

Information Evening

Year 10 - October 2024

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Welcome

Mrs Forster

Headmistress

Mrs Queralt

Deputy Headteacher

Ms Raven

Assistant Headteacher

Mrs Taylor

Head of Year 10

Mrs Crafts

SENDCo

Mrs Westcott

Health & Wellbeing Lead

English, Maths and Science Leads

Mrs Hamilton

D of E

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Fire Alarm Procedure

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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.

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

0.88

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90% of our students who applied were able to access a university place of their choice- including upgrades to study Medicine through Clearing

As well as the familiar subject choices, our students will study degree courses in subjects as diverse as Egyptology, Illustration, Archaeology, Aeronautics and Astronautics, Film and Television Production and Robotic and Mechatronic Engineering.

12 students will be studying Medicine
2 will study Dentistry and
2 Veterinary Science.
7 going to Oxford and Cambridge

We are delighted that several students have secured prestigious degree apprenticeships to begin their careers with organisations including KPMG and British Airways, and other students are taking a year for personal development

Ofsted:

**‘Teachers’ subject knowledge is excellent.
Pupils achieve exceptionally highly’**

But most importantly, why we do it:

Ofsted: 'The School is unashamedly ambitious for all pupils'

We are an academic school for the education of girls.

'Girls' schools are places where girls take centre stage. They occupy every seat in student government, every spot on the maths team, and every position in the science club. In fact, *every* aspect of a girls' school - from the classroom to the athletics field to the academic program - is designed for girls. A girls' school environment adds opportunities for girls.'

Where to find support



Mrs Queralt
Deputy Head Pastoral and
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Williams
Matron



Mrs Crafts
SEND Co



Mrs Taylor
Head of Year 10



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



Mrs Faulkner
KS4 Pastoral
Support
Assistant

Year 10 Tutors



10A
Mrs McDonald



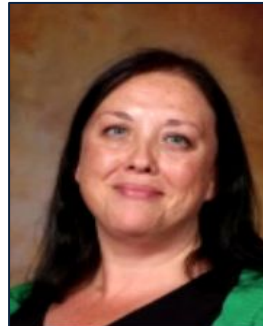
10H
Mr Petty



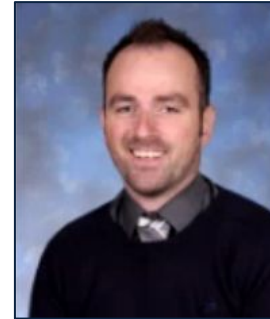
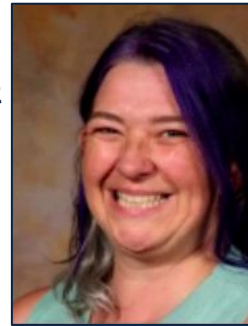
10S
Mrs Neal



10C
Mrs
Gamero-Perez



10M
Mrs Smith &
Mrs Knight



10W
Mr Elgin

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Welcome to the Year 10 area of the website

The Head of Year 10 is Mrs E Taylor etaylor@ahs.bucks.sch.uk
Year 10 form tutors are as follows:

10A Mrs N McDonald	10H Mr J Petty	10S Mrs S Neal
10C Mrs B Gamero	10M Mrs H Smith	10W Mr M Elgin

Please do email them if you have any concerns you would like to discuss. They are often teaching during the school day so Mrs Faulkner, the Key Stage 4 Pastoral Support Assistant, is often the best first point of contact on 01296 388222.

To report an absence due to illness or other unforeseen circumstances, please contact the school's absence line on 01296 388230 on each day of the absence. Alternatively, you can email Mrs Faulkner on lfaulkner@ahs.bucks.sch.uk each day. Please include details of your daughter's name, form and the reason for absence in your message.

Whilst your daughter is in this Year Group, you will find copies of relevant information booklets, homework timetables and letters home below.

[YEAR 10 LETTERS HOME](#) - Please click here to read all letters relating to Y10 students

- Online Safety
- Homework Timetables
- Reading at AHS
- Rewards and Sanctions at AHS
- Student Homepage: Tuesday 17th September – Outdoor break & lunch
- Student Support Home
- Student Voice
- Uniform Policy
- Year Groups

Year Groups

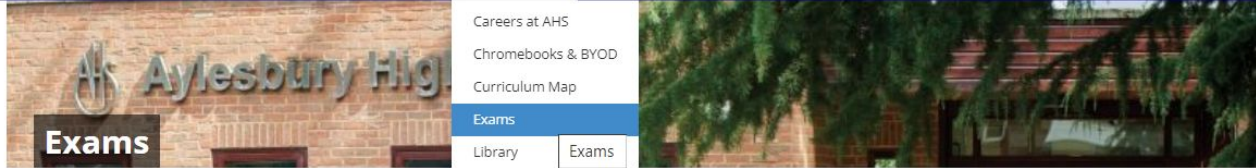
- Year 6 – Entrance to Year 7
- Year 7
- Year 8
- Year 9
- Year 10**
- Year 11
- Year 11 into Year 12 – Transition
- Year 12
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- Careers at AHS
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- Subject Statements

The Exams Officer, Mrs Ritu Tripathy (rtripathy@ahs.bucks.sch.uk), can be contacted either by email or telephone 01296 388227.

Results – Summer 2024

Click [here](#) to access the information about results following summer 2024 exam series.

Resit an examination

If you wish to resit an examination in the Summer 2025 season please complete [this form](#).

Please email Mrs Tripathy with any queries (rtripathy@ahs.bucks.sch.uk).

JCQ Information for Candidates:



25 November (W/C)	Autumn Term Engagement and LAG Data Home
17 March (W/C)	Spring Term Engagement and LAG Data Home
25 Apr - 2 May	Y10 Summer Exam Weeks (some do fall out of this week)
12 May- 16 May	Academic Tutoring for Students.
26 May (W/C)	Summer Term Engagement and LAG Data and Exam Data home
10 June	Consultation Evening 5-8pm

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Co-Curricular

- Huge amounts on offer
- Visit the co-curricular part of the website
- Have the *confidence* to try something new!



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Search ...

Select Language

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The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu with 'Co-Curricular' selected. A dropdown menu lists 'Clubs', 'DofE', and 'Performing Arts'. Below the menu is a banner image of the school building with the text 'Clubs'. Underneath are four featured sections: 'Clinic Booklet' (with an image of students in a computer lab), 'General Clubs Booklet' (with an image of a Bunsen burner), 'Music Clubs and Ensembles' (with an image of a school band), and 'PE Clubs' (with an image of a basketball game). Below the 'PE Clubs' section is a link for 'PE Clubs-Timetable'.

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Careers

- Activities with guest speakers
- Careers Google Classroom
- Meetings with Laura Franklin available for careers talks later in the year.
- Year 10 Assembly during Spring term.
- Continued guidance on UniFrog destinations platform

L4L

- L4L is taught on rotation with RS at KS4
- We cover minor religions, 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 2025
- Any questions please contact Mrs Begoña Gamero, L4L Coordinator

It's not just about learning the facts and what's on the specification.

Embrace opportunities to think creatively, critically and outside the box!

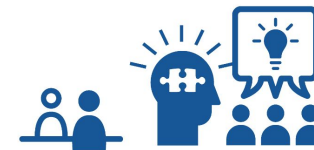
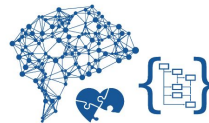
Top 10 skills

in 2020

1. Complex Problem Solving
2. Critical Thinking
3. Creativity
4. People Management
5. Coordinating with Others
6. Emotional Intelligence
7. Judgment and Decision Making
8. Service Orientation
9. Negotiation
10. Cognitive Flexibility

in 2015

1. Complex Problem Solving
2. Coordinating with Others
3. People Management
4. Critical Thinking
5. Negotiation
6. Quality Control
7. Service Orientation
8. Judgment and Decision Making
9. Active Listening
10. Creativity



Source: Future of Jobs Report, World Economic Forum



UPGRADE

simplify your studies,
amplify your success

- In-house study skills programme led by Mrs Medley
- Developing students' independence and ability to self-study, including revision skills: **Unlocking Potential, Gaining Resilience And Developing Excellence!**
- First student session 24 October



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Staff Homepage

Weekly Bulletin
(Staff only—do not display)

Cover & Room Changes

Monday Briefing

Monday Reg Notices

Tuesday Reg Notices

Wednesday Reg Notices

Thursday Reg Notices

Friday Reg Notices

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- Careers
- Chromebooks and BYOD @ AHS
- Curriculum Map
- Exams & Results Information
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- Subjects
 - Computing
 - Subjects
 - Creative Arts
 - English
 - Humanities
 - Maths

Staff Quick Links

- Appraisal Target**
- Assembly Rota**
- Calendar and Drive**
- Calendar Request**
- Classroom Manager**
- ClickView Online**



English

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English



Mathematics

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GCSE Mathematics-AQA

- GCSE with grades 9 to 1
- All exams sat in summer 2026
- 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

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GCSE SCIENCES



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SEN Department

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The Team



The Wellbeing Space



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Wellbeing

Quiet Space available
1:1 Support/Strategies
Signpost
External agencies

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.

D of E

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Bronze D of E at AHS

- 135 students enrolled
- If your daughter is new to AHS and would like to sign up, we will get a letter to you asap.
- 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 (ahamilton@ahs.bucks.sc.uk) with your daughter's eDofE number and I will transfer her across.



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What will they do?

BRONZE AWARD

VOLUNTEERING

3
months

PHYSICAL

3
months

SKILLS

3
months

EXPEDITION

2 days
1 night

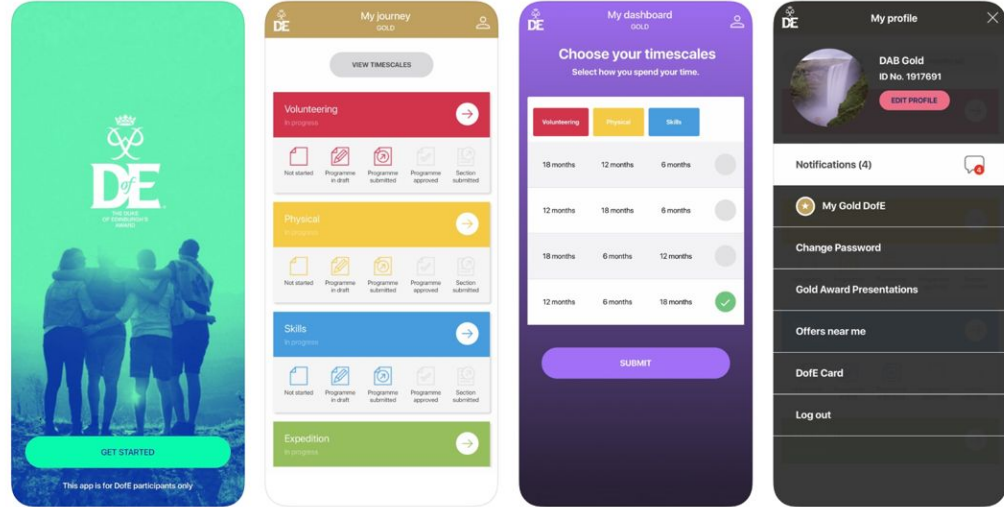
Plus a further 3 months in either the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section.

- 1 hour per week
- Document as you go (log, photos) and upload evidence on eD of E
- Assessor's report at the end (cannot be a family member)



Support

- Bronze DofE Google Classroom
- eDofE and App
- Form Tutor
- DofE Admin Support (Mrs Lee/Miss Pope)
- DofE Young Leaders/Ambassadors
- Mrs Hamilton (DofE Manager)



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Dates and Deadlines

- 3 sections (skill, physical and volunteering) completed **28 March 2025**
- First Aid Training
 - **1, 2 or 3rd April, 6, 7 or 8th May**
- Training weekend (choose one)
 - **2 - 4 May**
 - **16 - 18 May**
- Expedition weekends (choose one)
 - **7 - 8 June**
 - **14 - 15 June**



More Information

The staff at the DofE are running parent/carer info sessions for you to join. These sessions are designed to help you understand what the DofE Award is, what is involved and how you can support your young person with their DofE journey.

You do not need to book for these sessions and can drop in to as many as you like.

- Thursday 10th October 5.30pm
- Tuesday 22nd October 6pm
- Thursday 7th November 5pm
- Wednesday 20th November 5.30pm
- Wednesday 4th December 5pm
- Tuesday 17th December 6pm



An email will be sent with information and the teams link

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What you can do to help

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

- a) What they 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

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Attendance

#SCHOOLEVERYDAY

Attend Today



Achieve Tomorrow



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How does school attendance affect a child's learning?



Present for
their future

0 days Absence	5 days Absence	9 days Absence	18 days Absence	28 days Absence	37 days Absence	46 days Absence
185 days In school	180 days In school	176 days In school	167 days In school	157 days In school	148 days In school	139 days In school
100% Attendance	97% Attendance	95% Attendance	90% Attendance	85% Attendance	80% Attendance	75% Attendance
Best chance of success			Less chance of success		Serious impact on education and reduced life chances.	

Students with the best attendance last year gained a grade higher in all their GCSE subjects

100% of our Year 13 students last year with attendance of > 95% gained their university choices

Our Year 13 students last year with < 90% attendance had only a 33% chance of achieving their university or apprenticeship choices

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.