



AVANTI PARK SCHOOL

Prospectus 2021-22



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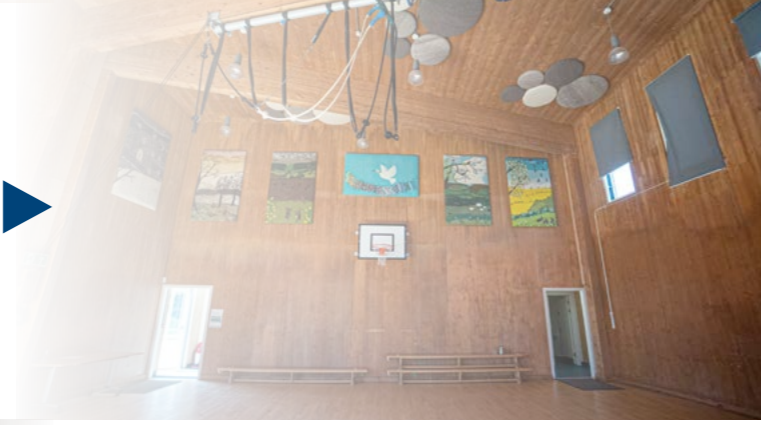


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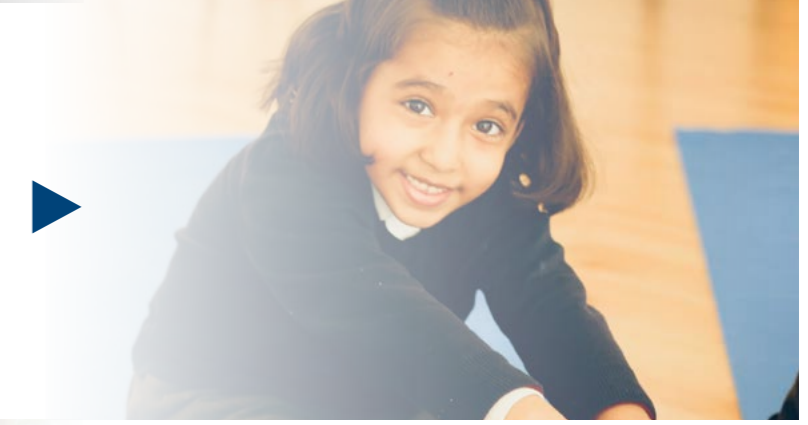


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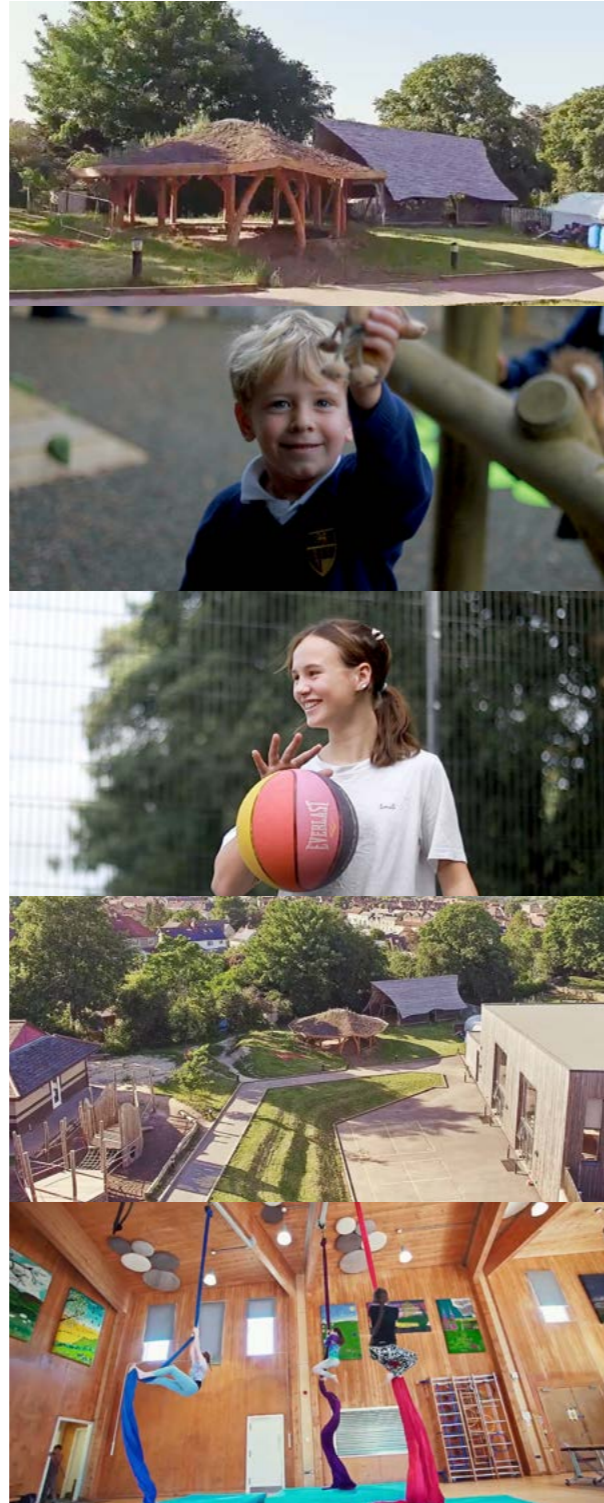
Welcome from Abby Atkins, Principal

Welcome to Avanti Park School. Thank you for taking the time to read our prospectus. Our ethos at Avanti Park is built on three areas: Educational Excellence, Character Formation and Spiritual Insight. We are very

proud of our inclusive, warm and caring approach. Strong relationships between staff and pupils are incredibly important to us and are key to ensuring that your children will flourish and reach their academic and social potential.

All staff at Avanti Park School work in partnership with parents to ensure that every child is prepared to meet their life challenges, with high standards in literacy and mathematics as well as memorable experiences in other curriculum areas such as arts, craft and whole school festival celebrations. Through our curriculum pupils will gain a reflective, compassionate understanding of themselves and the communities around them.

We hope that this Prospectus will give you a flavour of our school. Please do contact the school office with any questions you may have about our unique, wonderful school or to arrange a visit.



Our Vision

At Avanti Park, our aim is to enable our students to be the very best version of themselves and ultimately contribute to making the world a better place (The Avanti Way).

Through a curriculum built on the Avanti three pillars and by actions underpinned by the six core values, students are able to learn, develop and grow into a life of fulfilled potential.

Gratitude

Empathy

Integrity

Self-discipline

Respect

Courage



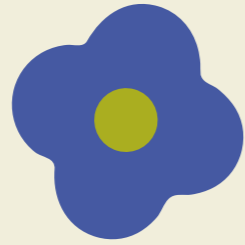


Core Principles



We have incredible potential and can achieve this when nurturing all parts of ourselves – intellectual, emotional, physical and spiritual.

1



We choose how we wish to respond to life and what we nurture within.

2



We care for and respect all life – human, animal and plant – and live in a way that causes the least possible harm.

3



We each observe the one same reality from our own unique perspective and engage in open-minded dialogue to deeply enrich our vision.

4



We serve a higher purpose by living a meaningful and satisfying life of contribution.

5



We are nourished by personal relationships that fulfil our need to love and be loved, encouraging us to be the best we can be.

6

The Three Pillars

Our school prepares students for their respective life-journeys by promoting educational excellence, character formation and spiritual insight.

Educational Excellence

Our vision for educational excellence is one where deeply inspired teachers nurture joyful students and nourish their innate passion for learning. Learning is a quest to discover each student's unique gifts and potential and lay the foundation for their lifelong journey of learning. This is inseparable from high academic standards, where a challenging holistic curriculum cultivates independently thoughtful and reflective students by working towards a sense of mastery, emphasising depth, and not just breadth.



Character Formation

Our vision for character formation is one where virtues are taught by example and a supportive community of learners fosters a powerful sense of individual and collective purpose. Learning develops for these conscious changemakers as a quest for making the world a better place, starting with oneself. The capacity to internalise and put into practice what we have learned is the true test of learning. Building this capacity demands an experiential, virtues-led curriculum that embraces collaboration, custodianship and global perspectives.



Spiritual Insight

Our vision for spiritual insight is one where our interconnectedness with all living beings and with the universe, urges acts born out of humility and love, and the Self is perceived beyond its layers of coverings. Learning blossoms for these seekers as a quest for self-discovery and opens the door to their unlimited potential; an antidote to the emptiness of a materialistic or mechanistic worldview. The curriculum unveils the possibilities of sacredness and transcendence at every moment and so engenders a deeply positive attitude to life, enduring happiness and heartfelt relationships.



Our Commitment to Parents, Carers and Students

We want to involve you as parents and carers fully in your child's education. By working closely with you we can ensure that each stage of your child's journey is stimulating, positive and enriching.

We will provide:

- The very best teaching in every subject and every classroom;
- A rigorous curriculum that challenges and stretches every student to be the best that they can be;
- A regular and robust assessment and reporting system that clearly informs you about your child's progress;
- A wide range of educational visits and enrichment opportunities;
- Clear and precise feedback that enables every pupil to master key skills and build their knowledge and understanding in all curriculum areas
- Opportunities to contribute to the life of the school and develop their leadership skills;
- A safe learning environment in which your child can flourish and be happy



Tour of the School



Reception ▲

The Avanti Park reception area is in the original Victorian building. High ceilings give a wonderful open feel.



Classrooms ▼

Each room within the Chantry block is well equipped to deliver the KS1 and 2 curriculum. There is a reading area and carpet space for group reading and activities. All rooms have a state of the art interactive screen to enhance the learning experience



Outdoor Classrooms ▼

We are lucky to have two outdoor classrooms one round house and one barn like structure perfect for learning outside even when it's raining!



Science Lab ►

A well equipped science lab is used for KS3 Science lessons.



Playground ►

A large playground outside the Chantry block has a climbing area and also a sandpit for sand play. There is plenty of space for children to run around and burn off some energy.



Library ◀

Our diverse and well equipped library offers a quiet and inspiring space for students to find resources and work or read quietly.



EYFS Room ◀

These beautiful rooms are wooden clad and have a very natural feel. Each have a kitchen area for cooking and also lead out onto a gorgeous garden for outdoor learning and play.



Main Hall ►

A spacious wooden clad area for games, drama, exercise and indoor sports. Children also will eat their lunch here. The walls are covered with beautiful art work.

Learning and Teaching

We will create a learning culture which recognises that we are all lifelong learners. Students will be challenged in every lesson to adopt a positive, 'can do' mindset and to demonstrate progress and improvement. We will develop students' capacity to learn so they become more and more independent as they progress through the school. We believe that students who understand the psychology of thinking and learning, and are engaged by inspirational teaching, achieve the highest levels of success.

10 Elements of Great Learning and Teaching in Avanti Trust Schools

Through a planned programme of training and development supported by The Avanti Institute we will ensure that all Avanti Trust Schools have a highly developed sense of what constitutes great teaching. We will continuously train and coach our staff on every feature of high quality pedagogy, in order that every student gets an education that is second to none.

We will ensure that all our teachers:

1. Provide explanations and instructions that are clear and concise
2. Check every student's understanding before moving on to new topics
3. Model excellence through effective scaffolding of ideas and concepts
4. Ensure that the needs of every student are understood, planned for and met
5. Continuously engage and intellectually challenge students in their class
6. Plan activities that will enable students to demonstrate understanding and master skills
7. Manage students behaviour in a measured and proportionate manner
8. Help students recall and apply prior learning to new contexts
9. Make clear to students how their learning will be assessed
10. Provide precise feedback that helps students re-draft and improve their work



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Primary Curriculum

The Avanti Park curriculum has been designed to meet students' individual learning needs, so every student has the maximum opportunity to succeed and realise their ambitions. This is based on good early years practice and in encompassing the National Curriculum requirements.

We believe that all learners are entitled to an education that equips them with the knowledge, skills and values they need to embrace the opportunities and challenges they encounter and teaches them how they can contribute to a future that they want to live in. Our curriculum connects to real life, promotes thinking as a global citizen and develops character skills for young people to make meaningful contributions to society. For this reason, our curriculum links to Oxfam's global citizenship and the United Nations sustainable development goals. 7 global learning themes underpin our curriculum:

- Justice and equity
- Identity and diversity
- Sustainability
- Peace and conflict
- Human rights
- Power
- Change

These concepts that are revisited throughout the children's learning journey from Reception to Year 6. Learning each half-term centres around one of these global themes. Subjects and disciplines are taught discretely and are linked to these global themes where relevant to do so. Our curriculum has been designed to ensure that there is a richness and depth of diversity so that our children can see, experience and learn about the world around them.

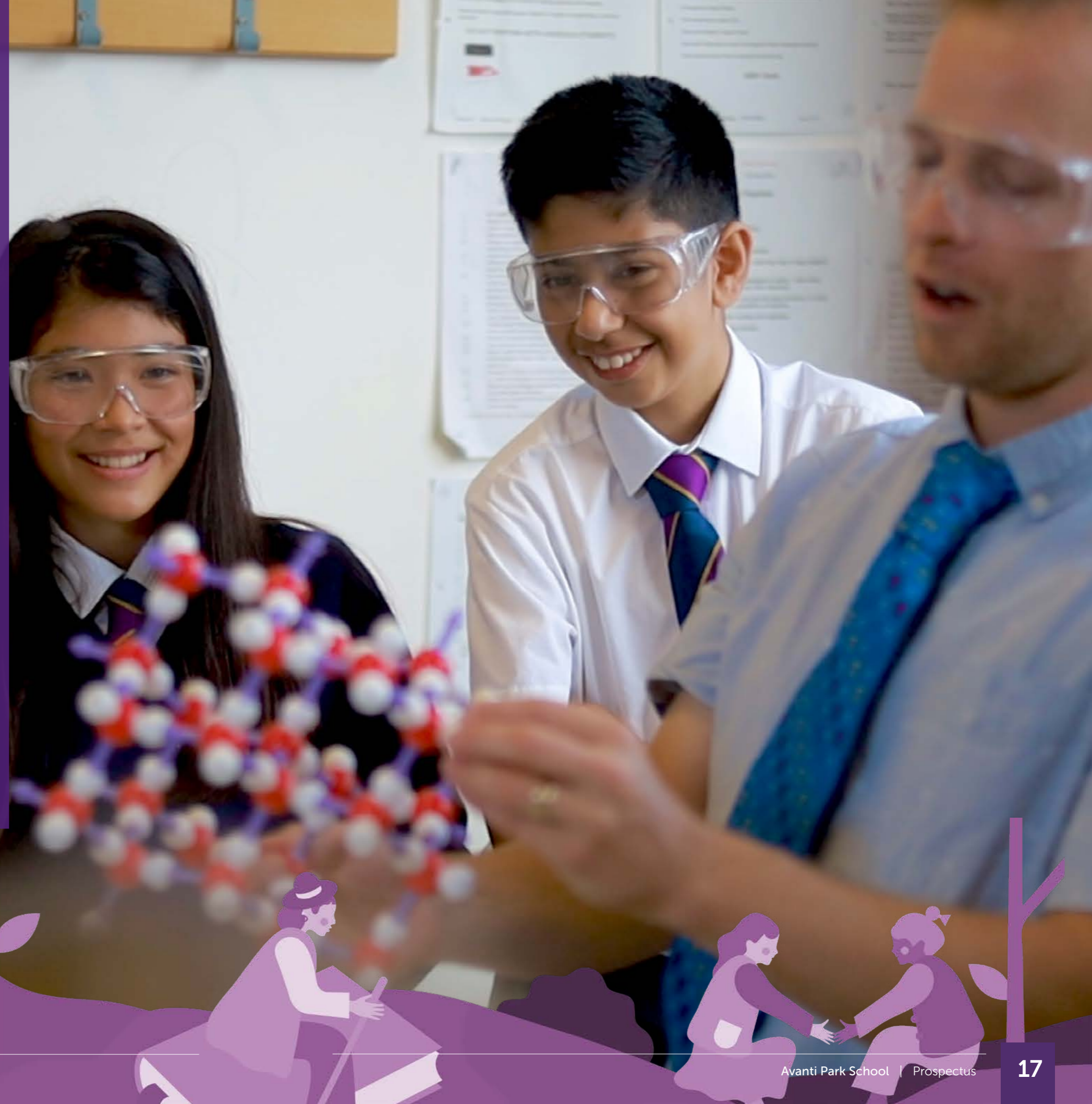
The school day starts at 8.45 and ends at 15.15.

Secondary Curriculum

All pupils will have access to a broad and balanced curriculum, which alongside our extra-curricular programme, will enable each child to find and nurture their individual talents. In year 7 and 8 pupils will follow a broad and challenging academic curriculum. This includes the following subjects:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Geography
- History
- PRE
- PE
- Spanish
- Computer Science
- Craft
- Art
- Music
- PSHE including SRE

We believe that building firm foundations in English and mathematics enable pupils to thrive in all their subjects and their adult life. To facilitate this, we offer extra time for English and Mathematics in order that our pupils master their literacy and numeracy skills and are therefore able to choose and succeed when they move on to the next stage of their education.



Personal Development

Enrichment

Enrichment is a key part of students' learning and personal development at Avanti Park School. We host a range of opportunities for students to engage further with their academic learning and to develop key character formation qualities through a range of events, visits and extra-curricular activities.

To support our curriculum focus on the sustainable development goals, each half-term, the children will have a specific Global Citizenship 'focus day'. On these days, teachers will plan learning experiences and activities that allow pupils to explore in greater depth the sustainable development focus in that half term. Each year, the children will focus on different development goals so that over the course of three years, each goal will have been a focus point.

In addition to the focus days, we will have four festival days each year which we will celebrate as a whole school. These will be supported by the PTFA. Examples of the festivals are a winter Festival of Light and Chinese New Year.

Pupil Leadership

There are many opportunities for our pupils to develop their leadership skills at Avanti Park School, both within curriculum areas and our extra-curricular provision. We aim to provide opportunities for our pupils to develop leadership skills by succeeding together as a community through a shared vision and our ethos, using pupil voice to make our school the best it can be.

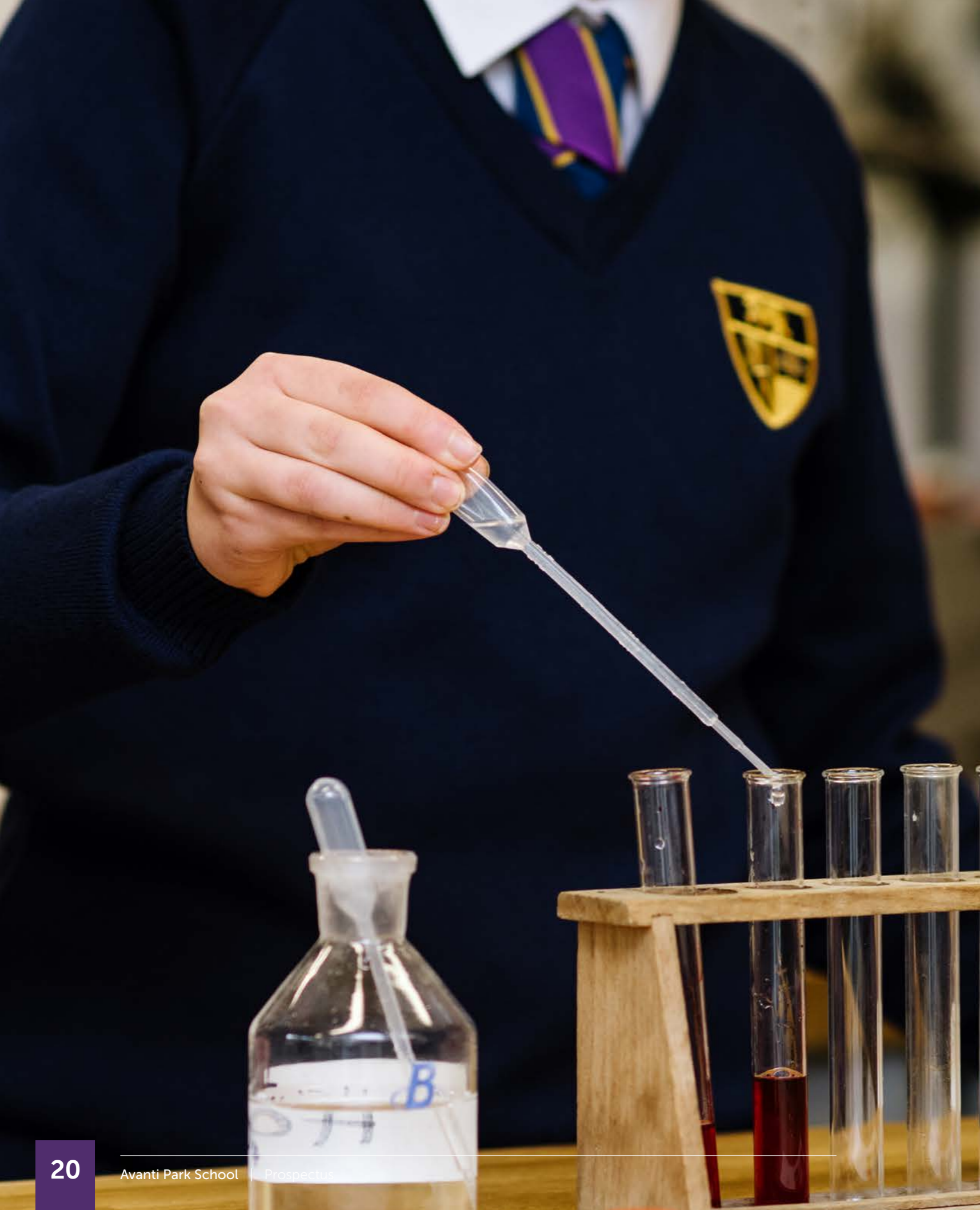
Examples of pupil leadership roles include:
Avanti Park School Parliament
Eco leaders
Play leaders
House Captains and Vice Captains

Careers

The Avanti Park School's careers curriculum follows the statutory guidance set out by the DfE and aligns with the Avanti vision to help each person become a well-rounded human being through intellectual, moral and spiritual growth, and so make the world a better place.

Our careers programme ensures all students are supported to develop, embody and put into practice the essential workplace qualities and skills. It is through this strategic academic, experience and holistic approach that we aim to support all our pupils in their quest to embrace and fulfil all opportunities open to them in the world of work.





Uniform

Uniform and achievement have always been a high priority for the Avanti Schools Trust. We believe the way in which students wear their school uniform reflects the importance which is placed on attention to detail and pride in the school. The smart appearance of our students has been appreciated by parents of prospective students and visitors to our schools. For more information about the school's uniform requirements please visit our website.

School Lunches

An important part of our ethos is around the provision of hot, fresh, nutritious meals. Sharing tasty, healthy school lunches is an integral part of the educational experience at an Avanti school. It's also an opportunity to enhance social skills and table etiquette, ensuring lunchtimes are a positive experience for all. School staff often enjoy taking lunch with pupils, creating a family atmosphere.

The lunch meals cooked on-site are vegetarian (in line with the faith ethos of the Trust) and half-termly menus are also available on the School's website. If the lunch provision on offer does not meet your

child's needs, or if your child has specific dietary requirements/preferences, please do speak to Govindas (our catering provider) so that they can provide for your child accordingly.

We encourage parents to visit the school to sample the school lunches in order to satisfy themselves with the quality of provision. We strongly encourage parents who have financial constraints to apply for Free School Meals. An application form can be obtained from the school office. Any forms received by the school will be kept confidential.



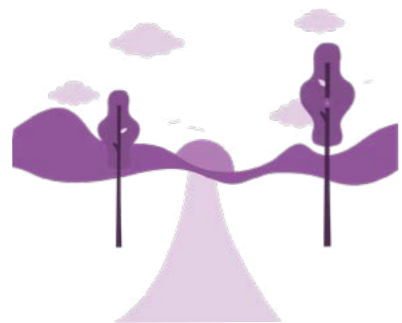


Life at Avanti



Wellbeing Wisdom

Avanti staff have access to regular wellbeing sessions. Our previous sessions have been led by medical professionals, corporate coaches and even monks! We discuss everything from how to overcome stress to learning about meditation.



Retreats

Avanti Getaway! Staff and students get the opportunity to go to annual off-site retreats. These are a chance to develop friendships, go out of their comfort zone, improve their wellbeing and reconnect with nature.

Wide, rigorous and unique curriculum offer

Our schools offer a dynamic classroom approach in which students actively explore real-world problems and challenges and acquire a deeper knowledge. Students at all ages engage in projects, from studying the environment to social experiments to working on scientific innovations.



Yoga

Every student has access to Yoga and Mindfulness sessions ranging from 20 minutes to 1 hour a week. Yoga and Mindfulness help ground students, relieve stress and improve their overall health and wellbeing.



Fresh Vegetarian Meals

We believe a healthy gut is the basis of a healthy life, and that's why it's so important to us that we only use the freshest ingredients when preparing our tasty, nutritious vegetarian meals available for all children.



Avanti Nights

Avanti hosts regular events called "Avanti Nights" for parents and the wider community. This is a series of events focused around wellbeing and development for parents in their personal and family lives.

Avanti Schools Across the UK

Avanti Schools are based across the country. The idea for Avanti began in 2003 and our first school was opened in 2008. Our vision was for a family of schools based upon our core principles of educational excellence, character formation, and spiritual insight. We now have close to 4,700 students and 600 members of staff across our family of 11 schools with three more schools in pre-opening.

Avanti has a proven approach to school development and improvement, with excellent student outcomes across our schools for example our school outcomes are amongst the top 10% in the country at Key Stage 2 and 4.



Reviews of Avanti Park & the Avanti Schools Trust

I'm so impressed with the way Avanti Park runs and the commitment that they make to our children and us as parents. They are inclusive, person centred, professional and sincere. They deserve a massive recognition for their hard work and dedication to our children. A true example of how a school should be run. They are very open and honest and respect parents views and always accommodate any changes they physically and realistically can when requested.

Parent
of child in Year 5

"Thank you for welcoming me to the school today. It has been inspiring to meet staff and students so engaged in learning. My congratulations to everyone involved in the conception and opening of this splendid premises."

Damian Hinds
Former Secretary of State for Education

"The provision for pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is exceptional.

School leaders and governors, through the Avanti Trust, are wholly committed to ambitious outcomes for all pupils."

Ofsted

"The school is a place I can happily call my second home. The environment captures all aspects of a quality education where everyone aspires to be the best versions of themselves and exceed their expectations. I couldn't image a friendlier, more pleasant and safer place to be inspired to learn in."

Student
Avanti School

"The teachers are always there to support you. The whole school is like a family. The teachers always encourage you and set you high targets. Even during the hard times we get a lot of help and the school wouldn't be the school it is without the teachers we have."

Student
Avanti School

I really appreciate the warm smile and greeting the staff give us at the start of each day and the way you have always put the children's happiness and wellbeing first. My girls are thriving at Avanti .

Parent
of children in Year 1 and Reception

My daughter comes home from school beaming and ready to tell us about all of the things she's learned that day.

Parent
of child in Year 6



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Admissions

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY

<https://avanti.org.uk/avantipark/admissions/>

APPLY VIA THE SOMERSET COUNCIL ADMISSIONS WEBSITE

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/apply-to-start-school/>





AVANTI SCHOOLS TRUST

The Trust website is a good starting point to learn about the Avanti vision at play in our schools. Short videos are also online.



www.avanti.org.uk

HIGHLIGHTS AND UPDATES

The Avanti Life magazine brings you the very best of what's happening within our family of schools. Also available in print.



www.avanti.org.uk/life

SCHOOL LIFE IN DETAIL

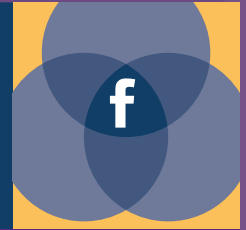
The school website offers up-to-date information on key aspects of school life, from ethos to admissions; school lunches to job opportunities.



www.avanti.org.uk/avantipark

SOCIALISING

We use Facebook as a shared community page where many school and Trust highlights are broadcast – a great way to stay informed and in touch.



www.facebook.com/avantischools

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TWITTER

At Avanti Park we use twitter to keep everyone updated about the amazing work our teachers and pupils are doing.



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A Journey of
Self-Discovery