. A £10 deposit is required to secure your child's place. We appreciate that Prom can be a costly event for parents/carers so we have offered you all a payment plan for the ticket.



'Your Child, Their Future'

Young Professionals are running this parent and guardian focused event on **Thursday 24th November** from **6pm – 7.30pm**.

Leaders from some of the biggest employers in the world will offer young people their insights in to how they can best navigate the job market to find some incredible work experience/internship placements, as well as graduate and apprenticeship opportunities.

There'll be useful tips around psychometric testing, how to prepare for assessment centres, putting together a CV, filling out application forms, as well as advice on how you can prepare your child/young person for the working world.

This event is completely free of charge, and you can register [here](#).

Year 11 Academy Values Awards

respect

**Jack R
Aimee M
Kristin M**

aspiration

**Toby L
Gerry M
Hope O**

resilience

**Harry J
Jade B
Lia M**

Weekly Form Competition

Form Achievement Points:

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

Individual Achievement Points:

1. Tayla D
2. Dillon M
3. Tamara O-S
4. Katie T

Any enquiries, please contact year11enquiries@theacademy.me

Mrs Leach and the Year 11 Team



Mrs Sharma says... The Sixth formers have had a very busy week, the Prefects team has launched the YSA #Wewill Charities with the younger year groups. The overwhelming response from pupils to contribute to fund raising has been heart-warming!

The Year 12s participated in their first outdoor pursuit of 'Farm to Fork' through Inspiration Programme this week. The students rolled up their sleeves and participated in making chicken biryani even though it was a very wet and windy day!

Any enquiries, please contact post16enquiries@theacademy.me

Mrs Sharma and the 6th Form Team

Thank you for all your support

SIXTH FORM

OPEN EVENING



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Thursday 8th December
5.00pm - 7.00pm

An opportunity to talk with teachers and current Sixth Formers to find out more about our provision at AVA.

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