



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Welcome

I hope you had a restful half term.

I am pleased to say we have seen a significant drop in Covid cases. Across the Secondary phase, we have 21 students out of 1265 currently self-isolating after testing positive during the half term. This significant drop is due to a number of control measures such as sanitising and handwashing, supervised by staff throughout the day as well as the mass testing we undertook in October. I hope these figures drop still further. **It is crucial, therefore, that parents supervise their children conducting twice weekly lateral flow tests before coming into school on Mondays and Thursday.**

On a more positive note, I am so pleased to see that this week's bulletin is dominated by rewards for all the fantastic work that our students do every day. Parents and carers should feel very proud.

If you have any questions regarding the information in this bulletin or anything else, please contact using the following email: enquiries@theacademy.me or by emailing one of the specific year teams using their direct email below. This is always the most efficient way to get through.

Gavin Gibson

Academy Principal

Free School Meals/Pupil Premium

We would like to encourage our families to apply for the Pupil Premium grant.

Further information will be sent to all parents/guardians separately. If you are eligible and qualify, not only will your child receive free school meals, but the Academy will also receive funding that can be used in a range of ways to improve the educational experiences of our children.

If you are in any doubt at all as to whether you would qualify, reach out to us. We are happy to support.

There is no need to reapply if you have done so already although, if your circumstances have changed over the last few years, again, reach out to us. If you have any questions, you can contact us using the whole school email address: enquiries@theacademy.me



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 **Victoria Glue** for her fantastic work ethic in all lessons.

Well done!

Geography Team.

Young Enterprise Recruitment

Young Enterprise is a leading employability and financial education charity empowering young people across the UK. You will be aware that we run the Young Enterprise scheme every year at AVA where our Year 12 Business Studies students from a company who are then judged along with other schools to determine overall winners.



Young Enterprise are trying to recruit more Business Advisor's (BAs). They depend on great work from volunteers and they need more. If you know of anyone within your circle of friends or network who may be able to help please contact John Meech, john.meech@yeav.org.uk

They will make a real difference and help support the teams for Young Enterprise events.

Year 7 & 8 Rewards Trip – Waterside Theatre Cinderella

At Aylesbury Vale Academy we believe that every child should experience a theatre show and this year we would like to reward the Year 7 and 8 students who have been persistently displaying the values of our school with a trip to the Waterside theatre to watch this year's pantomime, Cinderella



Students will be leaving school at 9:30am and returning to school approximately 1pm on Thursday 9th December

We ask for a voluntary contribution of £17 for the trip to cover the cost of the coach and the theatre ticket. This is a voluntary contribution however there is a possibility that the trip may be cancelled if there are insufficient contributions. Please contact the trip lead if you are unable to make this payment. Students will not be excluded from the trip if you are unable to contribute. Students will be expected to wear school uniform.

Students will be invited based on their current attitude to learning within school. Parent Pay will be open for students who have been invited so payment can be made.

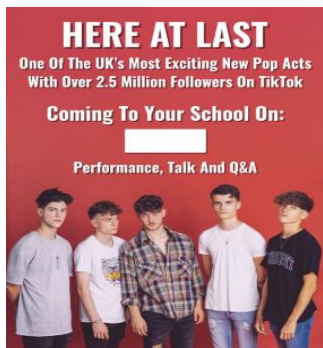
History Heroes

The History Department is delighted to introduce a new reward for its students where every week a History Hero is celebrated for their contribution to the subject, the progress they make and how they help others as well. The inaugural winner is **Phoebe Pescod**.



Congratulations to her for her hard work in history.

History Team



Here at Last Band

A band called 'Here at Last' will be performing at AVA on Thursday 11th during P6 for Year 10 and 11 students. The visit is part of our mental health awareness initiative and will include, along with a performance from the group a talk and question and answer session.

Please see the attached poster their YouTube page for more information. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXeJihhBSBZP7PzgQACgZfg>

Year 7

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'Rome.Now' Year 7 History Workshop

On the penultimate day of last term, Year 7 took part in an interactive workshop hosted by *Rome.Now* to get a hands-on experience of what it was like to be an Ancient Roman Soldier. Students thoroughly enjoyed the session and got to try on various army equipment as well as clothing.



Awards Assembly Winners and Academy Values Awards

The Team received many nominations for awards prior to half term from teachers, we are very impressed with all the effort made by our Year 7's, all nominees will receive postcards home next week. Students will celebrate their individual successes in their Celebration Assembly on Friday 5th November virtually.

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 Elliot P, Lila S, Fatima A, Leo M, Macy R, Christopher N

Aspiration Batool B, Mimi B, Muhammed N, Louis R, Rufus M, Claire H

Resilience Alexandra M, Shalom M, Kayden C, Zackariya A, Alfie B, Cai W.

Other Awards

The Assistant Achievement Director Award goes to **Rufus M** who represented the Academy at Cottesloe Schools Cross Country Running Event on the 2nd of November. Rufus was the only entrant from the Academy, he joined 53 other runners from schools across the area. All those taking part ran together, a mix of all year groups on a challenging course with uphill climbs. Rufus came 14th overall, a brilliant result especially when Rufus didn't know anyone else taking part. Rufus will receive an Aspiration Badge.

The Achievement Director Award goes to **Macy R** who had 3 nominations in the Respect category from different teachers, has accrued 260 Achievement Points and has no behaviour points. Macy is a credit to her form and has made an outstanding start to her time at the Academy. Macy will receive a Respect badge.

We also present awards to individual students when they reach Achievement Point goals, Bronze for 250, Silver for 500 and Gold for 750. We are really pleased that this half term our first students to reach the Bronze Award is **Poppy P** and **Macy R** who will both receive a certificate and Bronze Award Badge.

Any enquiries, please contact year7enquiries@theacademy.me

Ms Dutson and the Year 7 Team

Year 8

Year 8s have had a fantastic week this week.



We held our celebration assembly on Thursday. Well done to all those students who received awards. Keep up to amazing work! We are very lucky to have you at Aylesbury Vale Academy.

Year 10 Parents Evening

Virtual parents evening will be held on Thursday 9th December. Please sign into School Cloud to book your appointments. <https://aylesburyvaleacademy.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

The portal opens on Monday 8th December

Uniform

Unfortunately, a number of students are still coming into school without the correct uniform on. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform on or inform Mrs Lloyd if we can support in anyway. Students will be sanctioned for not having the correct uniform.



Any enquiries, please contact year8enquiries@theacademy.me

Mrs Lloyd and the Year 8 Team

Year 9



Year 9 Tutor Time

This week during tutor time has followed the pattern of numeracy and literacy with literacy activities focusing on the Read to Succeed programme.

Fridays are debate days and this week's topic was 'How does UK Parliament actually work?'. There was some great debate amongst the tutor groups about the role of UK parliament and the UK Parliament Week.



Celebration Assembly

This week's assembly looked at celebrating the successes of the whole year group.

Students were nominated by their form tutors and subject teachers for demonstrating the academy values, Respect, Aspiration and Resilience.

Across the year group there were 176 nominations for the Year 9 year group. 52 for Respect, 62 for Aspiration and 62 for Resilience.

The following students were nominated by their form tutor for demonstrating all of the Academy values

Faraday 1 - Patrycja

Franklin 1 - Sophia

Nobel 1 - Lauren

Faraday 2 - Eleanor

Franklin 2 - Abigail

Nobel 2 - Zainab

Faraday 3 - Hana

Franklin 3 - Kundhana

Nobel 3 - Akisharra

Other Awards

The Achievement Director Award went to Robert and Tamara for being fantastically hard working, polite students who are a credit to their year group. Several staff nominated these two amazing students for the celebration assembly. Well done! All students received a certificate and a reward for all nominations.

Any enquiries, please contact year9enquiries@theacademy.me

Mr O'Leary and the Year 9 Team

Year 10

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Year 10 Parents Evening

Virtual parents evening will be held on Thursday 25th November. Please sign into School Cloud to book your appointments. <https://aylesburyvaleacademy.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Year 10 Ambassadors

Congratulations to the following students who have been nominated by the Year 10 team to become Year 10 Ambassadors. They were nominated due to persistently showing the school's core values and being positive role models to not only the year group, but the whole school. Well done!

- Jack R, James W, Toby L, William T, Emma M-W, Lucy C and Sumayah B

Form Tutor Awards

Form tutors also nominated their form tutor award, congratulations to the following students who were nominated.

- Kajus A, Lily-Grace H, Jessica T, Eduard F, Cassius D, Angel G, Chantelle B, Tai W and Jake W

Miss Pinker and Miss Collins also nominated two students for the Achievement Director and Pastoral award, these students are:

- Kendra A-M and Aaron A

Well done to both these students who have had a fantastic start to year 10. Keep up the great work!

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.

Respect: Oliwier K, Kendra, Ithisham, Daijon and Brandon B

Aspiration: Connie M, Dragos I, Zorah B, Jasmine E and Katie T

Resilience: Daisy W, Elizabeth D, Charlotte J, Jamela A and Sabah D

A fantastic display of the school's core values, congratulations. Keep up the great work!



Any enquiries, please contact year10enquiries@theacademy.me

Ms Pinker and the Year 10 Team

Year 11

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Prom

We are excited to announce that this year's Year 11 prom will be held on Friday 24th June at Missenden Abbey, Great Missenden. All Year 11 parents have been sent a letter via EduLink, please refer to the letter for all details. £10 deposit is due by Friday 26th November to secure your child's place.

Careers

If your child would like a careers appointment, then we can arrange this with Adviza who visit the school weekly. Student are encouraged to ask Mrs Leach to book their appointment. Also, Educational establishments are now starting to promote their open evenings/days. Make sure you look at the college or school your child wishes to attend and go and look around to make sure it is right for them.



Mocks

Students have received their pre-mock results this week for the mocks they did before half term in English, Maths and Science. Mocks start on Monday 29th November, please ask your child how they are planning their spare time to revise for the mocks. The results they receive in January will be the results they declare when applying for post-16 opportunities.

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.

Respect: Stefan S, Parth J and Arif R

Aspiration: Alina M, Faiza P and Alex O

Resilience: Anna H, Matt C and Mark W

Congratulations to 11 Nobel 1 who achieved the most achievement points last term. They have been invited to a tutor time breakfast on Tuesday morning.

Upcoming Events

Thursday 11th November: Tik Tok band Here at Last meeting and performance for Mental Health Week Commencing 13th December: Year 11 reward trip (invite only)

Any enquiries, please contact year11enquiries@theacademy.me

Mrs Leach and the Year 11 Team

Thank you for all your support