



# The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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## PARENT BULLETIN No. 57

### 1st<sup>th</sup> July 2022

### Welcome

As you can see from the bulletin this week it is a time of events, rewards, awards and celebration. Sports Day was a great success and enjoyed by students and Matilda is close to being ready for performance (I hope you are all able to come).

The number of students nominated for rewards is great to see and testament to the **respect, aspiration** and **resilience** they have shown.

A reminder that **we have a staff-training day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Students do not need to attend.**

If you have any questions about anything in this bulletin, please contact us at [enquiries@theacademy.me](mailto:enquiries@theacademy.me).

Have a good weekend

**Gavin Gibson**  
Academy Principal

### Awards Evening

**Save the date:** Parents will soon be receiving their invitations for the upcoming AVA Summer Awards Evening. The evening will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 6-7pm.



### Reward Picnic

Today we hosted our first reward picnic for the top 10 students in each year group. Based on their achievement points the students were invited to a picnic during period 4 in celebration of their hard work and effort. Well done to the following students:

**Year 7:** Julia B, Isabelle H, Freddie K, Poppy P, Rufus M, Ellina S, Macy R-R, Jennifer B, Elizabeth B, Henley C

**Year 8:** Lilly L, Summer W, Kira M, Reggie B, Amelia D, Alicia D, Emily M, George N, Nichole MW, Sofia RS

**Year 9:** Sophia D, Angel A, Eda H, Harrison C, Theodore H, Patricia M, Henry P, Carla P, Abigail S, Haleena P

**Year 10:** Emily N, Blessing AB, Kendra A, Daijon B, Hermonie S, Charlie SS, Tayla D, Olimpia SI, Ruby I, Sam C



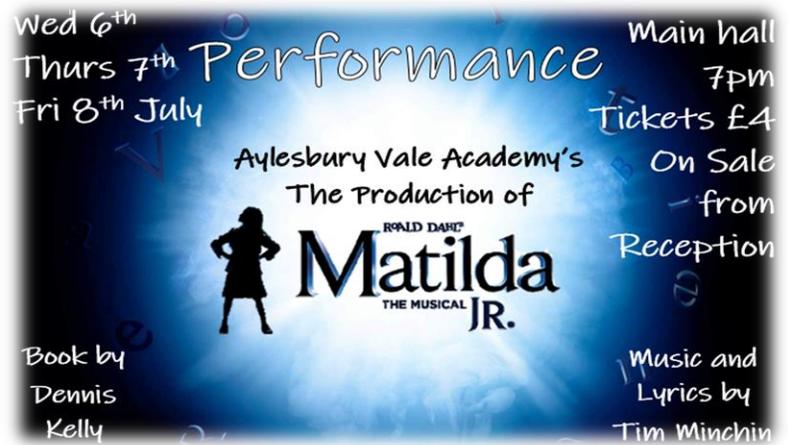
## History Hero

This week's History Hero is **Natasha Westacott**, for outstanding attitude to learning across the term and fantastic participation and hard work in lessons going above and beyond to excel in history. Keep up the hard work!

## Matilda

Aylesbury Vale Academy is excited and proud to present Matilda Junior the musical, on the 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> July in our Main Hall. The musical will also feature students from the Primary Phase, who have been an absolute delight to work with.

Packed with high-energy and catchy songs, children and adults alike will be thrilled and delighted by the story of the special little girl with an extraordinary imagination.



Wed 6<sup>th</sup>  
Thurs 7<sup>th</sup>  
Fri 8<sup>th</sup> July

Performance

Main hall  
7pm  
Tickets £4  
On Sale  
from  
Reception

Aylesbury Vale Academy's  
The Production of

ROALD DAHL  
**Matilda**  
THE MUSICAL JR.

Book by  
Dennis  
Kelly

Music and  
Lyrics by  
Tim Minchin

Tickets for our production of Matilda are now on sale and are available from the Academy reception or Mr Hallam directly at a cost of £4 per ticket.

The performance will start promptly at 7pm on all 3 evenings and we look forward to seeing you there to enjoy and support our amazing students.

## Donate or Swap Your Blazers!

If you have a blazer that does not fit your child, bring it in to school and we may be able to swap it for a second hand one in good condition.

Alternatively, if you would like to donate your blazer to the school because your child is leaving Year 11 or you have purchased a new one, we would be very grateful.

Just come in to the main reception and talk to our staff.



## Year 7

### Update

Our tutor programme for last week focused on Geography, with quizzes and presentations centered around our environment. Students created paintings of natural elements to promote the subject as fun and to help students understand and appreciate the world around us. The week culminated in our virtual assembly, which explored the effects we have on our environment both positive and negative. Our Y7 Student Counsellors worked with older team members with Miss Lutchi creating a display using re-cycled plastic to hi-light the issues that plastics make in our seas, damaging corals, injuring marine life and destroying natural habitats.

### This week Achievement Awards go to:

**Bronze** – Ayman A, Summer E

**Silver** – Jenson R, Kelly A, Hanifa S

**Gold** – Victor C, Ava H

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**Platinum** – Freddie K

### Academy Values Awards

Well done to the students below who have been awarded achievement points for showing Academy values. These students have been nominated by their classroom teachers:

**Respect** : Paige D, Leigha G, Joseph C, Dillon M, Lily M  
**Aspiration**: Sabreen A, Kelly A, Aiden A, Macy R, Lilly R  
**Resilience**: Jamie M, Ewan B, Kai G, Komal I, Jacob P



Well done to you all.

### Sports Day

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June many of the year 7 students took part in sports day, students were asked to enroll prior to the event to a sporting activity offered. All students taking part made their way outside to take part in their chosen events, when not competing they actively cheered on their peers. The event was very well received by the students with some great performances. In some events our students broke previous records. For some of our students, where they demonstrated skill or won their event, the opportunity to take part in district athletics will be offered.



A massive well done to all students involved.

### Chessington Trip

Our trip to Chessington is now fully subscribed to. All students who have been allocated a space will have received written notification of their place on the trip and payment will be added to Parent Pay on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July. We do have a reserves list up and running and these students will have priority on our next event which we hope to run in October. We are very disappointed that we were limited to spaces on coaches on this occasion and appreciate some students may be disappointed. We will be running other events and trips in the future.

### Thank you

I would like to take the opportunity to thank **Sabreen A**, **Shannon W** and **Shanade W** for helping support a Year 6 visit this week. They supported staff undertaking a tour, encouraging our visitors in getting to know you activities and helped in a taster lesson. Their help was much appreciated by all involved.

Any enquiries, please contact [year7enquiries@theacademy.me](mailto:year7enquiries@theacademy.me)

Mrs Dutson – and the Year 7 Team

## Year 8

### Update

This week year 8 have had a busy week with rewards and getting ready for year 9. We have been focusing on growth mindset and resilience. Every day this week for the start of period one, they have had an assembly to celebrate their achievements and to discuss a range of topics. In tutor time, they have also continued with the tutor programme and on Tuesday Nobel 3 did active tutor time. We also had the sports awards on Thursday P5, to celebrate sporting achievement and ambassadors.



Finally yet importantly on Friday there was a rewards pizza picnic for the students with the highest achievement point in each year group. The top 10 year 8s had the highest achievement points in the

school. Our year 8s have been fantastic this term and we cannot wait to have a celebration day on the last week of term to congratulate them all.

### **Year 8 had the following assemblies this week:**

**Monday** - Ms Proud did a celebration and reward assembly.

**Wednesday** - Mr Hawley delivered an assembly on expectations for Year 9.

**Thursday** - Mrs Michiana did failures and how they can be used to succeed using herself as an example.

**Friday** - Mr Cooper on your future.

### **Academy Values Awards**

Well done to the students below who have been awarded achievement points for showing Academy values. These students have been nominated by their classroom teachers:

**Respect:** Aya J, Reiss VD, Joleen C, Macy C, Lucy M, Callum T, Zarin Z, Finlay D.

**Resilience:** Jonathan C, Aliya S, Maria G, Ibukunolwa F, Mohammad A, Zulaikha K, Alyssa G.

**Aspiration:** Joleen C, Ruby W, Michelle M, Zulaikha K, Oliwia K, Mya K, Oliver W.



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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 "**Do we know enough about travelling people's history and culture?**" Each tutor group had thoughtful discussions with a number of students presenting slides to the rest of their tutor group.

This week's assembly was on "Refugee Week" and was led by Mr Lane

**Stars of the Week:** Finlay J, Jake F, Katie S, Logan F, Alice K, Lavinia N, Zoe K, Theodore H, Kashaf A

### **Key Dates**

Year 9 reward trip - Unfortunately we have not been able to secure enough coaches for this trip to happen before the end of the summer term. We have rearranged for September. Information will be sent to parents in due course.

### **Academy Values Awards**

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**Respect:** Leo C, Lloyd L, Ana Gabriela R, Thomas W, Tamara A, Humayl K

**Aspiration:** Joshua B, Theo D, Maciej F, Annabel H, Samuel M, Cherry R

**Resilience:** Viktoria R, Keert S, Ocean J, Dayaan K, Sami-Ullah K, Melusi M



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Mr O'Leary and the Year 9 Team

## Year 10

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### Whipsnade Reward Trip

Year 10 end of year reward trip is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July to Whipsnade. We will be leaving school at 8:30am and will be back by 4pm. The trip is now closed for payments.

### Year 11 Team building trip - Operation Encounter

When students move into Year 11 we dedicate the month of September to confidence building. Within school we focus on dealing with exam busting techniques and preparing for the year ahead. At the end of September we invite all Year 11 students on a team building day to Operation Encounter in Marlow. Focusing on the British military values of; courage, discipline, integrity, loyalty as well as our own values of; respect, aspiration and resilience. The students partake in the following activities during the day: Archery, Jacob's ladder, Raft building and Canoeing.

### Prefects

We have over 60 Prefect application forms to read through, we will be holding interviews over the next few weeks. Thank you to all the parents that have support their children through the application process.

### Self-Growth Programme

Last Friday, we launched our first Year 10 Girls Self-Growth Programme. Working with the beauty company Dove we are rolling out a 6-week course with a small selection of Year 10 girls who we feel need support with their confidence and self-growth. The girls spent the afternoon at the trampoline park in Bicester, where they were encouraged to get out of their comfort zone and do something they wouldn't normally do. We then spent the afternoon discussing peer pressure and how we can overcome this. This week we have been focusing on Appearance.

### Mock Exams

Year 10 mock exams began on Monday and will run until Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Please encourage your child to revise and be prepared for their mock exams, we do offer the following revision platforms for them to use:

Microsoft Teams

<https://members.gcsepod.com/login>

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/>

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/about-us/qualification-brands/edexcel.html>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

The exam timetable issued to students is below:

Date	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
WEEK A						
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Science Triple Physics 1hr 45mins Science Combined Physics 1hr 15mins		Spanish Writing 1hr 5mins Foundation Spanish Writing 1hr 20mins			
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Computer Science 1hr 30mins		English Literature 1hr 45mins			
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Religious Studies 1hr 45mins		Maths Paper 2 Calculator 1hr 30mins			
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> July						
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> July						

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**Resilience:** Olimpia S, Kendra A, Hermione S

**Aspiration:** Tayla D, Ruby I, Sam C

**Respect:** Toby L, Charlie S-S, Blessing A

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Mrs Leach and the Year 10 Team



## Year 11

### Year 11 Prom

This week we are dedicating the Year 11 section to the Prom.

For the last two years, we have not been able to organise a Prom for the year groups, so this year was very special and an honour to be able to organise the prom for the students. It was great to see the students arriving in style to the venue; we had everything from Transit vans, Hummers, Ferraris, Mustangs and my personal favourite, an undercover police car. All had a good time. The students looked fabulous dancing the night away.

#### Student views:

"Thank you for the amazing evening we had last night, it was so memorable, and I'll never forget it. Thank you for all the effort and time you put into it, I can tell you our whole year appreciate it."

"I had an amazing night it was a night to remember!"

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YK Creations for the fabulous table centre pieces. Inspired by The Great Gatsby, Yvonne understood the brief perfectly.

**email: [Ykcreationsuk@outlook.com](mailto:Ykcreationsuk@outlook.com)**

Love2Bake for their delicious cupcakes. The students enjoyed their late-night sugar rush.

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**Instagram: [laura\\_jane.lovetobake](https://www.instagram.com/laura_jane.lovetobake)**

PL Schoolwear for the wristbands. The students really appreciated their keepsake wristbands.

<https://plschoollwear.co.uk/>

U Spin 360 Photobooth Ltd, the wow factor for any party, was a hit for both students and staff.

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Mrs Leach and the Year 11 Team



**Thank you for all your support**