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Welcome

You will notice that there is a theme running through the bulletin this week and it is 'trips'. We had a successful practice Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition, we have trips going to the 'Black Country Museum in the Midlands and we are offering trip to Berlin next year, not to mention the end of year reward trips that are being planned. These are all part of our 'Cultural Curriculum' and they are such an important part of school life. Some trips obviously cost more, such as those abroad, but the smaller trips are inexpensive and, in some cases the school can provide financial assistance for these. Please let us know by contacting the enquiries email.

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

Duke of Edinburgh

A big well done to the 45 students who completed their DofE practice expedition on Friday and Saturday. They walked approximately 20km over the two days (some maybe more), completely self-sufficient by carrying their own tents/stoves/equipment. They were a credit to the Academy and worked so well in supporting each other as a team. We were all very proud of them.



None of this could be done without of course the dedication of our DofE staff team, who walked with the groups, kept morale high and continued to be on duty during the evening and night (and walking the next day). Our students and I are very lucky to have your support and expertise! Thank you.

Ms Lambourne, Duke of Edinburgh Lead

History Hero

This week's History Hero is **Zubayda Hassan** for continuing to produce high quality work.



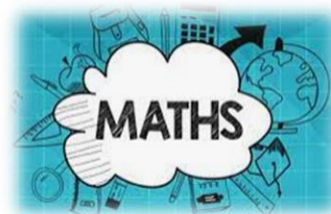
Keep it up!

History Team

Maths Challenge

This week's winner of the Maths Challenge is **Emily Baseley of Yr10Fr2**. Well done Emily for demonstrating excellent mathematical ability!

Mr Binns, Maths Department



Classroom to Careers Newsletter - May 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: Coveted Careers in the Royal Navy, Apprenticeship opportunities for the month of May, Henley College Application Clinic, Work Experience at Martin-Baker Aircraft, What is green futures.

Mr Anandavasagar, Careers Lead

History News

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History - 70 things for 70 years (all years) Homework Project to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

This week, Years 9 and 10 History Student Ambassadors judged entries for our '70 things for 70 years' project. The following students (in no particular order) have been nominated and will be awarded with achievement points as well as green reward slips.

1. Summer White - Changes in schooling
2. Harry Redman - Development of and availability of the use of cars
3. Ryan Coleman - Invention of the PlayStation
4. Elliott Powell - Female employment
5. Sofia Petre - Development of currency
6. Logan Brown - Opening of channel tunnel
7. Macy Roberts-Roots - Royal/ Queen's acknowledgement of family members' Diamond Wedding Anniversary
8. Haaziq Dean - 9/11 USA Terror Attack
9. Riley Bella - Opening of Chang Gung Memorial Hospital
10. Isabela Cristea - Death of Princess Diana
11. Emily Ndawambi - Consumption of tea
12. Alexandria Vass - Queen Elizabeth II
13. Amelia David - Coronavirus epidemic
14. Talia Wawman - Abortion Legislation
15. Mahroosh Nadeem - The invention of the iPhone
16. Zainab Boudjadja - Use of satellite
17. Jack Redwood - Football
18. Beatrice Mistreanu - Sputnik 1
19. Lily Price - Development of hand held phones
20. Lucy Corcoran - Legislation regarding different sexualities
21. Max Benham - Case study on Bill Gates
22. Emily Coleman - Development of lights
23. Daniel Tanasoiu - Fighting injustice
24. Zoe Uzeategui - Case study on Marilyn Monroe
25. Emily Mack - Brexit
26. Leo Perry - Prosthetic legs
27. James Webb - Case study on Boris Johnson
28. Ajitesh Narasimhan - Women's rights
29. Leo Cooper - The rise and fall of the telephone box
30. Akmal Khan - Use of pubs
31. Max Corking - Aberfan disaster
32. Arjan Singh - Equality
33. Isabella Humphreys - Case study on Martin Luther King
34. Lilly Lloyd - Black Lives Matter movement
35. Sophia Davies - The World Wide Web
36. Maya Powell - LGBTQT community
37. Jessica Hobbs - Decimal Day
38. Harry Jarvis - Arpanet
39. Ash McMullan - Legislation concerning homosexuality

40. Natasha Westacott - The Commonwealth community
41. Lucy Short - Evolution of Tea
42. Maheen Shah - 1966 World Cup Win
43. Jenny Trundley - Invention of hand held phone
44. Emily Kalunga - British Computer Science
45. Kayleigh Eggleton - Race Relations Act
46. Daneil Petre - Terror attack on Iraq's embassy
47. Hermione Snelling - 1975 Sex Discrimination Act
48. Alexandra Jordaan - 'Me Too' Movement
49. Jamie Outen - Concorde
50. Kaya Nyathi - Healthcare/ NHS
51. Finley Brown - Development of transport
52. Harry Lloyd - Fighter Jets
53. Luke Hill - Case study on Svetlana Savitskaya
54. Caleb Stainforth - Development of companies/ business
55. Isabella Palastanga - Case study on Tim Peake
56. Euan Barnard - Renewable Energy
57. Keira Hargrove - Case study on Whitney Houston
58. Viktoria Rozga - 1967 Abortion Act
59. Alicia Dashwood - Development of technology
60. Kira Millward - Coronavirus epidemic
61. Carrick Evans - Overview
62. Mia Nugent - Buses
63. Theodore Harlock - Green Energy
64. Eleanor Simpson - The internet
65. Andreea Nitu - Vietnam War
66. Angel Appenteng - Duke of Edinburgh
67. Patrycja Mogielska - Film Release of 'Back to the Future'
68. Maksymilian Serwatka - Use of artificial Insulin in medicine
69. Zak Malki - Big Ben and parliamentary democracy
70. Sabreen Angus - Differences in daily lives

Congratulations and many thanks to all entries. It was particularly pleasing to see a variety of 'things' nominated.

History Trips

Year 7 History Trip to The Black Country Museum

All Year 7 students will shortly be receiving letters regarding a trip to The Black Country Museum for Tuesday 5th July. The trip will cost £32.00 per student.

Advance notice - GCSE History Trip to Berlin, Germany January 2023

We are planning a trip to Berlin, Germany for all GCSE History students. We plan to depart 17th January and arrive back in the UK 19th January 2023. The trip will cost £529 per student. Letters detailing plans will be sent to all GCSE History students September 2022.



Maths Challenge

We entered some of our Y7 and Y8 maths students for the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge in April and for the first time in AVA's history we received a GOLD certificate for this category and that was from **Dylan W.** of Y7 (top student in school). **Talia R.** was our top student in Y8.

Huge congratulations to all students who participated. We received 1 **Gold**, 5 **Silver** and 16 **Bronze** certificates:

Dylan	Winfield	Gold	Ajitesh	Narasimhan	Bronze
George	Nunn	Silver	Kara	Nesbitt	Bronze
Talia	Rudge	Silver	Raya	Prabhakar	Bronze
Demian	Burlacu	Silver	Zak	Russell	Bronze
Kayden	Coote	Silver	Harrison	Tincknell	Bronze



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Niamh	Hyland	Silver	Harrison	Cook	Bronze
Ayyub	Anwar	Bronze	Kairon	Corbett	Bronze
Reggie	Butcher	Bronze	Nathan	Hawkes	Bronze
Khush	Desai	Bronze	Rufus	Martin	Bronze
Lily	Macknight	Bronze	Kartik	Vyas	Bronze
Nichole	McHardy-Why	Bronze	Rana	Watling	Bronze

Year 7

Update

Our Assembly last Friday moved to virtual delivery in led by Tutors due to the exam season being upon us. Assemblies will remain virtual throughout the duration of the exams; this will include our Awards Assembly scheduled for the 27th of May. Last Friday's virtual assemble was written and led by Mr Hawley with a focus on Human Rights. It was outlined to our students what Human Rights are, where they come from and why we need them. Students were given the opportunity to discuss various scenarios, both old and new looking at press coverage and historical events to help provide understanding of importance and impact around the world.

Next week we will not be posting our RAR Awards as all presentations will be made virtually at our Celebration Assembly due to take place on the last day of this half term. All those recognised and awarded will be shared in the bulletin after the holiday.

Sports Day

The Year 7 Team are pleased to see so many of our students sign up to take part in events and races planned for Sports Day. We still need students to get involved, over the course of this week we, along with Tutors have been encouraging participation.

Health and Wellbeing

Please could we request that our parent's and carer's ensure that hay fever medication is given to those who suffer at this time of year prior to school in the morning. The Academy is not able to administer medication for hay fever and does not hold a stock in school.

Please ensure you provide your child with a refillable water bottle. It is important out students remain hydrated.

Year 7 Spanish

This week the Y7 students are participating in a Pen Pal Project where they are going to be writing a letter to Spanish students from a school in a little town of Nort Spain called Peralta. The Spanish students are the same age as our Y7 and they are also going to be writing to us in return. This is a brilliant opportunity for Y7 students to have a real interaction with real people using a foreign language. Finally, this is the best possible way for them to see how much they have progressed: when they started to learn Spanish in September they were only able to say a few words and now they can write a letter. ¡Es increíble!



Pen Pal Project

- Pueblo: Peralta, España
- Colegio: Juan Bautista



Parents Evening

The Year 7 Team are continuing to collate Teacher feedback from Parents Evening, please bear with us, you will be contacted.

Awards/Accomplishments

Students reaching Achievement Point Awards this week are:

Bronze: Olivia U, Molly P, Ellie R, Logan B, Liam S, Ruby B, Batool B, Freya R, Safwan K, Luke H, Saeed M,

Silver: Nathan H, Phoebe L, Humayun H, Tyler M, Zain N, Gabriel M, Cai W

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: Ewan B, Inaaya S, Florence S, Kelly A, Sade A

Aspiration: Jamie O, Kaitlin P, Macy R, Luke H, Riley S

Resilience: Teshnavi A, Lewis G, Gethen A, Max B, Aimee H



A huge and heartfelt well done to all the above students

Any enquiries, please contact year7enquiries@theacademy.me

Mrs Dutson and the Year 7 Team

Year 8



Another great week for our year 8s as we continued with our tutor programme. They are finishing reading Running Wild for literacy and completing set comprehension task to go with it. We had active tutor time on Tuesday, Faraday 3 did 20 mins of an activity of their choice, while the rest of the tutor groups completed numeracy. We have also been discussing the latest news during debate this week. Our assembly was virtual this week, Ms Proud delivered an assembly on extra curriculum activities and how this can help students grow their confidence.

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Respect: Amelia C, Narcis B, Emmie M, Jasmine S, Emilio B, Michelle M

Resilience: Scott F, Malayeka K, Andreea P, Ela H, Harley RH, Cassie R

Aspiration: Elioenai M, Ayaan H, Louie L, Shaan M, Zinhle M, Abdullah Aw

Any enquiries, please contact year8enquiries@theacademy.me

Mrs Proud and the Year 8 Team

Year 9



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 "**Should you go on school trips?**" 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 'Extra Curriculum' and was led by Miss Proud and the second theme was Celebrating successes which was led by Mr O'Leary.

Stars of the Week announced in assembly were: **Sana J, Ruby M, Hana R, Maddoch O, Lewis C, Lemuel M, Muhammad S, Abigail H, Alex G**

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: *Lauren B, Jessica B, Summer U, Isabella B, Sheza R, Mia A, Logan F, Cherry R, Patrcja M*

Aspiration: *Sophia D, Halima E, Imogen J, Eda H, Alice K, Theo H, Leo C, Dillon E, Jessica H, Malaika Q*

Resilience: *Theo H, Annabel H, Sophia D, Zoe K, Jamie L, Carla P, George S, Callum W, Hannah W*



Any enquiries, please contact year9enquiries@theacademy.me
Mr O'Leary and the Year 9 Team

End of Year Reward Trip

All parents and carers have received information regarding the upcoming Year 10 reward trip to Whipsnade Zoo. The students seem excited about the trip which is on Thursday 7th July. If you would like your child to attend please complete the form in the link: <https://forms.office.com/r/MXiyBtnZyd>, you will find all the information on Parent Pay.

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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

Prefects

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 interest in the Prefect position. The application process to become a Prefect is now open with the closing date being Friday 27th May, 3pm.

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: *Ruby I, Bethany W, Toby L*

Aspiration: *Hajra A, Zoha O, Amani B*

Respect: *Emily N, Aimee U, Charlie S*



Any enquiries, please contact year10enquiries@theacademy.me
Mrs Leach and the Year 10 Team

Year 11

Update

Exam season is now in full swing, and Year 11 ended today with their Leavers Assembly. The students enjoyed reflecting over their time at AVA, receiving their letters and having the chance to sign shirts. Although they're back in on Monday for more exams, it was nice to take some time to celebrate the year group.

Leavers Hoodies

You may have seen some of the Year 11s walking to and from school in their leavers' hoodies. Personally, I think they look fabulous and shows a real sense of community spirit. I know some students who did not originally order one were disappointed once they saw the hoodies, so the printing company have kindly reopened the order system for Year 11s to order their last-minute hoodies. The booking system will close on Friday 27th May.



Exams Next Week

Exams - WEEK BEGINNING Monday 23rd MAY					
Date	Start	Length (Hour)	Board	Component Code	Component Title
Monday 23rd May	08:50	1hr 30min	AQA	8035/1	Geography Paper 1
Tuesday 24th May	13:30	1hr	OCR	J587/01	Physical Education Paper 1
Wednesday 25th May	08:50	1hr 40min	AQA	8702/1M/1N	English Literature Paper 1
Wednesday 25th May	13:30	1hr 30min	AQA	8572/1	Media Studies Paper 1
Wednesday 25th May	13:30	45min	Edexcel	1GK0/1H	Greek (Listening)
Wednesday 25th May	14:20	1hr 5min	Edexcel	1GK0/3H	Greek (Reading)
Thursday 26th May	08:50	35min	AQA	8698/LF	Spanish Paper 1 (Listening)
Thursday 26th May	09:30	45min	AQA	8698/LH	Spanish Paper 1 (Listening)
Thursday 26th May	08:50	45min	AQA	8698/RF	Spanish Paper 3 (Reading)
Thursday 26th May	09:45	1hr	AQA	8698/RH	Spanish Paper 3 (Reading)
Thursday 26th May	13:30	1hr 45min	AQA	8062/2A/2B	Religious Studies Paper 2
Friday 27th May	08:50	1hr 45min	AQA	8462/1F/1H	Chemistry Paper 1
Friday 27th May	08:50	1hr 15min	AQA	8464/C/1F/1H	Combined Science Chemistry Paper 1
Friday 27th May	13:30	1hr 30min	OCR	J277/02	Computer Science Paper 2

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.

Any enquiries, please contact year11enquiries@theacademy.me
Mrs Leach and the Year 11 Team

Thank you for all your support