

Information Evening

Year 10 - September 2023





Welcome

- Mrs Queralt Deputy Headteacher
- Mr Stanley Head of Year 10
- SEND Mrs Crafts
- Wellbeing Mrs Westcott
- English, Maths and Science
- D of E





Fire Alarm Procedure





Our Vision...

Developing uniquely talented young adults, who are independent, strong and confident





And our Mission

A girls' grammar school creating a welcoming environment which draws the very best from all in our community. Achieved by providing an ambitious education that stimulates creative and critical thinking, values diversity and facilitates dynamic personal development.



GCSE Progress 8 as it currently stands.....

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Destinations - 234 students, well done to the sixth form team!

- 27 out of 29 Early Entry Offers achieved, plus 5 clearing offers and 2 overseas offers
 - o 18 medics
 - o 3 Vets
 - 3 Dentists
 - 2 Oxford and 8 Cambridge
- 141 students achieved their first choice placement
- 16 achieved their insurance
- 33 achieved a place through clearing
- 28 are taking a planned gap year
- 16 have alternative plans, including 6 awesome apprenticeship opportunities

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Values

Confidence. Respect. Engagement. Aspiration. Teamwork. Enjoyment.





Resilient bravery

In trying to get it right, sometimes you're going to get it wrong. It's never the end of the world. Have confidence that you will learn from it and come back stronger. Fully commit to what you're doing, aspire to achieve a little bit more than you thought you could.





Curious engagement

We live in a dynamic world of variety, diversity and change. Enjoy and engage with respect. Be curious, don't settle with what you know now. Look to embrace difference, seek out alternative points of view, open yourself up to new ways of thinking.





Selfless generosity

By fostering an inclusive and compassionate community, we prioritise teamwork, valuing others, and kindness. Through collaboration and unity, be empowered to grow personally and academically.





Boundless aspiration

We're looking for big ideas and bright futures, underpinned with ambition, rigour and respect for your environment. Walk tall and never lose sight of where you're headed.





International Coalition of Girls' Schools







Our Principles

Community & Collaboration: We engage the power of many voices to strengthen our schools, communities, and world.

Equity & Inclusion: We uplift learning communities committed to diversity, equity, justice, and belonging.

Leadership & Integrity: We inspire the next generation of informed global citizens to lead with courage, competence, and empathy.

Opportunity & Innovation: We challenge limits to imagine and explore new possibilities.

Self-efficacy & Agency: We prepare girls for lives of commitment, confidence, contribution, and fulfillment.

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Global Action Research Collaborative (GARC)

The Global Action Research Collaborative on Girls' Education is the world's first action research program that engages girls' school educators from around the world in informed, collaborative, and disciplined, action research. The program builds both a network of girls' school educators from around the world and a library of valuable and relevant research on girls' education.

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Action Research Topics



- > The Global Reset: New Opportunities for Educating Girls
- Building Problem-Solving Capacity,
 Confidence, and Skills in Girls
- > Feedback to Move Forward, Thrive, and Grow

engaging the Power of Many Voices:
Leveraging girls' collaborative spirit toward courageous and joyful learning



'Whether a girl wants to be an astronaut, ambassador, author, or barrister, girls need to know-not just think, but really know, deep down—there's nothing that can stand in their way. That's the incredibly important message girls' schools send to girls each and every day.'





Key Personnel

Mrs Queralt Deputy Head Pastoral



Mrs Westcott
Wellbeing and Safeguarding
Manager
Mental Health and Young
Carer Lead



Mr Stanley Head of Year 10



Mrs Crafts SEND Co



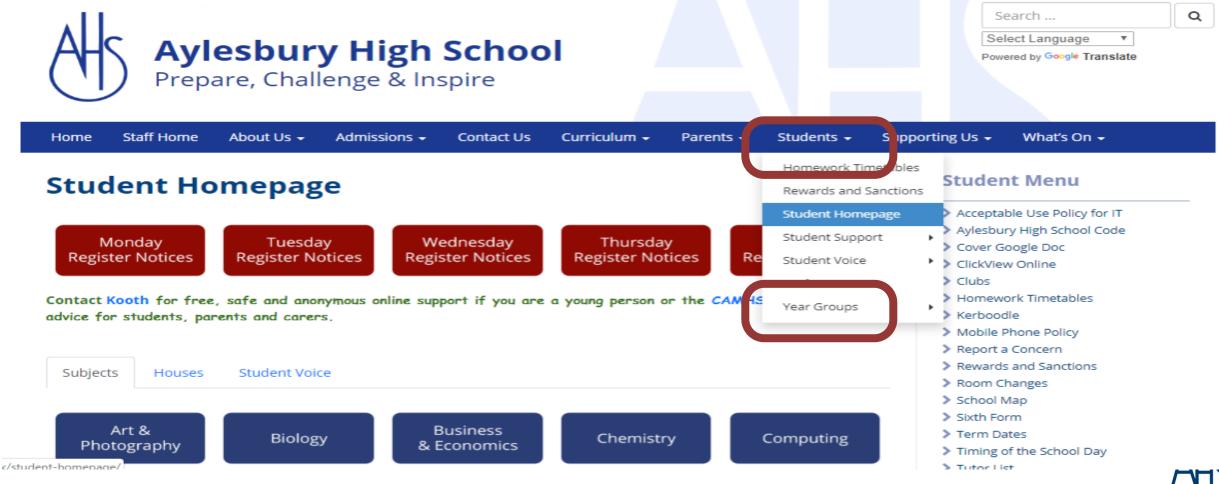
Mrs Faulkner KS4 Pastoral Support Assistant

Laura Franklin Connexions Careers



Student Information







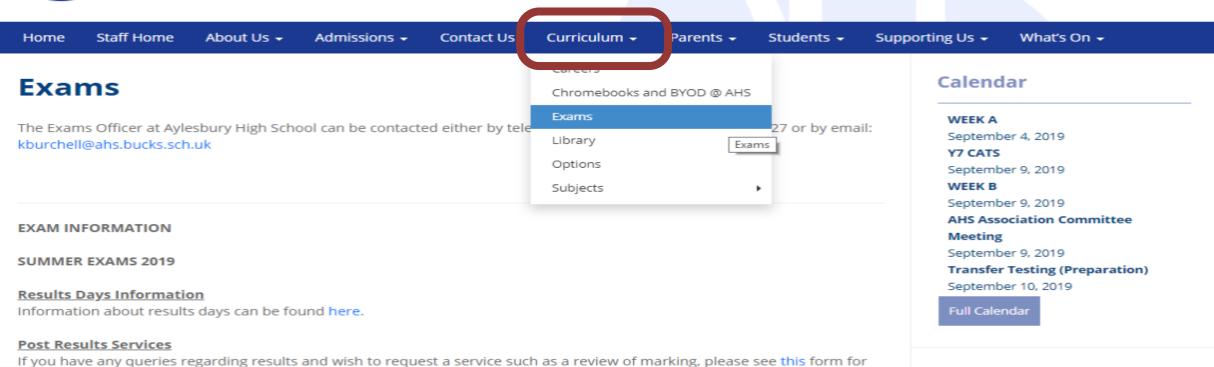
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Exam Information





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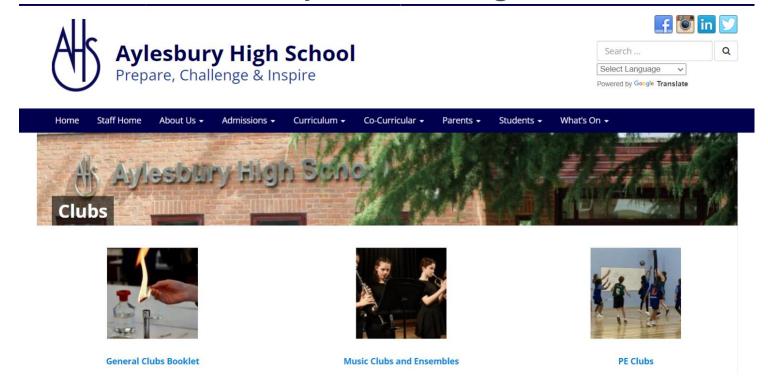
Key Dates

8 December	Autumn Term Engagement and LAG Data Home
23 January	Consultation Evening
11 March	Spring Term Data Home
26 Apr - 3 May	Y10 Summer Exam Weeks
10 June	Summer Term Data and report Home



Co-Curricular

- Huge amounts on offer
- Visit the co-curricular tab on the school website homepage
- Have the confidence to try something new!







Careers

Activities with guest speakers

Careers Google Classroom (access code is displayed on notice board outside the IT Office)

- Meetings with Laura Franklin available for careers talks
- Morrisby test



L4L

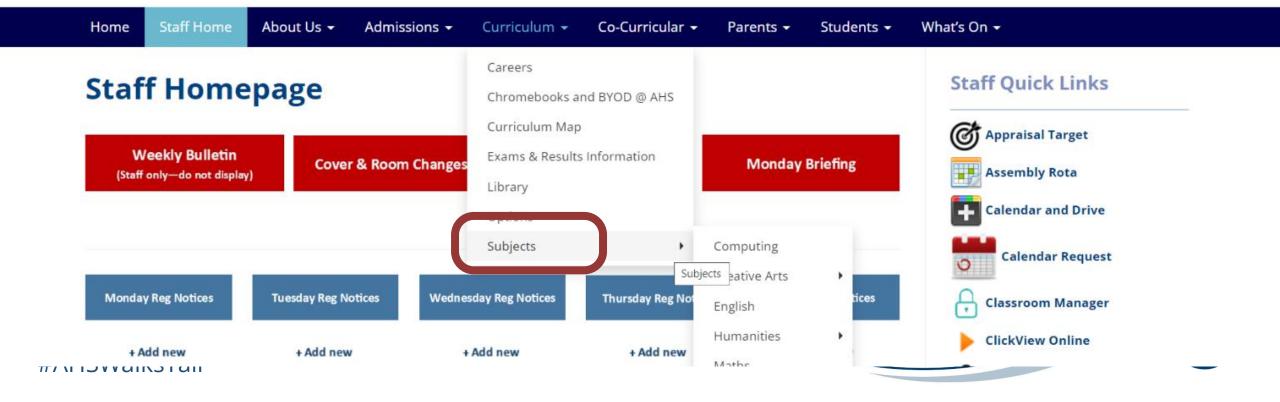
- L4L is taught on rotation with RS at KS4
- We cover personal safety and emotional wellbeing as well as wider issues of human rights, personal finances and the law. This is also the opportunity students have to explore career options.
- Year 10 will also have a Wellbeing Day in summer 2024
- Any questions please contact Mrs Begona Gamero, L4L Coordinator



Further Subject Information

















Mathematics





GCSE Mathematics - AQA

- GCSE with grades 9 to 1
- All exams sat in summer 2025
- Three 1 hour 30 minute papers
- One paper will be without a calculator
- All students entered for Higher Level



GCSE Mathematics

- Students split into two bands depending on their option choices
- Within each band split into 3 sets
- All sets do Higher GCSE (AQA 8300)
- Sets M1, M2a, N1 and N2 also have the chance to study for another maths qualification called AQA Level 2 Certificate in Further Maths





Further Maths

- Grades 5 to 9
- Two 1 hour 45 minutes papers
- Paper 1 is without a calculator





Sciences



PRACTICAL ENDORSEMENT

- Students complete 10 Required Practicals in each Science
- Required Practicals take place in lessons as a standard part of the curriculum
- Although not a graded unit, it is a prerequisite for being awarded the GCSE



Ms L Sowah



SEND DEPARTMENT





Health and Wellbeing





Medication

Only Inhalers, insulin and epipens can be carried by students. All other medication can be stored with Matron

Paracetamol

Can be given by Matron after 12:30pm, where parental permission has been granted on Edulink. Please check.

Documentation

It is really important leading up to GCSE's that all healthcare information is kept up to date. Please contact Matron and supply up to date Health care plans.





DofE



Bronze DofE at AHS



- 156 students enrolled
- If your daughter is new to AHS and would like to sign up, we will get a letter to you asap but there may be a delay due to change in DofE admin support staffing.
- If your daughter is new to AHS, started DofE with her previous school and would like to complete her Bronze Award with AHS, please email me (lsowah@ahs.bucks.sch.uk) with your daughter's eDofE number and I will transfer her across.



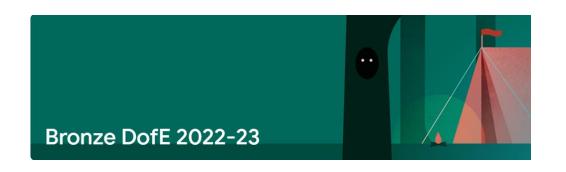
The 4 sections and Assessors/Evidence

- 3 months on 2 sections, 6 months on 1 section
- 1 hour per week
- Document as you go (log, photos) and upload evidence on eDofE
- Assessor's report at the end (cannot be a family member)
- Skill (music, drama, cooking, art, sewing, languages, reading...)
- Physical (team or individual sport, dance, running, hiking...)
- Volunteering (MUST be a non-profit organisation)
- Expedition (2 days and 1 night)



Support with DofE

- Bronze DofE Google Classroom
- eDofE and App
- DofE with a Difference Website
- Form Tutor
- DofE Admin Support (Mrs Lee/Miss Pope)
- DofE Ambassadors
- Ms Sowah (DofE Manager)





Dates and Deadlines

• 3 sections (skill, physical and volunteering) completed 22 March

2024

- Training weekends (choose one)
 - 19-21 April
 - 10-12 May
- Expedition weekends (choose one)
 - 8-9 June
 - 15-16 June





What you can do to help

The purpose of tests and assessments is for students to learn:

- a) What they don't know
- b) (more importantly) what they don't know!

Help your daughter to understand that it's not about aiming for 'perfect' marks

The best progress is made from making your own mistakes and learning from them



What you can do to help

At Home

Encourage a healthy balance of manageable chores, school work and play!

Encourage a healthy and balanced diet

Sleep is important

Keep communications open about how they are feeling and why

Mobile phones!

At School

Encourage participation in co-curricular activities

Promote positive school experiences: friendships and academic

Encourage your daughter to discuss a range of strategies to tackle a situation to see what works best





Attendance







Thank you for coming tonight.

If you have any questions, please do stay behind and talk to us.

We will put these slides on the Year 10 page of our website.

