



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Welcome

It has been another hot week at AVA but there has been so much going on. Matilda rehearsals are underway and we strongly encourage all parents to look at what, surely, promises to be a fantastic production. Race for Life took place on Monday this week in aid of cancer research and Sports Day took place today to take advantage of the fine weather. Year 11 exams have concluded and Year 10s have now begun their mocks. By the time the next three weeks have concluded, students will have earned a well-deserved rest!



A reminder that **we finish at 13:25 on Tuesday 19th July**, and school service buses (No. 4 and 12) have been ordered for this time.

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

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.



Literacy Lessons

Some of our Year 7 and 8 students have been following a literacy skills course this year to further develop their reading skills.

We have been recognising their achievements as the year comes to an end and it has been a delight to see so many enjoying these lessons and showing us their progress.



Here are some with their certificates!

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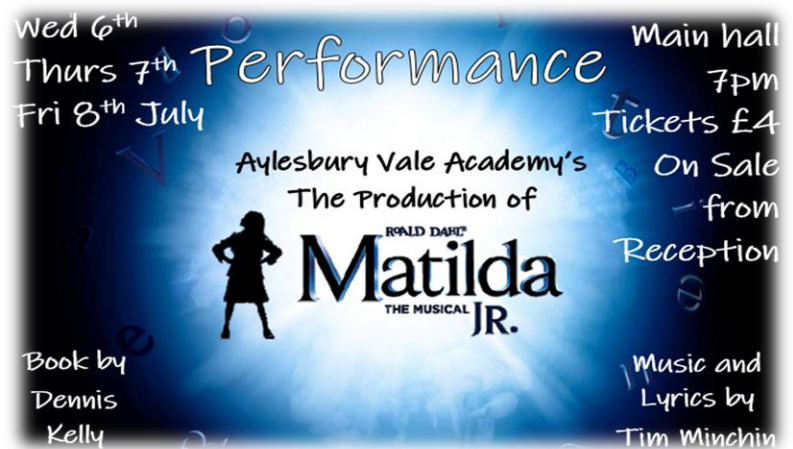
Matilda

Aylesbury Vale Academy is excited and proud to present Matilda Junior the musical, on the 6th 7th and 8th 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.

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.



Wed 6th
Thurs 7th
Fri 8th July

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

Parent Pay Shop

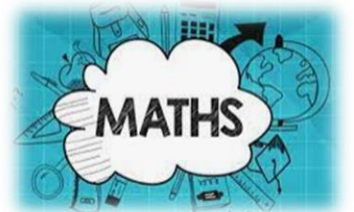
We have an AVA shop on Parent Pay, where they can purchase revision guides. <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=3726>



Maths Challenge

This week's winner of the Maths Challenge is **Mohammed Mustafa** of 10Fa1. Well done, Russ, for demonstrating excellent mathematical ability!

Mr Binns, Maths Department



History Hero

This week's History Hero is **Krystain Nabockwicz**. This is for demonstrating higher order thinking when debating with another pupil on whether people were economically better off under Nazi rule or under their previous democratic leadership of The Weimar Republic. His analysis based on evidence and not other emotive reasons was great to hear. Well done Krystain!

Energy Drinks

We do not allow students to have energy drinks at AVA. This includes brands such as **Lucozade, Red Bull, Monster, Gatorade, Rockstar, Monster** and many others as well as supermarkets' own versions of these drinks. These products contain large amounts of sugar or glucose and caffeine may cause serious heart and blood vessel problems such as heart rhythm disturbances and increases in heart rate and blood pressure. They do not support students in concentrating effectively and we would suggest students have a good night's sleep, breakfast before coming to school and carry a refillable water bottle to ensure they have the energy levels they need.



If students have these products on them in school, they will be confiscated and disposed of.

Year 7

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Update

This week the PE department have hosted a range of activities for the Year 7s to recognise National Sports Week, activities have included the race for life which was hugely successful with some students completing 17 laps, and Kimball tournaments. The Kimball tournaments were held on Tuesday and Wednesday after school, participating gave our students the opportunity to take part in a sport different to that offered during lessons. It was great to see so many Year 7 students getting involved and we are looking forward to rounding of the week with sports day due to take place during Period 3 on Friday. We will bring you news of the event in next week's bulletin.

Our Achievement Awards this week are:

Bronze Award: Jaiden K

Silver Award: Jamil A, Alfie B, Morgan S, Khazim K, James A, Claire H

Gold Award: Sofia B, Elysia G

Platinum: Isabella H

Well done to each and every one of you.

Pizza Picnic

The following students have accrued the most achievement points to date since joining the Academy. In recognition of their success they have been invited to attend a pizza picnic on the 1st of July during P4.

Julia B, Isabella H, Freddie K, Poppy P, Rufus M, Elina S, Macy R, Jennifer B, Elizabeth B, Henley C

Book Awards

This half term we have awarded books to the following students for their efforts both academically and socially.

Julia B, Elysia G, Rufus M and Rubert W

Football Tournament

This Friday the Sixth form enterprise team ARE RUNNIGN A FOOTBALL EVENT. This will be taking place afterschool on Friday with a £1 entry fee.

Chessington World of Adventure Trip

The Year 7 Team have arranged the above trip to take place on the 14th of July in recognition of our students successes. Unfortunately there has been high demand this year on coach companies which has had an impact on how many students we can take. Letters will be sent home with students on Tuesday the 28th, we would urge that slips are returned to Mrs Powell as soon as possible if your child would like to join us as places will be given on a first come basis. The cost of the trip will be £30 which will include both travel and entry to the park. Payment for trip can be made once we have confirmed your child's place via ParentPay. We aim to leave school at 09.00 and return by 17.30.



Water Pistols

With the arrival of the hot weather last week, a handful of students chose to spray each other with water. Some students even went so far as to bring in water pistols. We would urge our parents and carers to remind their children that this behaviour will be sanctioned, and that water pistols will be confiscated and not returned.

Any enquiries, please contact year7enquiries@theacademy.me
Mrs Dutson and the Year 7 Team

Year 8

Update

Another great week for year 8, the students have made progress and been more resilient. This week we have been focusing on celebration and geography. 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 2 did active tutor time.



Assemblies

This week's assemblies included:

- Mr West on amazing species and how they have adapted to living in their environments.
- An external speaker from Greatmoor Energy from Waste came to discuss what happens to our waste in Aylesbury and how this can help us become more sustainable.
- Mr Hawley delivered an assembly on respect and how to treat each other.

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. 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: Ava P, Michelle M, Kayla B, Oliver W, Connor L, Kara N.

Resilience: Summer M, Sayan H, Franky W, Jonathan C, Tymon O, Emilia K.

Aspiration: Harley-Ray H, Khush D, Jessica Wh, Ajitesh N, Finley B.



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 "What do positive support groups look like?" 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 "Geography Week" and was led by Mrs Smyth



Sports Day

On Friday 24th June, Year 9 took part in Sports day during Period 4, each college nominated students to participate in a variety of events, which included, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, Shot put, Long jump, Javelin and relay

Stars of the Week: Patrycja M, Haleena P, Chantai C, Amy B, Fatima A, Archie U-T, Lauren B, Jaylen B, Sanna F

Key Dates

Summer Reward Trip

Monday 18th July to Thorpe Park

There has been a slight delay with the coach company; letters will be distributed to students and parents as soon as possible.

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Respect: Cameron B, Eleanor C, Lara B, Yvonne C, Sophie F, Tyla F, Maya M, Gerrad Y

Aspiration: Ameen K, Tanatswa D, Ocean J, Harrison C, Leo C, Ben G, Cody H, Phoebe P

Resilience: Maciej F, Ines D-D, Angel A, Haaris A, Logan F, Isabella H, Furqaan K, Hannah S

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



Year 10

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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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 6th 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 B						
Mon 27 th June	Year 10 External Health & Fitness Exam 1hr 30mins External Polish Writing Exam 1hr 20mins		Science Triple Biology 1hr 45mins Science Combined 1hr 15mins			
Tue 28 th June	Year 10 External Russian Writing Exam 1hr 25mins		English Language 1hr 45mins			
Wed 29 th June	Drama 45mins		Design Technology 2hrs			
Thu 30 th June	Maths Paper 1 Non Calculator 1hr 30mins		Geography 1hr 30mins			
Fri 1 st July	Science Triple Chemistry 1hr 45mins Science Combined Chemistry 1hr 15mins		Music GCSE 50mins		History 1hr	
WEEK A						
Mon 4 th July	Science Triple Physics 1hr 45mins Science Combined Physics 1hr 15mins		Spanish Writing 1hr 5mins Foundation Spanish Writing 1hr 20mins			
Tue 5 th July	Computer Science 1hr 30mins		English Literature 1hr 45mins			
Wed 6 th July	Religious Studies 1hr 45mins		Maths Paper 2 Calculator 1hr 30mins			
Thu 7 th July						
Fri 8 th July						

Parent Pay Shop

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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



Any enquiries, please contact year10enquiries@theacademy.me

Mrs Leach and the Year 10 Team

Year 11

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Prom

Finally, tonight is the night. We are looking forward to seeing all the students and celebrating the end of exams with them.

Coming Up to Sixth Form

The prospective Year 12s have been invited to the Academy on the 28th and 29th of June to experience a couple of days of being a Sixth former at AVA. The days will include an address from the Achievement Director, a range of lessons in each subject option and an opportunity to mingle with our present Sixth Formers. We look forward to welcoming them to our academy to support their future choices.

British Airways Work Experience

Young Professionals have an exciting opportunity for our students. Working with British Airways they are running a 3-day Business Virtual Work Experience program to give students the chance to gain an insight into the professional teams at BA's Head Office.



Across the three days, you'll hear from different teams from their HQ (including Sustainability, Finance, Digital Marketing and Commercial Analytics) who will pose the question 'where do you see British Airways in one year and ten years' time?' and provide industry updates and trends as well as employability top tips!

The placement involves a mix of activities, quizzes, hearing from live guest speakers (including current apprentices and graduates) and project planning time. At the end of the placement, you'll have the opportunity to share your vision for the future of British Airways and aviation with a special guest panel of British Airways colleagues! You will also have the opportunity to secure an in-person Insight Day at their HQ based at London Heathrow during the October half-term holidays this year.

The event is taking place online via Zoom on **Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th June from 10:00am - 3:00pm** each day. Upon completion, you will receive a certificate which can be used on your CV / personal statements moving forward.

If you'd like to join us for this fantastic work experience opportunity click the following link to sign up:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BA-Work-Experience>

Any enquiries, please contact year11enquiries@theacademy.me

Mrs Leach and the Year 11 Team

Thank you for all your support