



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Welcome

Students have returned to the second half of the Spring term and let's hope the weather improves!

This is a slightly shorter term and we have five weeks left when **we finish on Friday 8th April at the usual time.**

There is so much going on next week including the Bucks Skills Show for Year 11, 12 and 13 and the Spring Concert in the Main Hall on Wednesday, which I strongly encourage you to attend for free. There is also Year 9 Virtual Parents' Evening, so please make sure you have made your bookings to meet your child's teachers

As the country continues to open up we are able to offer our students more and more opportunities outside of the traditional classroom environment which is both refreshing and exciting.

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

Spring Concert Invite

The Music Department are delighted to confirm that we will be hosting a Spring Concert in the Main Hall on **Wednesday, 09 March 2022**. This is an opportunity for students to showcase some of their performance and composition work across KS3 and KS4 in front of an audience. There will be a range of performance work including featured instrumental and vocal performances as well as larger ensemble work.

The concert will start at **6.00pm** and will last for approximately and hour.

This is a free event, and it would be wonderful to see parents and carers at the concert supporting our talented musicians.



Uniform

A reminder that we expect all students in full school uniform daily. This means a blazer, tie, school shoes (not trainers) and trousers or a skirt. Leggings are not permitted. We also only allow one piercing per ear and one discrete nose stud. Nose rings are not permitted. Students with excessive make up and false nails will be asked to remove these. We send a text home to parents when students do not have the correct uniform. I am grateful if you could support by ensuring your child is dressed appropriately every morning.



Join Our Sixth Form

AVA Sixth Form applications are now open Year 11 can apply online:

<http://www.theacademy.me/sixthformcourses>

If you experience any difficulties, please email avasixthform@theacademy.me

If your child would like to arrange a 1:1 meeting to discuss options, please contact Mrs Sharma on psharma@theacademy.me or Mrs Marina on pmarina@theacademy.me



Ukraine Crisis

Whilst events unfold in the Ukraine, we expect students to ask questions and perhaps be worried over what they are seeing or hearing. We have attached some articles that may help you in being able to have discussions with your son/ daughter about the crisis. We will also be supporting our staff in enabling them to be able to support students with conversations over the Ukraine.

[Talking to Children about Ukraine](#) and [Talking to Children About War Trauma Advice for Parents](#)

AVA students would like to start a collection of emergency supplies to support victims of the current humanitarian crisis in Eastern Europe.

We welcome donations of the following items:

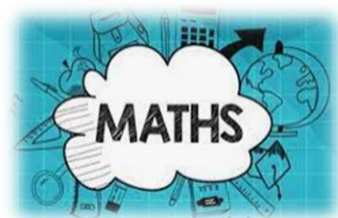
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| ✓ Torches with batteries | ✓ First Aid Kits |
| ✓ Coffee/tea bags | ✓ Baby food |
| ✓ Sanitary products | ✓ Nappies |
| ✓ Medicines: Pain killers, calpol, plasters, vitamins | ✓ Chocolate/Protein bars |

Donation boxes will be Placed in reception and the school atrium. If students would like to Volunteer to pack supplies please ask them to see Miss Proud, Mrs Lutchi and Mrs Leach.

Maths Challenge

Our winner for this week's Maths Challenge is **Zara Presdee** of Yr8 No3. Well doen Zara for being a great Mathematician!

Mr Binns



Girls Football vs St Michael's

The Year 8 and 9 girls played St. Michaels on Thursday 3rd March and showed resilience and determination right to the final whistle. The final score was a 4-0 loss against a very well-structured opposition. Well done to all the girls who participated. Player of the match goes to: **Megan H.**



Agents of Change

Congratulations to our Agents of Change who completed a full day of training on the 1st of March. This training required students to learn about identity-based prejudice and create initiatives that we can work on together over the next few months to improve awareness.

Our facilitators were really impressed with their enthusiasm and hard work. Ms Lloyd and I are very proud with of them and look forward to supporting them with their projects.



Henry Mannall
Aaminah Khattak
Atiya Thompson
Joshua Jarvis
Xander Malone
Kayleigh Eggleton
Roza Wojtakowska
Joshua Haynes
Chloe Johnson

Teddy Allison
Laura Woffindale-Smith
Holly Crawford
Lucy Corcoran
Hermoine Snelling
Toby Lloyd
Chantelle Bianca
Lucy Medhurst
Alicia Dashwood

Samuel Chipungu
Alice Knowles
Isabella Humphreys
Eleanor Gibbons
Lilly Lloyd
Summer White
Emily Mack
Kira Millward
Amelia David

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 **Lily Grace Hockridge** in Year 10. She's amazing, and got top marks in the Y10 test.



Well done!

Geography Team.

Careers Update

Classroom to Careers Newsletter - March 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: Online Conservation, Engineering and Architectural courses / workshops, Work Experience opportunities with ZSL Whipsnade Zoo & the Zoo Academy, Apprenticeship opportunities at Mi5 and Jaguar Land Rover, a guide to Career options and the Bucks Skills Show.



Study Highers' Supporting Parents and Careers in Education (SPACE)

Below are links to information about Study Highers' SPACE sessions, a series of Free online events aimed at giving parents and carers the tools they need to help their young person through secondary school. Please [click here](#) to find a leaflet and information letter.

Year 7

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Update

Due to adverse weather conditions on the last day of term Year 7 were not able to have their Awards Assembly. We have re-arranged for this assembly to take place on Friday the 4th of March. All winners will be posted in next week's bulletin.

During Tutor Time this week Year 7 have been focussing on World Book Week through a range of tasks and activities encouraging our students to read more regularly. This has included a Selfie Competition which is being judged by our Librarian, Mr Cluett.

Competition

A reminder that the Art Department are running a competition to celebrate International Women's Day all Year 7's are invited to enter. Students can use any medium e.g. pencil, paint, sculpture, photography and digital art. All entries must be presented to the Art Department by Friday 11th March. Entries received will be displayed around the school and there will be a prize for the winner and runner up in each Key Stage as well as Achievement Points for all entries submitted.

Countries around the world celebrate the holiday with demonstrations, educational initiatives and customs.



We very much hope all Year 7 get involved and we are looking forward to some colourful artwork.

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: Oliver S, Mia N, Breanna J, Riley S, Daniel T

Aspiration: Connor K, Ava H, Alyssa T, Jennifer B, Christopher N

Resilience: James S, Jenson R, George M, Niamh H, Poppy P

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



Special R.A.R. Award

This week we are making a special award to **Samara M** for demonstrating all our values this week. Samara will be presented with a copy of You Are Awesome by Matthew Syed – an inspirational read that we recommend to the year group.

Any enquiries, please contact year7enquiries@theacademy.me

Ms Dutson and the Year 7 Team

Year 8

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Update

It has been wonderful to see all the students back after half term, they have made a fantastic start to the term. This week we have continued with options videos and students have had options booklets. Ms Ripley delivered an informative assembly on allergies and anaphylaxis. All students were engaged, and a brave volunteer came up and did a demonstration.

Reading Initiative

We value reading at AVA and Year 8 read weekly during tutor time. This half term everyone will be reading *Running Wild* by Michael Morpurgo.

We will have weekly quizzes, achievement points and certificates to encourage reading and we expect students to read independently and share their ideas about the story. Our intention is to make sure everyone continues to read something challenging and this story offers that in different ways-we are sure Year 8 will enjoy it!

Everyone will have their own copy and we hope you will encourage your son/daughter to read some at home as well as school. This YouTube link provides a quick introduction: <https://youtu.be/tj-6jteHlgE>

Thank you for your support with this.

Mr Walker, Literacy Lead

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Respect: Bradley B, Ella D, Sahibal F, Raya G, Ryan C.

Aspiration: Zara P, Ela H, Emilia K, Summer M, Szabina K.

Resilience: Jacob S, Kiah T, Skye WS, Chelsie B, Henry B.

Any enquiries, please contact year8enquiries@theacademy.me

Mrs Lloyd and the Year 8 Team



Year 9

Update

Tutor time this week has followed the theme of Numeracy and activities link to World book day/

This week's assembly was on the theme of Anaphylaxis which was delivered by our medical officer Mrs Ripley

Key Dates

Thursday 10th March – Year 9 Parents Evening

Wednesday 6th April – Paradise Wildlife Park – the trip has changed due to Harry Potter Studios changing their availability meaning we could no longer go, we have set up an alternative trip to Paradise Wildlife Park

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: Theodore H, Amy B, Harry N, Jessica W, Oscar B, Archie L, Sienna T, Malaika Q, Eda H, Eleanor C

Aspiration: Binta C, Richie C, Chloe T, Jake F, Elijah P, Marley G, Ivo M, Cameron B, Chantai C, Hannah J

Resilience: Alex B, Taniesha C, Hana R, Amira L, Finley C, Amel H, Summer C, Sana B, Ana G-R, Maciej F

Any enquiries, please contact year9enquiries@theacademy.me

Mr O'Leary and the Year 9 Team



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Year 10

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: Olimpia S, Foisal M, Zorah B, Aliza K and Aaron A

Aspiration: Emily N, Daniella F, Kendra, Tamara O, and James W

Resilience: Tobias T, Mark O, Olly Sm, Toby L, Declan K and Donnell M



Any enquiries, please contact year10enquiries@theacademy.me

Ms Pinker and the Year 10 Team

Year 11

Prom Shop

Prom shop Thursday 17th March 4-5pm - Main Hall

We understand that Prom can be quite costly so to help we asked the community for Prom attire that we can sell to Year 11 students. All items will range from £2-£5. Please note this event will only be open to Year 11 students.

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Bucks Skills Show

Year 11 students will be attending the Bucks Skills Show during the morning of Wednesday 9th March. This trip has been put in place to support students with their future careers. Please make sure all permission and medical forms are returned by Tuesday.

Mocks Exams

Mocks have started for option subjects; mocks will be taking place during normal lesson times. All students have been sent a copy of the mock timetable.

Assembly - If not now, when?

Assembly this week was all about Year 11 students being accountable for their education. If not now, when was the theme.

Please encourage your child to revise and prepare for their upcoming exams.

A starting point should be:

- Do they have a revision timetable?
- We have given all Year 11 students revision cards, they also have access to MS Teams, PIXL apps, BBC Bitesize, GCSE Pod. Do they know how to access these?

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Respect: Lukas S and Alina

Aspiration: Melissa W and Lucie M

Resilience: Alina and Lukas S



Well done!

Any enquiries, please contact year11enquiries@theacademy.me

Mrs Leach and the Year 11 Team

Year 12 & 13

Personal Development

As part of their personal development curriculum, the sixth formers visited the Greatmoor Energy from waste plant this week. This facility diverts waste from landfill to generate power. Our students had opportunities to visit the control room, see the grab crane in action and have a full interactive site tour. They participated in activities involving problem solving to reduce waste. It was an insightful and good learning experience.

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Young Enterprise

The Young Enterprise Team at AVA have 5 weeks left to sell their product this year, which is a fully functional, quick 'go-to' drawstring exercise bag that contains a skipping rope, towel, resistance band, water bottle, 5 cones all presented in a black and white colour scheme. They are selling for £14.99, and we would very much appreciate you looking at them and hopefully investing into one of these bags. Mother's Day and Easter are round the corner and these will make great practical gifts that will last longer than flowers or Easter Eggs - and are better for you too!

The order form link is below, or you can email the team on fitkit651@gmail.com

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vujYj3JiOk-ROacP9_VtsOkX1vJxAMpMvRtKu2W-3WVUMDZHTVg3VVM0QkhSV0dVNUNCSEs3RDFUWS4u

Thanka you for all your support