



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Welcome



For our Year 11s we are almost at the end. Last Friday was their leaver's assembly where we got the opportunity to reflect on their five years at the Academy. The excitement and emotion were palpable as they realised they would be embarking on the next stage in their young lives. Once the traditional shirt signing and photos subsided they had to turn their minds back to their exams. These will soon be over and they get to have a proper celebration at their prom. We can't wait to see them then.

We also celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in school today as we will be on half term when this occurs. Please see below for how the day was marked.

A reminder that we return to school on **Monday 6th June** and our final day of the school year is **Tuesday 19th July at 13:25**.

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

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Jubilee Day Celebrations at AVA today, Friday 27 May included:

- Bunting designed by all students being displayed in the Atrium,
- All students offered a free Jubilee cake during break time.
- The lunch menu was also Jubilee based.
- Celebratory Music was played in the Atrium that reflects the Queen's reign including commonwealth aspects to celebrate the diversity of the United Kingdom.



Cultural Week

AVA will be celebrating our Global connections by hosting our first Cultural week in the week commencing 6th June.

Celebrations will include:

- Assemblies displaying our Multicultural staff and students.
- The lunch menu will have cultural dishes from around the world.
- Music will be played in the Atrium at lunch and break from the same culture as the food.
- Information on different cultures will be displayed around school.

History Hero

This week's History Hero is **Fatima Ahmed**, for making great progress and working hard, especially for her last assessment on Germany.

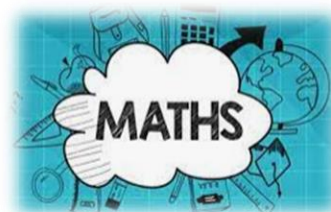


Keep it up!

History Team

Maths Challenge

This week's winner of the Maths Challenge is **Izabela Cristea** of 10Fa1. Well done Izabela for demonstrating excellent mathematical ability!



Mr Binns, Maths Department

History News

Year 7

Update

Our Virtual Assembly last Friday was delivered by Miss Proud, who raised awareness to our Yr 7's of extra-curricular opportunities both within the school environment and beyond.

Students watched the inspiring story of Panyee FC from Southern Thailand. This team came from very humble beginnings building their own floating football pitch from wood. Through resilience, creativity and passion the team trained themselves and competed on the mainland. Panyee FC became Southern Thailand

Youth Champions for 7 consecutive years; a real testimony to what you can achieve if you put your mind to it.

We then went on to look at what opportunities are here at AVA, examples were given of 40 different clubs, trips, Ambassador opportunities, charity work and more. Students can speak to any member of staff if they would like to know more about any of these opportunities.

Award certificates this week:

Bronze: Aqdas B, Logan B, Christopher N, Liam S, Alfie B, Lucia F

Silver: Elliott P, Pheobe L, Irum M, Rana W, Keira H, Fatima A, Armanda B

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: Jack W, Harry L, Breanna J, Chloe E, Haaziq D

Aspiration: Max B, Keira H, Olivia O, Macy R, Riley S

Resilience: Lilly R, Fabio A, Harry M, Kartik V, Christopher N



Breakfast with the Principal

At the end of each half term, 2 students from the year group are invited to join Mr Gibson for breakfast. These students will have shown fortitude in meeting our Academy values and demonstrating a can do attitude. We are very pleased that this week Carter and Alexandra were invited along to gain recognition for their efforts.

Celebration Assembly/Jubilee Celebrations

The Year 7 Team decided to postpone their end of half term Awards Assembly until the week we return to school. We took this decision so that the Yr 7's could take part in the Jubilee Events taking place across the Academy. Year 7's created and decorated bunting to decorate the Atrium, undertook a quiz and were provided with music and a jubilee cake at Break time.

We wish all our students and their families a lovely half term break and extended Bank Holiday however they wish to spend it and look forward to seeing all our students back in school on the 6th June.

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

Update

A fantastic last week of term for our year 8s. This week we have been focusing of praise and positive behaviour. Every day this week for the start of period one, they have had an assembly to celebrate their achievements. In tutor time they have also been decorating bunting to decorate the classrooms for the Queen's Jubilee. They have shown great resilience this term and we wish them a restful half term.



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Respect: Paolo P, Dylan B, Reggie B, Emily M, Shrid B, Azaan A, Lilly LI, Dixant KC, Zara P.

Resilience: Joleen C, Zinhle M, Andrea P, Tilly M, Euan B, Finley B, Ella H, Reuben S, Reiss VD, Joshua H.

Aspiration: Ayaan H, Kira M, Summer Wh, Lilly LI, Charlie B, Henry B, Tilly M, Macy C, Nichole MW, Jonathan C.

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 celebrating the Queen's Jubilee. Tutor groups were given bunting that they decorated and these were placed into the atrium.

This week's assembly was led by Mr O'Leary and was on the "Year 9 Celebration Assembly".

Celebrating Successes

Stars of the Week: Aryaan K, Anisa K, Pheobe P, Cherry R, Alice K, Harry N, Lauren B, George N, Taylor F

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Respect: Musa K, Eda H, Melusi M, Aaditya A, Macie G, Bryan J, Alice K, Niran R

Aspiration: Tamara A, Zubayda H, Patrycja M, Phoebe P, Hannah W

Resilience: Ethan J, Sanna F, Hamza H, Alijah W-R, Zain Y

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Mr O'Leary and the Year 9 Team

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Year 10

Year 10 to 11 Transition Evening

On Wednesday we hosted our first Year 10 to 11 Transition evening. The feedback we received from parents and students who attended was positive and we would like to thank all parents for their continued support with the school.

The evening covered:

- Attendance
- Upcoming mock exams
- Operation Encounter trip - September

- Careers and future pathways
- Period 6 in Year 11
- Exams

We will be inviting parents in October for our Getting the Grade evening. More details on this evening will be shared nearer the time.

Mock Timetable

All Year 10 students have been sent their mock timetable. Please also check your EduLink account as parents were also sent a copy.

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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Resilience: Declan D, Ruby I, Daisy W

Aspiration: Maddi W, Milli B, Dylan B

Respect: Scarlett F, Charlie S, Finn W

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Mrs Leach and the Year 10 Team



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Year 11

Update

Last Friday we took some time to reflect on the time Year 11 have had at AVA. We know that the last few years haven't been easy for the students but they have shown us all what true **resilience** looks like. During the assembly we had some laughs and some tears but most of all we had a sea of happy faces as they reflected on their time. During the assembly I read an extract from the children's book 'Oh the Places You'll Go'. The words are quite fitting for our current Year 11 students were are embarking on their next chapter in life;

Oh, the Places You'll Go!

Congratulations!

Today is your day.

You're off to Great Places!

You're off and away!

You have brains in your head.

You have feet in your shoes.

You can steer yourself

any direction you choose.

You're on your own. And you know what you know.

And YOU are the guy who'll decide where to go.

You'll look up and down streets. Look 'em over with care.

About some you will say, "I don't choose to go there."

With your head full of brains and your shoes full of feet,

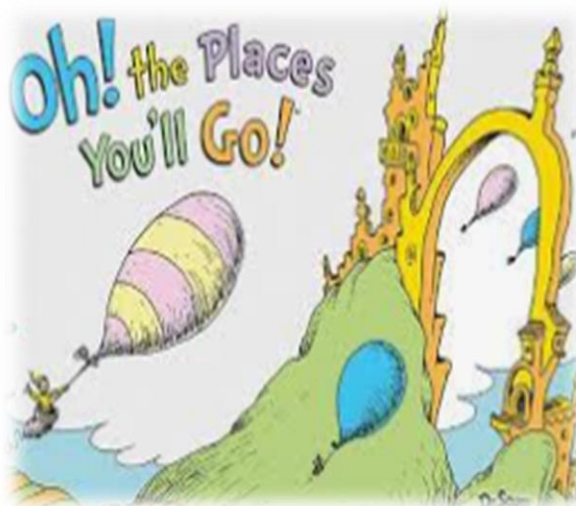
you're too smart to go down any not-so-good street.

And you may not find any

you'll want to go down.

In that case, of course,

you'll head straight out of town.



Leavers Hoodies

We know a few students would still like to purchase leavers hoodies. They have until this evening to purchase via the PLC Schoolwear website. <https://plschoollwear.co.uk/shop/aylesbury-vale-academy/aylesbury-vale-acadamey-year-11-leavers-hoodies/>

Exams Week Commencing 6th June:

Monday the 6th June there are no exams but we have changed the Year 11 schedule to support them with the exams on Tuesday.

Monday P1 & P2 Maths

P3 & 4 Geography. If your child is not a Geographer then they will be in revision lessons.

All Year 11 can leave at lunchtime on the 6th June.

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Exams - WEEK BEGINNING Monday 6th JUNE

Date	Start	Length (Hour)	Board	Component Code	Component Title
Tuesday 7th June	08:50	1hr 30min	Edexcel	1MA1/2F/2H	Mathematics Paper 2 (Calculator)
Tuesday 7th June	13:30	1hr 15min	AQA	8035/2	Geography Paper 2
Tuesday 7th June	13:30	1hr 20min	AQA	8648/WH	Urdu Paper 4 (Writing)
Wednesday 8th June	08:50	1hr 45min	AQA	8702/2	English Literature Paper 2
Thursday 9th June	08:50	1hr	AQA	8145/1A/A-1A/D	History Paper 1 Section A
Thursday 9th June	13:30	1hr 45min	AQA	8463/1F/1H	Physics Paper 1
Thursday 9th June	13:30	1hr 15min	AQA	8464/P/1F/1H	Combined Science Physics Paper 1

Friday 10th June	08:50	1hr 45min	AQA	8700/2	English Language Paper 2
Friday 10th June	13:30	1hr	OCR	J587/02	Physical Education Paper 2

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Thank you for all your support