



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Welcome

One of the main events taking place at AVA was the AVA Careers Fair. Every Year group was able to visit the numerous stands on display in the Sports Hall. Stands included Reading University, Police Force, Royal Marine Commandos, Fire Service, Bucks New Uni and a wide range of local industries and employers. Students even had the opportunity to enter the mobile planetarium – a large, silver, inflatable dome that displayed galaxies and worlds far away.

At the age of 12, 13, 14 onwards the chances are that you have some ideas about what you would like to do when you leave school but they are probably not concrete and will change a hundred times. In some situations, young people are lost and need to have something suggested. Hopefully our Careers fair help to sow some seeds.

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

History Hero

This week's History Hero is **Haylee Shepherd-Allmond** for fantastic history work throughout the year, always pushing herself with applying ideas and higher order taxonomy questions, which is really starting to pay off in her classwork.

Keep it up!

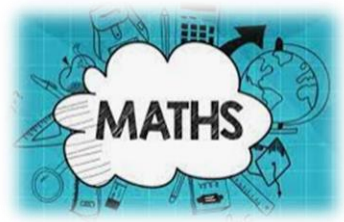
History Team



Maths Challenge

This week's winner of the Maths Challenge is **Alexandria Vass** of Yr10Fr2. Well done Muhammad for stepping up to the challenge!

Mr Binns, Maths Department



Year 7

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Update

We very much hope that our families had a lovely extended weekend and Eid.

Both Mr West and the Reverend Lane delivered our Assembly last Friday. Mr West reminded our students of the Academy's behaviour expectations and outlined that now warmer weather is arriving we wish to encourage Yr 7 to get some fresh air but be mindful of how they interact. Water fights and any physical contact would not be tolerated and relevant sanctions would be applied to those not heeding warning. The second half of the assembly was led by Revd Lane who delivered a talk centred around St Georges day, its history and being brave in our everyday decisions.

Awards/Accomplishments

Students reaching Achievement Point Awards this week are:

Bronze: Lewis G, Amanda M, Naomi S, Cameron D, Chloe S, Haaziq D, Breanna J, Zoe U, Cameron C, Gabi C, Max P, Eleanor S, Kimberley S, Rio U

Silver: Isabella P, Lizzie S, Dylan W, Rupert W, Nadia B, Oliver G, Chaitra G, Michaela S, Alyssa T, Leonard V, Kartik V, Christopher W, Aimee H, Zack P, Sabreen A, Lilly R, Ethan B, Kaden B, Kai F, Eman K, James S, Cassie W, Komal I

Gold: Jennifer B, Julia B, Isabella H, Freddie K, Poppy P, Elina S

A huge and heartfelt well done to all the above students

Respect, Aspiration, Resilience Awards

This week's RAR Awards will be merged with next week's due to Monday's Bank Holiday

Litter Picker - Warrior's

On behalf of the local community, I would like to thank, all of our Year 7's and other year group members who supported the litter pick yesterday morning around the Academy site. We are very proud of your efforts and commitment to improving the environment around our site.



Lockers:

Please could parents and carers support us by reminding students that they should not share lockers with friends. This continues to cause problems when absence occurs.

Parents Evening:

Thank you to all those parents who attended our virtual Parents Evening on Thursday. There was a fantastic level of engagement from our families. Our partnership is fundamental to your child's continued and on-going progress. Queries raised will be addressed within the forth-coming week. Please be aware that responses may require synthesis from several staff members across various departments within the Academy. The Year 7 Team look forward to speaking with you soon.

Any enquiries, please contact year7enquiries@theacademy.me

Ms Dutson and the Year 7 Team

Year 8

Update

The students continued with the tutor programme, they have been reading Running Wild for literacy and completing set comprehension task to go with it. In numeracy they were recapping basics and linking them to how they can be used in everyday life. We also started active tutor time this week, Faraday 1 did 20 mins of an activity of their choice, getting those endorphins going. This Thursday Ms Briggs delivered an engaging assembly on individual liberty (1 of the fundamental British values) and showed the students a video on how our individual liberty can be used to create harmony in a school.

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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: Euan B, Michelle M, Jacob S, Kira M, Emily J, Franky W.

Resilience: Mouhamed T, Ali H, Abi Sm, Finley Ben, Jenny, Connor L.

Aspiration: Chloe J, Abdullah A, Mikey T, Haylee SA, Charlie B, George N.



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.

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Tutor time on Friday was the debate day, this week's topic was "Is sport the right place for raising awareness?" 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 'Personal Development' and was led by Mrs Briggs and the second theme was Celebrating Successes which was led by Mr O'Leary.

In this assembly, special mention to the following:

- **Theo H** – playing the piano to the whole year group
- Stars of the Week – **Jessica H, Tanatswa D, Andreea N, Viktoria R, Khadeeja B, Arjan S, Marco R, Lucy S, Osalumse A**

Key Dates

Summer reward trip – The Year 9 team are currently in the process of identify some options for our Summer reward trip, more information for parents and students will be provided in due course

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Respect: Daniel F, Isabella B, Henry P, Patrycja M, Lavinia N, Niran R, Shannon H, Quixote H

Aspiration: Mya-Ruby L-L, Theodore H, Lara B, Macie G, Eda H, Alice K, Chloe T

Resilience: Bryan J, Eleanor C, Harrison C, Callum W, Angel A, Elijah P, Harvey W



Any enquiries, please contact year9enquiries@theacademy.me

Mr O'Leary and the Year 9 Team

Year 10

This week we are dedicating the Year 10 Parent Bulletin piece to the role of a Prefect. Earlier in the week we announced to the students that the application process to become a Prefect is now open with the closing date being Friday 27th May, 3pm.

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What is a Prefect?

A Prefect is a student who takes up a position of leadership in the school community.

A student who is committed to making a difference in the school.

Someone who demonstrates our school values of **Respect – Aspiration – Resilience**.

Why would a student become a Prefect?

Being a Prefect at AVA means gives you a chance to develop your leadership skills.

It is also a valuable way to express pupil voice.

It gives you a chance to give your view within the school community.

You can include your Prefect position on your applications for Sixth Form and University.



The Prefect team will be structured in 3 tiers:

Head Prefect Team

Deputy Prefect Team

Prefects

What might some of the jobs that a Prefect will do?

Represent the school at events such as:

- Open evening
- Award evening
- Parents evening
- School Productions
- School Inspections
- Assemblies
- School tours
- Prom organisations
- Leavers assembly organisation
- Public Speaking



How to apply for the Prefect role?

1. Complete the application form, including Predicted Grades.

2. Ask the Tutor to complete the reference part. They will need to include:
 - Achievement Points/Behaviour Points and Attendance.
3. Student to write a covering letter address to Mrs Lutchi & Mrs Leach stating why they would like to become a Prefect.
4. If they wish to be part of the Head or Deputy Head Prefect team, then they need to express this in their application.

Deadline Friday 27th May, 3pm.

Any questions students are encouraged to speak to your tutor or a member of SLT.

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: Zoha O, Tayla D, Aimee U

Aspiration: Daisy W, Toby L, Bethany W

Respect: Ruby I, Lily B, Tegan H



Any enquiries, please contact year10enquiries@theacademy.me

Mrs Leach and the Year 10 Team

Year 11

Update

Earlier this week I sent you all an email outlining the plans for Year 11, please see below for the information. A polite reminder if you wish to send your child a letter for them to receive at the leavers assembly, then please send your letter to year11enquiries@theacademy.me

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Exam boosters:

All exams will have an exam booster before the exam to support the students. These will be held in the main hall and will be led by the Curriculum Leader.

If the exam starts at 9am then the exam booster will be during AM reg.

If the exam starts at 1:30pm then the exam booster will start at 12:40pm. Lunch will then be at 1pm.

Exams that finish halfway through a lesson:

- 16th May Religious Studies
- 23rd May Geography
- 26th May Spanish

The above exams finish halfway through Period 2. Students will be held in the main hall where they can have an extended break/revise.

Period 6

From the 16th of May Period 6 will be **cancelled**.

Leavers' Assembly



Year 11 Leavers' Assembly will be on Friday 20th May, Period 3. After the assembly students are allowed to leave school for the day. Signing of shirts must wait until the assembly, if shirts are signed before the exam, then this could jeopardise their place in the Maths exam.

Monday 6th June

There are no exams on Monday 6th June but Maths and Geography on Tuesday 7th June. We have organised the following for Monday 6th June:

- Period 1 & Period 2 - Maths
- Period 3 & Period 4 - Geography for Geography students.

For all other students, revision rooms will be put in place.

All Year 11 will leave at lunch time.

From 10th June Year 11 will attend exams **only**

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: Jacob A, Tegan D, Vency P

Aspiration: Ruby W, Leah K, Poppy S

Resilience: Justin G, Alex O, Alex M



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Mrs Leach and the Year 11 Team

Thank you for all your support