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# WELCOME MESSAGES FROM YOUR NEW TEACHERS

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Year 7 2020



We are very much looking forward to meeting you. As this is not possible yet, some of your new teachers have written welcome messages to you to help you get to know them. Take your time to read each one carefully as there is a short quiz at the end and a certificate included for your efforts 😊



As you think about moving to secondary school, one of the biggest changes from primary school is that you will have many different teachers for each of the subjects on your school timetable at Avanti Fields. You will also have a form teacher who will meet you every morning and support you with any issues you may have. Below is a list of all members of staff at Avanti Fields and their jobs at school. In this booklet you will be able to find out lots about your new teachers and there is a quiz and certificate for you to complete at the end! Have fun finding out all about your new teachers.

### Staff list

Ms Taplin	Principal
Ms Kholia	Assistant Principal – Science Teacher
Mrs Kurth	Assistant Principal – Spanish Teacher
Miss Bigginton	Pastoral Lead / SENCO - Humanities Teacher
Ms Vaghela	Head of Maths
Mr Kachhela	Maths Teacher / Careers
Mrs Rakkar	Maths Teacher
Mr Bathia	Lead Teacher: English
Mrs Kealey	Lead Teacher: English
Mrs Corrick	English Teacher
Miss Morgan	Drama Teacher
Miss Patel	Head of Science
Mrs Trivedi	Science Teacher
Mr Clarke	Head of Humanities (History and Geography)
Mr Gadsby	Humanities Teacher / Head of Year 7
Mr Clampin	Computer Science Teacher
Mr Gajjar	Lead Teacher: PRE
Mr Patel	PRE Teacher
Mrs Marshall	Art Teacher
Mrs Morbey	Spanish Teacher
Mrs Neglur	Sanskrit Teacher
Mrs Kansara	PE Teacher
Mrs McDonald	Yoga Teacher
<b>Support staff:</b>	Ms Parker      Ms Rajdev      Mrs Bindra      Mrs Wadhvana      Mr Ritchie
<b>Teaching Assistants:</b>	Mrs Shukla      Mrs Stigner      Mrs Kidy
Mrs Chodha	Science Lab Technician

**Welcome messages from our fantastic teachers at  
Avanti Fields School**



### **Ms Taplin – Principal**

Dear Year 6 students – it is with great excitement that I welcome you to join our school. I feel incredibly lucky to be the Principal of Avanti Fields and have had the most amazing time since we opened in September 2018. Your year group will be the third Year 7 I have welcomed into the school and you will find you are joining a friendly, caring and happy school community where you will be known, supported and challenged to do the best you can. You are at an exciting point in your school career, coming to the end of your time in primary and about to start a whole new chapter at secondary school. This might be a little scary but we are here to make things go smoothly and deal with any worries you might have. At Avanti Fields we are here to help you develop and grow - our aim is to allow you to become the very best version of yourselves that you can. We hope to meet you all very soon but in the meantime, enjoy your time at home or in school, stay safe and look forward to the future.



### **Ms Kholia - Assistant Principal and Science Teacher**

Welcome Y6! I look forward to meeting and teaching you science at Avanti Fields. As well as being passionate about all things science, I love reading. One of my favourite books is 'The boy in striped pyjamas' by John Boyne as it involves a lot of suspense, which grips the reader to enjoy the book. My science message to you all: 'Think like a proton...always positive!'



### **Mrs Kurth - Assistant Principal and Spanish Teacher**

Welcome! I cannot wait to meet you all. Some of you may already know some Spanish or French from Primary school but do not panic if you do not yet. Throughout Year 7 and beyond, you will become fantastic linguists and have fun learning languages. In my spare time, I love reading with my children at home, one of my favourite authors is David Walliams, and I find his books so hard to put down, as they are so engaging and hilarious in equal measures.



### **Miss Bigginton - Pastoral Lead, SENCO and Humanities Teacher**

Welcome to Avanti Fields. I hope you have a good summer and looking forward to starting secondary school! My favourite book is Harry Potter – as it is the only series I can read repeatedly! Did you know that ...The Great Wall of China was not so great? Many people have invaded China by passing through the gaps in the wall!



### Ms Vaghela - Head of Mathematics

Hello! My name is Ms Vaghela. I would like to welcome you to Avanti Fields. I am a teacher of Mathematics; a subject that I love. I am excited to teach you new concepts and to develop your mathematical skills so that we will be able to apply them to solve new and unfamiliar problems. Outside of the classroom, I enjoy playing badminton, cooking and sightseeing with my family and friends. I also enjoy taking part in quizzes and playing board games, in particular monopoly.



### Mr Kachhela - Mathematics Teacher

Hi. My name is Mr Kachhela and I am a teacher of Mathematics. I am very much looking forward to teaching you. I am excited at the opportunity to show you the beautiful language of mathematics and how it is applied in everyday life. I hope that we will have a lot fun learning and discovering new skills. Outside the classroom, I enjoy playing badminton and tennis. I also love watching nature documentaries as some of the current students will tell you. I look forward to meeting you and make sure you know your times tables by heart before you arrive. 😊



### Mrs Rakkar - Mathematics Teacher

My name is Mrs Rakkar and I teach Maths here at Avanti Fields. I joined the school in January 2020, so not been long but already feel part of the Avanti family! So do not worry you will love it here too! 😊 I cannot wait to meet you all!



### Mr Bathia - Lead Teacher: English

My name is Mr Bathia and I am a teacher of English at Avanti Fields School. I am extremely delighted that you have chosen our school as the environment to help you grow - as students and as individuals. You have made a great choice! The English department is full of interesting and unique opportunities to not only help you develop English skills, but for you to form friendships, take part in drama performances, have exciting debates and be involved in lots of cool projects. I look forward to getting to know each one of you in this process.



### Mrs Kealey - Lead Teacher: English

Hello Year 6! I am really looking forward to meeting you all and teaching English to some of you in the coming academic year. As well as being passionate about all aspects of literature, I am fascinated by the way; English has evolved from its Old English roots. If you know the roots and history of a language, you can easily make connections with new and unfamiliar words and concepts. Meanwhile, make the most of the summer break to read anything and everything that interests you, and we can share your reading adventures in our English lessons.



### **Mrs Corrick - English Teacher**

Welcome! I love reading all sorts of different books but especially detective stories. I am also very interested in words, where they come from and what they mean. I love teaching at Avanti Fields and I think that the students here are great and I am looking forward to you joining us.



### **Miss Morgan - Drama Teacher**

Hello Year 6 students. My name is Miss Morgan and I will be teaching you Drama here at Avanti Fields. This will be my first year at this school so it will be a new experience for me too! I am looking forward to getting to know each one of you. Drama is a fun lesson where you learn not only about the subject but also about who you are as a person. Drama can be challenging but if you always try your best, you will have an amazing time and learn so much. If you get nervous on your first day just remember 'Be yourself, everyone else is already taken' - Oscar Wilde.



### **Miss Patel - Head of Science**

Hello! Hope you are excited about joining us at Avanti Fields and ready to have lots of fun learning new things in Science. In my spare time, I like to do yoga and cook lots of delicious food from around the world. One of my favourite Science quotes is: Science is like magic but real ☺



### **Mrs Trivedi - Science Teacher**

Welcome all. I hope this meets you all well and safe. I am Mrs Trivedi, a science teacher and a form tutor too. I have been teaching Science for the past year and I work as a Senior Science technician too so if am not teaching in a classroom, you can find me hiding in my little prep room preparing science practicals for you! Some of you may or may not already know me from KAPS, so it will be an absolute honour to be meeting you all again... I thoroughly enjoy partaking different sports as well as watching them. I also love experimenting, whether it is in science or in the kitchen. I look forward to embarking on this journey with you all soon. Keep well, keep safe and see you all soon.



### **Mr Clarke - Head of Humanities**

Hello. I will be starting at Avanti Fields in June so I will be new to the school just like you. I teach Humanities which is Geography and History. Geography is all about understanding the world we live in and how it is changing, History is about understanding the past and how it influences the world of today. Both subjects together will allow you to become well-informed citizens of Planet Earth. In my spare time I play rugby for a local team, this year was my 28<sup>th</sup> season playing for them. I also like to take my camper van to the wilder places in Britain. I just love to be in the mountains or at the coast and I hope to be able to share this love of the outdoors with you.



## Mr Gadsby - History Teacher and Head of Year

Hello year 6. I hope you are well and that you are really looking forward to coming to Avanti Fields in September. I know I am, and like you, I will be a nervous new starter so hopefully we can help each other to settle in. I am a historian and cannot wait to introduce you to the historical world and how it has impacted on humanity and the human condition. We will cover a lot, but it will be interesting - it is history after all - and I am sure you will enjoy studying it. Outside of school, I read many books about history but I am also a Derby County season ticket holder (sorry any Leicester fans) and love travelling to places, which are full of history. Have a great summer and see you in soon.



## Mr Clampin - Computer Science Teacher

Hello and Welcome. My name is Mr Clampin and I teach Computer Science - the newest subject, and one which is constantly changing. I look forward to helping you with things like improving your programming skills and making sure you know how to stay safe online. My hobbies include running and playing the guitar. I ran the London Marathon last year and I hope to be running the Edinburgh Marathon later this year. Also - I love cricket!



## Mr Gajjar - Lead Teacher: PRE

Greetings dear students. I am Mr Gajjar and you will see me in school every Monday and Friday. I love teaching my subject PRE: Philosophy Religion and Ethics. In these lessons, we will have fun discussions and debates while we explore BIG QUESTIONS! Now these are questions thinkers and wise people have been asking for thousands of years - who am I? How was the world created? Does God exist? We will dive into the world of the Greeks, the Hindu sages and their texts and look at how other religions discuss these ideas. I also love singing with my students, so I am looking forward to hearing your wonderful voices. When I am not in school teaching students, I am out visiting companies teaching adults. Being in school is much more fun though. I have a PRE slogan, '*don't accept what I say; don't reject what I say.*' I will let your philosophical minds work that out and you can tell me what it means when we meet very soon.



## Mr Patel - PRE Teacher

Hello. I am Mr Patel, and I am looking forward to meet you all and teach you when you start your journey at Avanti Fields. I teach PRE which some of you may be familiar with already. PRE is short for Philosophy, Religion and Ethics. We look at all sorts of interesting topics that affect our daily lives from worship, to the environment, from yoga to festivals. You will learn about different religions, practises and learn key skills like debate and writing arguments to present our thoughts in a detailed way. I also take care of the worship of the school deities in the worship hall, and I lead many of the collective worship activities and festivals along with Mr Gajjar who also teaches PRE. When I am not teaching I enjoy reading non-fiction literature, gardening, watching documentary films, playing musical instruments and signing. I also enjoy cooking. I regularly cook very large quantities of food for the community and sometimes meals for over 200 people!



### **Mrs Morbey - Spanish Teacher**

Hola. My name is Mrs Morbey and I teach Spanish. Like yourselves, I shall also be starting new at Avanti Fields this year. I am excited to start and I cannot wait to meet you all. In my free time, I love to read, take part in quizzes with my family and play badminton. I also enjoy travelling to different countries and learning about other cultures.



### **Mrs Marshall - Art Teacher**

Do you like art? Do you like making things? I hope you do! My name is Mrs Marshall and I am so looking forward to welcoming you to our art and design studio. When you first arrive, you will learn many useful drawing skills. This will help you to feel confident about drawing both for art and for designing. You will have a proper sketchbook and have some time to draw things that you want to draw. In design, some of the first topics are weaving and pattern design. We have lunchtime art clubs. We enter art competitions; last year some students had their work exhibited at New Walk Museum. I cannot tell you my favourite colour, as I love all the colours. My favourite artist is probably Vincent van Gogh, but I am also very keen on cartoons and animation. Please do not be shy about bringing your artwork in to show me when you come to Avanti Fields. I always have time to appreciate students' artwork.



### **Mrs Neglur - Sanskrit Teacher**

My name is Ms Geeta Neglur and I am your Sanskrit teacher. This is my 2<sup>nd</sup> year in teaching at Avanti Fields. I enjoy reading, gardening, yoga and playing board games. Hmm! What is Sanskrit? Sanskrit is an ancient language – just like Greek, Latin – but very much alive and still in use. Sanskrit is also called as the mother of all languages due to its familiarity with many of the modern languages.



### **Mrs Kansara - PE Teacher**

I am very much looking forward to meeting you all and cannot wait to share my enthusiasm of PE! My favourite sports are basketball and netball and I love fitness. I really enjoy HITT, body pump and cycling. As well as teaching, I enjoy organising trips and offering a variety of extra-curricular sports clubs. In my spare time, I love reading, baking, going on holiday and spending time with family and friends. I am a strong believer that taking part in sport is for everyone regardless of age, gender or ability. I hope you are excited to join Avanti Fields and see you all soon!



## Mrs McDonald - Yoga Teacher

Namaste Year 6. I will be your Yoga teacher at Avanti Fields. Some of you already know me and I am looking forward to teaching you Yoga, and helping you to have a healthy body and mind. When I am not teaching Yoga, I like to dance and to read - not at the same time though. I am a big Harry Potter fan and believe we can all find a little bit of magic if we look hard enough. I look forward to meeting you all soon.

## Quiz - How well do you know your new teachers?

How many facts and pieces of information can you remember about your new teachers from the information provided in this booklet? Complete the Quiz below to find out. The answers and your certificate are on the next page.

1. Fill in the blank. Ms Taplin says 'you are the \_ year 7 group she has welcomed to the school'? (1)
2. What is the name of the teacher who will meet and greet you each morning? (1)
3. What is Ms Kholia's important science message? (1)
4. Which subject does Mrs Kurth teach? (1)
5. What three jobs does Miss Bigginton do? (3)
6. Which subject does Ms Vaghela lead (1)
7. Name one activity Mr Kachhela enjoys doing in in his spare time. (1)
8. Which teacher joined the school in January 2020?(1)
9. Which subject does Mr Bathia lead? (1)
10. What type of books does Mrs Kealy suggest you read over the summer? (1)
11. What type of books does Miss Corrick like to read? (1)
12. What is Miss Morgan's favourite quote? (1)
13. What is Miss Patel's favourite science quote? (1)
14. What two roles (job) does Mrs Trivedi do at Avanti Fields School? (2)
15. What subjects does Mr Clarke lead? (2)
16. What two roles (job) does Mr Gadsby do at Avanti Fields School? (2)
17. Name one activity Mr Clampin enjoys doing in his spare time. (1)
18. What is Mr Gajjar's PRE slogan? (1)
19. Mr Patel teaches PRE, what else does he take care of in school? (2)
20. Who is Mrs Marshall's favourite artist? (1)
21. Why does Mrs Morbey say she enjoys travelling to different countries? (1)
22. Which two languages does Mrs Neglur say Sanskrit is similar to? (2)
23. What are Mrs Kansara's two favourite sports (2)
24. How does Mrs McDonald greet you at the start of her message? (1)
25. Are you looking forward to meeting your teachers soon? (1)





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Turn to the next page to check your answers.

## Quiz Answers – How well do you know your new teachers?

1. Fill in the blank. Ms Taplin says 'you are the 3<sup>rd</sup> year 7 group she has welcomed to the school'. (1)
2. What is the name of the teacher who will meet and greet you each morning? (1) *Form tutor*
3. What is Ms Kholia's important science message? (1) *'Think like a proton...always positive!'*
4. Which subject does Mrs Kurth teach (1) *Spanish*
5. What three jobs does Miss Bigginton do? (3) *Humanities teacher, Pastoral lead and SENCO*
6. Which subject does Ms Vaghela lead? (1) *Maths*
7. Name one activity Mr Kachhela enjoys doing in in his spare time. (1) *Any from – Tennis or badminton*
8. Which teacher joined the school in January 2020?(1) *Mrs Rakkar*
9. Which subject does Mr Bathia lead? (1) *English*
10. What type of books does Mrs Kealy suggest you read over the summer? (1) *Any!*
11. What type of books does Miss Corrick like to read? (1) *Detective stories*
12. What is Miss Morgan's favourite quote? (1) *' Be yourself, everyone is already taken'*
13. What is Miss Patel's favourite science quote? (1) *Science is like Magic but Real*
14. What two roles (job) does Mrs Trivedi do at Avanti Fields School? (2) *Science teacher and Senior lab technician*
15. What subjects does Mr Clarke lead? (2) *Humanities – History and Geography*
16. What two roles (job) does Mr Gatsby do at Avanti Fields School? (2) *History teacher and Head of year*
17. Name one activity Mr Clampin enjoys doing in his spare time (1) *running or playing the guitar*
18. What is Mr Gajjar's PRE slogan? (1), *'don't accept what I say; don't reject what I say.'*
19. Mr Patel teaches PRE, what else does he take care of in school? (2) *the worship of the school deities in the school's worship hall*
20. Who is Mrs Marshall's favourite artist? (1) *Vincent van Gogh*
21. Why does Mrs Morbey say she enjoys travelling to different countries? (1) *To learn about other cultures*
22. Which two languages does Mrs Neglur say Sanskrit is similar to? (2) *Greek and Latin*
23. What are Mrs Kansara's two favourite sports? (2) *Basketball and Netball*
24. How does Mrs McDonald greet you at the start of her message? (1) *Namaste*
25. Are you looking forward to meeting your teachers soon? (1) *Yes!*





Please fill in, cut out and keep your certificate below as record of your achievement.

Well done!



  
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## CONGRATULATIONS!

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**Well done on completing the Avanti Fields Teacher Quiz**

Looking forward to meeting you all soon!

TEACHER: All of your Teachers

DATE: June 2020