



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

Career Pathways 2023-2025

Leading to a brighter future...

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Introduction



The Sixth Form at Aylesbury Vale Academy is very successful and prepares the next generation of graduates and leaders by providing a strong and supportive learning experience.

We are proud to welcome you to our steadily growing Sixth Form. Our commitment is to ensure that every student leaves us, prepared to thrive in higher education and fulfil their career goals. We are very proud of our students' successes. In 2022, all our students were offered their first choice university and our average grade of Distinction⁺, on Level 3 vocational courses, put us well above national average.

Our Sixth Form is increasingly becoming the natural choice for progression for our Year 11, AVA students. Keeping their best interests at heart, we provide one to one guidance and support to help them make their choices suited to their aspirations and goals.

We encourage all students, parents and guardians to email us with any enquiries and information regarding the exciting range of options we have on offer via **avasixthform@theacademy.me**

Mrs. Sharma

Achievement Director for Sixth Form

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Overview

Subjects on Offer

You can opt to do a full-time study in one subject area, 3 A level equivalent, vocational qualification in any one of the following:

- ✓ BTEC National Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business
- ✓ BTEC National Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care
- ✓ BTEC National Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Digital Media Production

Or you can opt to do a range of subjects combining BTECs and A levels.

Minimum requirements:

We ideally require a minimum of a grade 4 in 5 GCSE / vocational subjects including Maths and English for admission into our Sixth Form for all our vocational qualifications.

For A level Psychology we require a minimum grade of 6 in Maths and English.

We provide an excellent support programme for resits in English and Maths for students who do not achieve a level 4 at the end of year 11. We are proud to share that our year 13s achieved a 100% pass rate in both subjects in 2022.



* Please go to www.theacademy.me/sixthformcourses to find out course details.



Please note:

Final confirmation of which courses will run will be made in summer 2023 once timetabling, staffing and the number of applicants for courses is known.



Creative Industries

Creative Industries Pathway

Level 2 Qualifications Needed:

Five GCSEs or Level 2 Qualifications at 9-4
GCSE English Language/ Literature minimum grade 4
GCSE Maths minimum grade 4
If possible BTEC Level 2 Media Studies minimum grade Pass Level 2
For Blended Options refer to minimum entry requirements for individual subject options

Level 3 Qualification to Study:

BTEC Level 3 Creative Digital Media Production (Equivalent of up to three A Levels) or
BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Creative Digital Media Production (Equivalent to one A Level) **and** any two below:
Psychology, Business, Finance, Sport, Health and Social Care or Maths
or Applied Science (equivalent to two A Levels)

Potential University Opportunities:

Oxford Brookes University - BA (Hons) Communication, Media and Culture
Bucks New University - BA (Hons) 3D Games Art
Reading University - BA Film and Television
Manchester Metropolitan University - BSc (Hons) Digital Media and Communications

Potential Job Opportunities:

Digital Marketer
Media Buyer
Media Planner
Media Researcher
Music Producer
Public Relations Officer
Runner, Broadcasting/Film/Video
Social Media Manager
Television/Film/Video/ Producer
Web Content Manager



Healthcare

Healthcare Pathway

Level 2 Qualifications Needed:

Five GCSEs or Level 2
Qualifications at 9-4

GCSE English Language/
Literature minimum grade 4

GCSE Maths minimum
grade 4

If possible BTEC Level 2
Health and Social Care
minimum grade Pass Level 2

For Blended Options refer to
minimum entry requirements
for individual subject options

Level 3 Qualification to Study:

BTEC Level 3 National Ex-
tended Diploma in Health and
Social Care (Equivalent of up to
three A Levels)

or

BTEC Level 3 National Extend-
ed Certificate in Health and
Social Care (Equivalent of 1 A
Level) **and** any two below:
Psychology, Business, Finance,
Sport, Media or Maths

or Applied Science (equivalent
to two A Levels)

Potential University Opportunities:

Oxford Brookes University -
Nursing BSc (Hons)

Bucks New University -
BA (Hons) Public Health

University of Exeter - MSci
Nursing (Adult or combined
Adult and Mental Health)

Newman University - Health
and Social Care BSc (Hons)

Potential Job Opportunities:

Nurse

Care Worker

Community Development Worker

Health Improvement
Practitioner

Health Service Manager

Medical Sales Representative



Technical Sciences

Technical Sciences Pathway

Level 2 Qualifications Needed:

Five GCSEs or Level 2 Qualifications at 9-4
GCSE English Language/ Literature minimum grade 4
GCSE Maths min. grade 4
GCSE Science min. grade 4
Also refer to minimum entry requirements for individual subject options

Level 3 Qualification to Study:

BTEC Level 3 Applied Science (Equivalent to two A Levels)
and pick one of the following:
Maths, Media, Finance, Health and Social Care, Psychology or Sport

Potential University Opportunities:

Oxford Brookes University - Biological Sciences BSc (Hons)
University of Bedfordshire - Biomedical Science BSc (Hons)
De Montfort University - Biomedical Science BSc (Hons)
Aberystwyth University - Plant Biology BSc

Potential Job Opportunities:

Nursing
Environmental Science
Laboratory Science
Agriculture Education
Biomedical Science
Forensic Science
Food and Nutrition
Physiology
Zoology



Business & Finance

Business Finance Pathway

Level 2 Qualifications Needed:

Five GCSEs or Level 2
Qualifications at 9-4

GCSE English Language/
Literature minimum grade 4

GCSE Maths minimum
grade 4

If possible BTEC Level 2
Enterprise minimum grade
Pass

For Blended Options refer to
minimum entry requirements for
individual subject options

Level 3 Qualification to Study:

BTEC Level 3 National Extended
Diploma in Business
(Equivalent to up to three
A Levels)

or

BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate
in Business (Equivalent to
one A Level)

and pick any two of the following
options:

Maths, Media, Finance, Health
and Social Care, Psychology
or Sport

Potential University Opportunities:

Oxford Brookes University -
BSc (Hons) Accounting and
Finance

Bucks New University - BSc
(Hons) Accounting and Finance

University of Birmingham - BSc
Accounting and Finance

University of Dundee - Business
Management BSc (Hons)

Potential Job Opportunities:

Chartered Accountant
Chartered Certified
Accountant
Chartered Management Accountant
Chartered Public Finance Accountant
Company Secretary
External Auditor
Forensic Accountant
Stockbroker



Sport & Fitness

Level 2 Qualifications Needed:

Five GCSEs or Level 2 Qualifications at 9-4

GCSE English Language/ Literature minimum grade 4

GCSE Maths minimum grade 4

GCSE PE minimum grade 4 or BTEC Level 2 Health and Fitness Pass Level 2

Level 3 Qualification to Study:

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sports (Equivalent to one A Level)

and

BTEC Level 3 Applied Science (Equivalent to two A Levels)

or any two of the following:

Maths, Media, Business, Finance, Health and Social Care or Psychology

Potential University Opportunities:

Oxford Brookes University - Physical Activity and Health Promotion BSc (Hons)

Oxford Brookes University - Sport, Coaching and Physical Education BSc (Hons)

University of Brighton - Sport Coaching BSc(Hons)

University of Hertfordshire- BSc(Hons) in Sports Development

Potential Job Opportunities:

Outdoor Activities/Education Manager

Personal Trainer

Sports Coach

Sports Development Officer

Sports Therapist

Sport Nutritionist

Sport & Fitness Pathway



GCSE

Resits

If you are required to resit either GCSE English or GCSE Maths you will be supported by highly experienced teachers to enable you to achieve your full potential. We are proud of our GCSE English and GCSE resit results which constantly put us above the National average. Last year our year 13's achieved a 100% pass rate in both subjects.

"Achieve your full potential"

RAR Awards

Respect, Aspiration & Resilience

To support students in recognising, developing and demonstrating the key values of the academy, we present RAR Awards at the end of each term at the Sixth Form. Students can achieve these awards in a range of areas.

The awards recognise several aspects: attendance, punctuality and professional dress, performance at the work experience placement; two activities from a wide list of community service activities such as being a mentoring buddy, leading a charity event or taking on a student leadership role. These awards help to inform UCAS applications, job references, personal statements etc.

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Activities

Beyond the Classroom



All Sixth Form students are also strongly encouraged to get involved in a variety of activities beyond the classroom that enhance their personal development in new and exciting ways. For example, our weekly Inspiration Programme in Year 12 prepares our students work life after school by providing hands-on practical experiences with real world organisations. Throughout the year, students learn about work, life, arts and culture, police and criminal justice, community and environment as well as personal health and wellbeing. They acquire specific skills for CV writing and the career options available to them.

We provide relevant work experience opportunities through our excellent links with employers to develop employability skills and extend their learning beyond the taught curriculum.

In addition, we take pride in our ongoing success with the Young Enterprise initiative. Our students

have consistently received awards and recognition in a wide range of categories locally and nationally. For example, in 2021, the YE team were awarded a business contract from a local housing developer for their recycled home product. Furthermore, the team were awarded the second place for The Company of the Year Award at county level.

Building on their cultural capital, all subject areas organise visits from relevant industry experts for seminars, educational trips and workshops to deepen the students awareness of the working world. For example, the Health and Social Care students regularly visit local care homes to develop their understanding of how person-centred care is delivered.

Furthermore, our Student Leadership programme encourages the 6th formers to take on leadership roles that involve adopting a charity, leading teams, organising fundraising and raising awareness in the community. Students are encouraged to join the

Student Parliament, become a mentor to younger students, provide in-class support and become ambassadors at events run by the Academy. All of these opportunities allow our students to develop the outstanding interpersonal and leadership skills needed to successfully tackle the demands of further education and employment.

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**THE INSPIRATION
PROGRAMME**

An Action4Youth Initiative

