



25th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Avanti Hall Curriculum

Curriculum development:

In order to develop our curriculum at Avanti Hall School, we will be implementing the following amendments for academic Year 2021/2022 to continue to expand and enrich the provision for pupils. For both primary and secondary phases, we already have a 2-week timetable - week A and Week B. This has allowed for more flexibility within the secondary phase to deliver more subjects. This will continue, but with the following amendments:

Primary:

Key Stage 1:

Pupils will continue to follow a similar programme of core subjects and be taught the wider curriculum through a topic-based approach. The changes from the previous year will be the introduction of Forest School sessions and more time will be given to Performing Arts within the topic sessions. A full overview of the core subject breakdown will be documented with the published curriculum document that will be shared at the beginning of March.

Key Stage 2:

As in Key Stage 1, Forest School will be introduced. Subject specialists from the secondary phase will work with primary colleagues to develop the curriculum journey into key stage 3. Forest School, French, Yoga and PE will be taught by subject specialists, with class teachers delivering the core elements to the timetable.

Secondary:

Key Stage 3 (Years 7,8 and 9):

Key Stage 3 pupils will follow subjects taught by subject specialists. Changes made at KS3 include the introduction of Drama, Forest School and Yoga (separate from core PE).

Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11):

In Year 9, pupils will make their option choices for GCSEs and a separate invitation has been sent to pupils and families to explain in more detail how the options process will work this year. The new proposal sets out to offer more choice and expand the curriculum offer. All pupils will study English Literature, English Language, Maths, Double Science and French. Pupils will also have core PE, Yoga sessions, Forest School, PSHE and PRE delivered as part of the model. They will then choose between history and geography; this ensures that all pupils are entered for the full EBACC. Pupils will then choose 2 further options, from two blocks. Options include Drama, Music, Art, Photography, PRE and PE. In order to make this possible, pupils will have an extended day twice per week, increasing weekly curriculum time to 27 hours. For pupils and parents in Year 9, a correspondence inviting you to our information evening has been sent. This will be on Tuesday 2nd of February at 5pm and delivered via Zoom.

This year, our Focus Days are proving a valuable addition to our curriculum, and these will be part of our provision next year, along with extra curricula and sports programmes that we hope to implement when the current restrictions are lifted.

Best Wishes

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Phil Arnold
Principal