



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

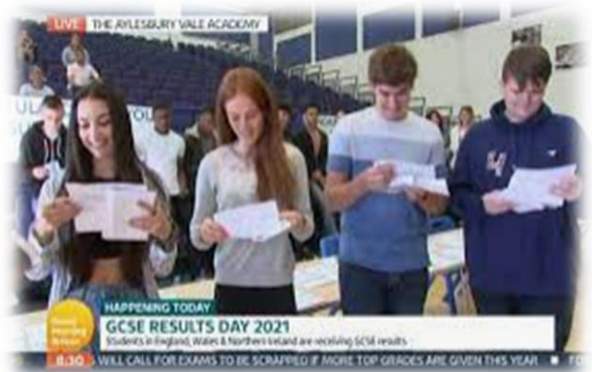
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Welcome

The summer term is clearly in full swing. There is so much happening in school. We hosted the Young Enterprise finals following on from last week's careers fair and nearly all students listened to a talk from the CEO of the RAP foundation (Raising Awareness and Prevention). More details below. It is also the week that exams for Year 11 and sixth formers officially begin, although they begin in full next week. For our older students, we have seen many of them come in as young keen 11 year olds and now they are sitting exams, which will help them shape their futures. The fact that they have survived a pandemic is so impressive. They truly show us all what *resilience* means. We are so proud of them and wish them well.



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

Have a good weekend.

Gavin Gibson

Academy Principal

Second Hand Uniform

WE have a large stock of second hand blazers, which parents can bring into school and swap for a larger size as their child grows. Even if you do not want a second blazer, we would love to have them so that we can pass on to others who may benefit.

Please drop any unwanted blazers into secondary reception.



History Hero

This week's History Hero is **Ibrahim Fasal** for fantastic history work throughout the year, always pushing herself with applying ideas and higher order taxonomy questions, which is really starting to pay off in her classwork.

Keep it up!

History Team



Year 7

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Update

Our Assembly focus this week centred around valuing diversity and was led by Miss O'Loughlin the Academy's PSHE lead. Student's learned about the importance of accepting those around them, it was conveyed that there are many differences between people in society. Our students learnt that these differences should be accepted and celebrated.

On Monday we welcomed the CEO of the RAP foundation (Raising Awareness and Prevention), who delivered an engaging and interactive presentation on 'Digital Natives', students explored the positives and negative aspects of life online. Practical advice was given on maintaining a positive digital tattoo, protecting privacy, setting boundaries and practicing discretion and kindness online.

All who attended received a top tips sheet, we have included these below to support our parents and carers

RAP TOP TIPS

- Take a Deep Breath when you feel stressed. It is MAGIC!
- Tune out social media for a time every day. Go off Grid, Offline
- Turn off Notifications! Turn off Airdrop!
- Practice Discretion. Don't share inappropriate posts or share secrets
- Ignore people asking you to send images
- Practice Kindness On & Offline
- Remember, Mutual Respect & Mutual Consent
- Exercise & Eat Well: Self -Esteem!
- Don't Give into Peer Pressure: Don't do anything you don't want to
- Look After Each Other! Be Kind to One Another
- ALWAYS Speak to a Trusted Adult if you have any concerns
- Tune in to yourself. Trust your instincts if something doesn't feel right

Active Form Time

Over the past three weeks within year 7 we have rolled out an active form time incentive. Form groups, in rotation, get the opportunity to take part in various sports and activities during a Tutor Time. These sessions are facilitated by a member of the PE department with the intent to up participation in physical activity This is some of the feedback we have had from our students.

"It was really fun, it also allowed to wake up and be ready for the day."

"It was very good, it helped me and my friends get up and active."

"I loved it, it made me feel energized for the day ahead."

Awards

We are very pleased to make the following Achievement Point Awards this week –

Bronze: Noor-Jehan, Ishaan K, Olivia O, Scarlett O

Silver: Chloe M, Gethen A, Joseph C, Gabriel M

Respect: Mia N, Unai G, Smara M, Sam T, Oliver S

Aspiration: Daniel T, Harry L, Keira H, Chloe E, Khazim K

Resilience: Alfie B, Kayden C, Lucas L, Aqdas B, Jenson R

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

Modern Foreign Languages

We have some exciting opportunities from the MFL department which have been sent out on Edulink. Firstly the opportunity to be a PenPal to Spanish students of the same age studying English as a second language. This will take place in lessons; please return the Opt Out section of the letter, send via Edulink, if you **do not** consent to your child's letter being sent.

Secondly, on 15th June from 3.05-4pm there will be different sports and games held whereby students will need to answer questions in French or Spanish, games will include dodge ball and goal shooting. This will be a fun opportunity for students to practice their skills!

Sports Day

During form time this week Year 7 have been registering their interest in the different sports day events. This is leading up to the event which will be take place on Thursday 24th June. Additionally, to this the PE department are offering the chance for Year 7 students to come along and try out some of the events from 3-4pm. This will be taking place on Thursday's afterschool.

Parents Evening 5th of May 2022

The Year 7 Team would like to take the opportunity in thanking all our parents and carers that joined us for parents evening. We are busy collecting feedback for those that could not attend and hope to provide feedback from next week.

As some of you will be aware there were some technical difficulties with our 'School Cloud' portal where some appointments with teachers did not take place. Please accept our sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused. I would like to thank those of you who have contacted us regarding this matter. Teachers have been requested to provide feedback by calling or emailing you with an update in relation to your child's progress in their subject as a matter of priority.

If this issue affected you and one or more of your scheduled meetings was missed please do email enquiries@theacademy.me advising of the subject and teacher. We will ensure that feedback on your child's progress is provided in a timely manner.

Academy Values Awards

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:

Resilience: Aimee U, Bethany B, Dylan B

Aspiration: Aimee M, Rukiah K, Hamza K

Respect: Scarlett F, Livvy B, Charlie S



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Ms Dutson and the Year 7 Team

Year 8



Update

Year 8 have had a fantastic week, the students continued with the tutor programme. They have been reading Running Wild for literacy and completing set comprehension task to go with it. In numeracy they were recapping basics and we had active tutor time on Tuesday, Faraday 2 did 20 mins of an activity of their choice, getting those endorphins going. We have also been discussing loneliness and mental health in debate this week. This Thursday Mr Hawley delivered an engaging assembly on human rights.

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: Connor L, Kyrach F, Cayron B, Henry B, Emmie M, Lily N, Charlie Sh.

Resilience: Aaron G, Chloe J, Khush D, Tilly M, Oliver D, Amelia C.

Aspiration: Jacob S, Azaan A, Finley Br, Dixant KC, Cristal B, Tinashe R, Aya J.



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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 "**Are young people equipped to deal with loneliness?**" Each tutor group had thoughtful discussions with a number of students presenting slides to the rest of their tutor group.

This week's assembly had two themes one of "Human rights" and was led by Mr Hawley and the second theme was Celebrating successes which was led by Mr O'Leary.

Year 9 – Celebrating Successes

Stars of the Week:

Evie M, Alex B, Andreea N, Sabah K, Rahima E, Zayneb B, Jessica B, Sania H, Maya F

Key Dates

Summer reward trip – The Year 9 team are currently in the process of identify some options for our Summer reward trip, more information for parents and students will be provided in due course.

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Respect: Osalumese A, Mya-Ruby L-L, Isabella B, Lewis C, Macie G, Karol K, Riley B, Zak B, Sami-Ullah K,

Aspiration: Callum W, Halima E, Taylor F, Eleanor G, Leo C, Logan F, Isabella H, Ocean J, Abigail S, Nicolas T

Resilience: Macie G, Haroon K, Lloyd L, Maddoch O, Viktoria R, Arjan S, George N, Emily M, Samuel M, Ellie M



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Mr O'Leary and the Year 9 Team

Year 10

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Update

Last week we launched the Prefect vacancy to all Year 10s. We have been very impressed with the number of students who have expressed their interested in the Prefect position. The application process to become a Prefect is now open with the closing date being **Friday 27th May, 3pm.**

What is a Prefect?

A Prefect is a student who takes up a position of leadership in the school community.
A student who is committed to making a difference in the school.
Someone who demonstrates our school values of **Respect – Aspiration – Resilience**.

Why would a student become a Prefect?

Being a Prefect at AVA means gives you a chance to develop your leadership skills.
It is also a valuable way to express pupil voice.
It gives you a chance to give your view within the school community.
You can include your Prefect position on your applications for Sixth Form and University.



The Prefect team will be structured in 3 tiers:

Head Prefect Team
Deputy Prefect Team
Prefects

What might some of the jobs that a Prefect will do?

Represent the school at events such as:

- Open evening
- Award evening
- Parents evening
- School Productions
- School Inspections
- Assemblies
- School tours
- Prom organisations
- Leavers assembly organisation
- Public Speaking



How to apply for the Prefect role?

1. Complete the application form, including Predicted Grades.
2. Ask the Tutor to complete the reference part. They will need to include:
 - Achievement Points/Behaviour Points and Attendance.
3. Student to write a covering letter address to Mrs Lutchi & Mrs Leach stating why they would like to become a Prefect.
4. If they wish to be part of the Head or Deputy Head Prefect team, then they need to express this in their application.

Deadline Friday 27th May, 3pm.

Any questions students are encouraged to speak to your tutor or a member of SLT.

Year 10 to Year 11 Transition Evening:

We would like to invite you and your child to a 'Year 10 to Year 11 Transition Evening' at AVA on Wednesday, 25 May 2022, from 6.00pm to 7.00pm. The aim of the session is to give guidance to you and your child in planning their revision and using revision strategies in preparation for the upcoming summer mock exams, as well as what to expect in Year 11.

If you would like to attend, please complete the form via the web

link: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vujYj3JiOk-ROacP9_VtsMHVXdW4cfxLnYJIMy8buU1UNzNJQURVT0xZTDFLQTU4Sks5T1FOODM2UC4u

This week we are dedicating the Year 10 Parent Bulletin piece to the role of a Prefect. Earlier in the week we announced to the students that the application process to become a Prefect is now open with the closing date being Friday 27th May, 3pm.

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Aspiration: Aimee M, Rukiah K, Hamza K

Respect: Scarlett F, Livvy B, Charlie S



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Mrs Leach and the Year 10 Team

Year 11

Update

We are finally here; the time has come for the Year 11 students to finally put their hard work and effort in action. This section in the Parent Bulletin will now become a weekly update as to what is happening the following week so you are aware of what is going on. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email year11enquiries@theacademy.me

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Exams next week:

Exams - WEEK BEGINNING Monday 16th MAY					
Date	Start	Length (Hour)	Board	Component Code	Component Title
Monday 16th May	08:50	1hr 45min	AQA	8062/11-17	Religious Studies Paper 1
Monday 16th May	13:30	1hr 30min	OCR	J277/01	Computer Science Paper 1
Tuesday 17th May	08:50	1hr 45min	AQA	8461/1F/1H	Biology Paper 1
Tuesday 17th May	08:50	1hr 15min	AQA	8464/B/1F/1H	Combined Science Biology Paper 1
Tuesday 17th May	13:30	45min	AQA	8468/LH	Urdu Paper 1 (Listening)
Tuesday 17th May	14:15	1hr	AQA	8468/RH	Urdu Paper 1 (Reading)
Wednesday 18th May	08:50	1hr 45min	AQA	8700/01	English Language Paper 1
Thursday 19th May	08:50	1hr	AQA	8145/1B/A-1B/E	History Paper 1 Section B
Thursday 19th May	13:30	1hr 30min	Eduqas	C690U30-1	Drama Component 3
Thursday 19th May	13:30	45min	AQA	8633/LH	Italian Paper 1 (Listening)
Thursday 19th May	14:20	1hr	AQA	8633/RH	Italian Paper 3 (Reading)
Friday 20th May	08:50	1hr 30min	Edexcel	1MA1/1F/1H	Mathematics Paper 1 (Non Calculator)

Important information regarding examinations:

- Students 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.

Leavers Assembly

Leavers Assembly will be on Friday 20th May, Period 3. Once the assembly has finished students will be allowed to leave school for the day.

The reason we have chosen the 20th May is that it is the only Friday where all Year 11 students are free.

Students are allowed to sign shirts during the leavers' assembly but they must not sign shirts before the Maths exam.

If you're yet to submit your letter to your child wishing them well in their exams, then please do so before Wednesday 18th May.

Academy Values Awards

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: Tegan L, Shelby H, Fizah Q

Aspiration: Leah K, Kayleigh N, Fawaz Q

Resilience: Jude B, Lewis G, Jack A



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Mrs Leach and the Year 11 Team

Sixth Form

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**YOUNG ENTERPRISE
COMPANY OF THE YEAR**

Our Year 12 Young Enterprise students, Team 'FitKit' were taken into the 'Company Of The Year' Showcase Finals held here at The Aylesbury Vale Academy on Tuesday 10 May.

FitKit were up against 10 other local Aylesbury Secondary Schools which saw a culmination of this year's work. The Showcase Final is a time for students to have some fun - a place to show us, their peers and competitors their undoubted talent and great products and an opportunity for them and the school to shine. Not only is it where students can gain a great experience of interacting (and impressing) their peers - it is also where they can show their real expertise and win prizes!

So, all the hard work, the report writing, presentation preparation, trade stand designing and logistics brings the rewards, but above all, provides for a truly enjoyable event.

FitKit performed incredibly well and all of their hard work, commitment, dedication and perseverance over the past year paid off. They conducted themselves in a professional manner throughout, displaying a high level of maturity and business acumen. They had thought about their corporate image, each using the company logo as their background to create a united front and they presented and articulated themselves exceptionally well and were a credit to our School and community.



There was a definite buzz and energy that radiated throughout the evening amongst all, and I feel immensely proud to have been a part of the process and journey that our young people have been able to experience.

Well done Team 'FitKit'.

Mrs Marina and Mrs McGowan, on behalf of our YE Team 'FitKit'.

Thank you for your continued support and interest in our business.

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