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MESSAGE FROM THE
PRINCIPAL



The Avanti Park Post

Dear parents and carers

It has now been two weeks since we welcomed all our children and young people back to school. I am pleased to say that everyone has slipped back into the school routines as if they have never been away. I have really enjoyed visiting each classroom and looking at the wonderful learning taking place. The class 'Captain Tom' projects have been a wonderful way for the children to express their thoughts and feelings about the lockdown and this will culminate in a group art project for each class.

Year 7 and 8 pupils have responded incredibly well to their new 'learning standards' and their classes now have a more purposeful calm learning environment where all pupils can achieve their best. Thank you to all the parents of year 7 and 8 pupils who have supported us with this.

Year 11 have had a difficult few months with the uncertainty around their exams. Their final grades will be based on the work and assessments carried out in class and at home and they have mock exams next week which will form part of their assessment. We are still waiting for some final guidance from OFQUAL and the DfE but we are receiving excellent support from the Avanti Schools Trust to ensure our systems are robust and fair to all pupils.

Easter is fast approaching and so is the warmer weather. Have a fantastic weekend.

With best wishes

Abby Atkins



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Primary School Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are incredibly proud of the resilience and strength of character shown over the last two weeks. When we consider the degree of change and uncertainty our pupils have been faced with, it is all the more remarkable how well they have settled into old routines.

All classes have now made a start with their community focused projects and have been using their focus texts of 'The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse' by Charlie Mackesy and texts celebrating the achievements of Sir Captain Tom Moore to explore concepts such as empathy, hope and strength of character.

World Book Day was a lovely way to welcome all the pupils back. With a whole-school focus on reading, this day proved a wonderful way to celebrate and promote the love and culture of reading. As time passes, we will be continuing our work in school and supporting pupils at home to develop our reading provision to encourage a love of reading at home as well as in school.

Finally, I am very excited to be able to share details regarding future plans to develop our library. With a very kind donation from the PTFA, we have started the process of re-imagining the current library space. With the PTFA's contribution, we will be commissioning more artwork for the library and Chantry Hall as well as investing in new books and some wonderful furniture. We want the children to have a space where they can sit down, read, and escape to a world of new possibilities - meeting new characters and developing a love of books and reading.

To share our intent and vision for developing reading and support for reading at home, please do attend the Reading workshop for parents and carers on 23.03.21 (6:00-6:45pm). A link for this session is included above.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr McKinley

Luke McKinley is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Reading at Avanti Park School - Presentation for Parents and Carers

Time: Mar 23, 2021 06:00 PM Greenwich Mean Time

Join Zoom Meeting

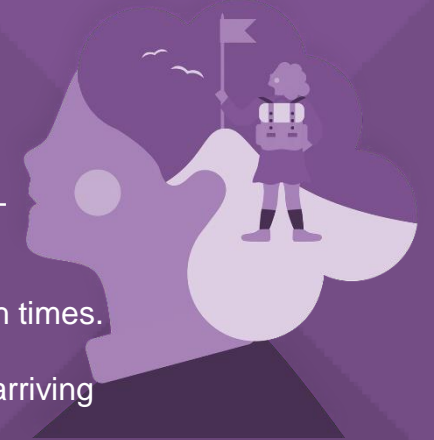
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Secondary School Update



Firstly I would like to say a big well done and thank you to all the year 7 and 8 pupils who have stepped up to the new behaviour Expectations in KS3. Lessons are calm and purposeful and there is a lovely atmosphere around the school during break and lunch times.

We are reintroducing a full tutor programme from Monday 22nd March so please can all KS3 and KS4 pupils make sure they are arriving for the gate opening at 8:40 so they can be in tutor time for 8:45 sharp. Pupils arriving after 8:45 will be marked late.

The tutor period will start on Mondays with the restart of the home-learning routine. Students in KS3 will receive a home-learning pack every Monday which will need to be completed and brought back in the following Monday. Students who fail to complete the home-learning will be need to attend a catch up session on Wednesday after school to complete it.

Once a week we will hold an Avanti Way assembly in tutor time which is an opportunity for the students to discuss and think about the core principles underlying the Avanti ethos: Academic Excellence, Character Formation and Spiritual Insight.

The other tutor sessions will focus on reading.

For year 11 we have the start of our mock exams next week. There has been a minor change to the exam timetable which the children have been told about. Music has moved forward to the Monday and has swapped with the Spanish and Mandarin reading exam. The RS exam has been moved to the first Monday after the Easter holidays to give the new teacher Ms Burchell time to prepare the students and allow them to revise the right topics.

Have a great weekend everybody!

Kind regards,

Mr Bayew

Mock Exam Timetable: Year 11



Week B	22-Mar	23-Mar	24-Mar	25-Mar	26-Mar
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Time	Exam	Exam	Exam	Exams	Exams
09:00	English lit - P1	Maths P1 - Non-Calc 1.5hrs	Science P1	Eng Lang P1	Maths P2 - 1.5hrs
11:15-12:15	Revision session				
13:00	Music exam RS Lesson	Drama Comp 3 - written - 1hr 45 History P1	Geography P1	Spanish and Mandarin - Reading	Spanish and Mandarin - Writing

Week A	29-Mar	30-Mar	31-Mar	01-Apr	02-Apr
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Time	Exam	Exam	Exam	Exams	
09:00	Science P2	English Lit P2	Maths P3	Science P3	BANK HOLIDAY
11:15-12:15	Revision session				
13:00	History P2	Geography P2	Spanish and Mandarin - Listening	Eng Lang P2	



When does my child do PE or Yoga?

There has been a bit of confusion for some parents with the PE/Yoga timetable due to some last minute changes (apologies!). Please refer to the table below for the most accurate and up to date timetable. Please ignore any previous correspondence. We ask that you ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on these days.

PE/Yoga Time Table 2021

Year Group	Class	Week A	Week B
Reception	Maple	PE Thurs Yoga Mon	PE Tues Yoga Mon
Reception	Pine	PE Mon Yoga Tues	PE Mon Yoga Mon
Year 1	Ash	PE Mon Yoga Tues	PE Mon Yoga Weds
Year 1	Oak	PE Mon Yoga Tues	PE Mon Yoga Weds
Year 2	Cherry	PE Tues Yoga Weds	PE Tues Yoga Tues
Year 3 & 4	Chestnut	PE Weds Yoga Fri	PE Thurs Yoga Fri
Year 3 & 4	Sycamore	PE Mon Yoga Weds	PE Tues Yoga Tues
Year 3 & 4	Rowan	PE Tues Yoga Mon	PE Weds Yoga Tues
Year 5	Cedar	PE Weds Yoga Fri	PE Weds Yoga Fri
Year 5	Holly	PE Thurs Yoga Weds	PE Thurs Yoga Fri
Year 6	Hazel	PE Thurs Yoga Mon	PE Thurs Yoga Fri
Year 7	7	PE Mon Yoga Fri	PE Mon Yoga Fri
Year 8	8	PE Tues Yoga X	PE Tues Yoga Weds & Fri
Year 11	9	PE Weds & Fri	PE Fri

Dates for your Diary

MARCH/ APRIL	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Week A	22 nd MARCH Mock Exams start – year 11	23 rd Reading workshop for Parents/Carers	24 th	25 th	26 th	27 th	28 th
Week B	29 th Parent Guardian Consultations years R-6 and Yr 8 Virtual Open Day	30 th Parent Guardian Consultations years R-6 and Yr 7	31 st	1 st April Last day of term. Mocks Finish Nursery application deadline (midday)	2 nd Good Friday Easter Hols	3 rd Easter Hols	4 th Easter Hols
Week A	5 th Easter Hols	6 th Easter Hols	7 th Easter Hols	8 th Easter Hols	9 th Easter Hols	10 th Easter Hols	11 th Easter Hols
Week B	12 th Easter Hols	13 th Easter Hols	14 th Easter Hols	15 th Easter Hols	16 th Easter Hols	17 th Easter Hols	18 th Easter Hols
Week A	19 th Back to School	20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd	25 th	26 th

*We return to school on Week A!

We are holding a Virtual Open Day for prospective parents on March 29th. Bookable on the Avanti Park Website.

<https://avanti.org.uk/avantipark/virtual-open-day/>

Red Nose Day:

**RED
NOSE
DAY 2021**

Spider Man made a surprise visit to the school to see the children. They were over joyed to meet him.



Year 7 Students Catalina and Tildy, raised an impressive £27.55 by making delicious gingerbread biscuits and flapjacks and selling them to the staff. Year 5 student Max also raised £16 by selling his homemade cheese straws.

A whopping £452.60 was raised for Comic Relief today. A great effort was made by all to dress either as a super hero or wear red clothing. The children looked fantastic and enjoyed buying their red noses and wearing them with pride. Which one did you get?



LABELS!!

Please, please, please can we ask that ALL items of clothing and school kit (including lunchboxes water bottles and bags) are clearly labelled with your child's name. A sharpie works really well for this!



Urgent Reminder!

Please can we remind parents not to use the school car park as a drop off point (unless you have prior agreement with the school).

The rules around Covid and school bubbles mixing mean we are temporarily using the pond gate to let children enter and exit the school safely.

The pond gate opens directly into the car park, and with the increased number of children in this area, we cannot permit cars to drive through the space to drop off their children for the time being.

DRESS CODE! Please can we ask you to support the school in ensuring your children are dressed appropriately for school and in line with the school dress code. Please visit the school website to view the dress code <https://avanti.org.uk/avantipark/dress-code/>

Please help us!!

Parent Guardian Consultations



Bookings for the next Parent Guardian Consultations will open on Monday at 9am!

For years R – 6 these will be held on the 29th and 30th of March from 3.45pm – 6.45pm. Year 7 meetings will be held on the 30th March only, and Year 8 meetings on the 29th March only both from 4.00 – 6.00pm

The meetings are 5 minute, online slots with your child's teacher/subject teacher - (years 7 & 8), and will provide you with the opportunity to discover what your children have been doing in class and discuss their progression.

Bookings can be made via the Arbor App, or by phoning the school office.



Parent Portal



What is the Arbor Parent Portal?

Say goodbye to paper slips, and numerous emails to the school to add people to your pick up lists. The Arbor Parent Portal The Portal will allow you to see your child's attendance information, enable you to manage permissions and consents, see housepoints, and positive behaviour messages from teachers as well as updating contact details and your adding to your child's authorised collectors list.

We are asking parents and carer's of Avanti Park to use the Arbor Parent Portal to notify us of new contact details and authorized collectors so if you have not already done so, please set up your Arbor Parent portal now.

Please use this link to access the Parent Portal: <https://avanti-park.uk.arbor.sc> -once you have clicked on the link you will need to click on first time user and follow the instructions.

You will need to use a desktop or laptop computer the first time you login otherwise you won't be able to complete the process properly, but once done there is an Arbor App which you can download to your smart device.

Attendance



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PUNCTUALITY

From 8th March until 18th March, we have had 61 instances of late arrival in school!
Our target for lateness is zero.

Children who arrive late in school not only miss vital settling in time and an opportunity to find out plans for the school day, but also occasionally the start of their first lesson. The vast majority of children are never late to school. Whilst we accept that there can be genuine reasons for lateness, we would not expect this to be more than occasional.

Good habits start young, and children often reflect adults' attitudes to school attendance and punctuality when they become teenagers and have more say in whether they attend or not and whether they are on time or not.

Please let us know if you are having difficulties getting your child to school on time and would appreciate some support, we are happy to help.

ATTENDANCE

Our average attendance since we welcomed the children back into school on the 8th of March has been: 94.1%
Our target is 97.0%


Regular attendance assists the pupils in their ongoing learning and supports their social interactions with peers, it enables them to fully participate as a valued member of the class community.

Thank you for all the efforts you make to get your children to school on time each day, let's see if we can clock up less lates in the next two weeks.

Year Group	Incidence of lateness over 10 day period
Year 11	10 late
Year 8	2 late
Year 7	3 late
Year 6	7 late
Year 5	5 late
Year 4	2 late
Year 3	4 late
Year 2	1 late
Year 1	15 late
Reception	4 late
Nursery	3 late

Kathryn Mason
Attendance Officer

Stay Safe, Be Well

A vibrant, stylized illustration of a landscape. In the foreground, a person with blue hair is meditating in a lotus position on a green mat. To their right, a large blue speech bubble contains text. The background features rolling green hills, a bright yellow sun, a multi-colored rainbow, and a small tree. The sky is a solid pink color.

Keep an eye out for our 'After-school Club Newsletter' which will be emailed to parents and carers soon.



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