



AVANTI BROOK
PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Avanti Brook, Bishop's Stortford



Welcome to Avanti Brook Primary School, Bishop's Stortford. (AB)

Hello and welcome to Avanti Brook Primary School. I am delighted to have been appointed as Executive Principal Designate for Avanti Brook and Avanti Meadows Primary Schools in Bishop's Stortford and look forward to meeting you and your child to start your journey with Avanti Schools Trust.

Our trust offers a holistic approach, where we invest in every child's education in order to develop your child to be kind and respectful to one

another, and to grow spiritually, morally as well as intellectually. Our core principles at Avanti enable each child to grow into a well-rounded person in order to flourish and to step well equipped into society.

Avanti Brook Primary School is part of a family of schools in Bishop's Stortford, which includes Avanti Meadows Primary School and Avanti Grange Secondary School, recently opened.

We would be pleased to meet you at our upcoming Open Evening and Day events to show you around Avanti Meadows, as we await Avanti Brook to be completed for opening in September 2023.

I look forward to meeting you soon.

Sally Allan
Principal



Our vision

At Avanti Brook, 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

 <p>We have incredible potential and can achieve this when nurturing all parts of ourselves – intellectual, emotional, physical and spiritual.</p> <p>1</p>	 <p>We choose how we wish to respond to life and what we nurture within.</p> <p>2</p>	 <p>We care for and respect all life – human, animal and plant – and live in a way that causes the least possible harm.</p> <p>3</p>
 <p>We each observe the one same reality from our own unique perspective and engage in open-minded dialogue to deeply enrich our vision.</p> <p>4</p>	 <p>We serve a higher purpose by living a meaningful and satisfying life of contribution.</p> <p>5</p>	 <p>We are nourished by personal relationships that fulfil our need to love and be loved, encouraging us to be the best we can be.</p> <p>6</p>

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 world view. 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

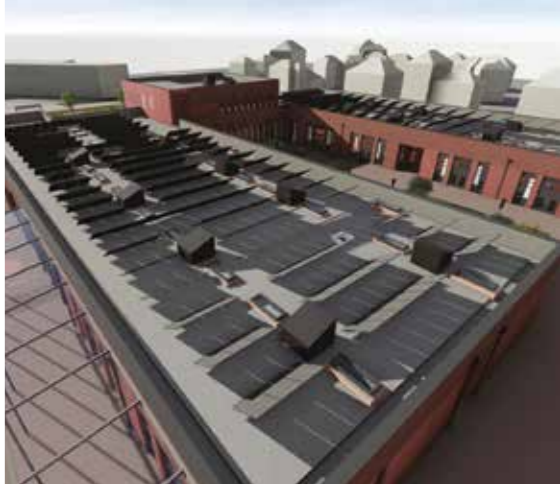
We want to involve you as parents and carers fully in your child's education. By working closely with you we can ensure that each stage of your child's journey is stimulating, positive and enriching.

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;
- An enrichment programme that includes academic, sport and music related activities;
- A wide range of local, national and international educational visits;
- Clear and precise feedback that enables every student to master key skills and build their understanding;
- 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



Our new site



Avanti Brook Primary School is part of the larger Bishop's Stortford Learning Village, a new primary provision in the north of Bishop's Stortford. The Learning Village offers parents the opportunity for their children to benefit from a comprehensive and coherent learning journey from nursery right through to GCSEs and sixth form.

The number of pupils admitted in to Reception class at Avanti Brook will be 60 and the number of pupils admitted at 11 years of age (Year 7) to the secondary phase of the Learning Village will be 180.

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

Pupils' behaviour is outstanding in class and around the school and they say they feel completely safe.

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It is very important that we give children the very best opportunities to be the very best they can, so that when they leave education in many years from now, they have every possible chance of doing what they aspire to do.

Avanti Primary School Teacher

Thank you so much for allowing me to look around your wonderful school. I was most impressed by how engaged the pupils were in their studies. The school has a lovely atmosphere.

Lord Nash, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Schools

Tour of the school



Classrooms ▼

Spacious classrooms, with state of the art IT equipment. Each room has abundant facilities for pupils to access independently to aid their learning. Dedicated SRP classroom with facilities.



Sports hall ▼

Equipped with the latest brand new sports equipment, this is an action packed space with room to develop strength, team work and sporting skills.



Reception ▲

Avanti Brook is located in the heart of the community, with a modern design. In Reception a member of staff is always ready and willing to help and serve our community.



Specialist Resource Provision ◀

A dedicated space for those students with SLCN and Autism who need a safe space where their needs can be met to access the learning in a mainstream setting.



Dining area ▲

A dedicated area for pupils to enjoy nutritionally balanced and delicious vegetarian meals, to ensure the young minds stay nourished.

Studio ▶

The stage to regularly hold assemblies, performances of all kinds, yoga and dance!



The Avanti approach to Learning and Teaching

Learning and teaching in all Avanti Schools is underpinned by the Avanti Teacher Toolkit. Our teachers and teaching assistants are guided by the 12 Avanti Habits, rooted in cognitive science and evidence-informed practice. All our teachers are continuously developing their practice through exceptional professional development from the Avanti Institute, ensuring that our pupils benefit from the highest quality teaching in every lesson.

12 elements of great learning and teaching in Avanti Trust Schools

Through a planned programme of training and development supported by The Avanti Institute, we ensure that all Avanti Trust Schools have a highly developed sense of what constitutes great teaching. We 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 ensure that all our teachers:

1. Build positive relationships with pupils and each other
2. Begin and end lessons calmly with familiar routines
3. Use intentional seating and classroom set up
4. Create a flourishing learning environment by managing behaviour effectively
5. Have clear and ambitious learning intentions for all pupils
6. Are always context considerate and adapt practice appropriately
7. Activate daily review of prior learning
8. Present new material in small steps
9. Provide modelling and scaffolding
10. Give opportunities for guided and independent practice
11. Ask effective questions and check for pupil understanding
12. Review learning regularly before moving on to new content



“Plan activities that will enable students to demonstrate understanding and master skills.”

Curriculum

Early Years Foundation Stage

At Avanti Brook School, we want our students' first experiences of education to be enjoyable and engaging. We expect all members of the school community to work collaboratively, with high aspirations and expectations of everyone, consistent with our ethos.

By the end of the Foundation Stage (Reception Class), we aim for all our children to have developed positive attitudes to school supported by positive relationships with adults, strong friendships, meaningful learning activities set in an engaging, calm environment and strong links between school and parents/carers. We also expect them to have a firm understanding of phonics, and will offer additional directed support to those with need.

Children will be offered a broad, balanced Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. This allows plenty of opportunities to learn through play in a wide variety of contexts and focuses on: communication and language; physical development; personal, social and emotional development; literacy; mathematics; understanding the world; and expressive arts and design. Teaching will encourage all children to ask questions and talk about their play and learning.

Key Stage 1 and 2 (Age 5-11)

Avanti Brook School offers a unique curriculum, which is developing at pace. We currently teach all the subjects in the National Curriculum i.e: English, Maths, Science, Computing, Design & Technology, History, Geography, Music, Art, Personal, Social Health Education (PSHE) and Citizenship, Physical Education and Spanish.

We pride ourselves on our unique offer of Philosophy, Religion and Ethics. We also have a number of visiting specialists who support learning and the development of innovative practice in ICT, Expressive Arts, PE and Yoga.

We encourage our children to experience learning outside of the classroom setting and often extend their learning opportunities by taking the children out on extra-curricular visits to different places of interest, in order to reinforce their learning and encourage further engagement in particular topics, themes or subject knowledge.



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 Govinda's (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.



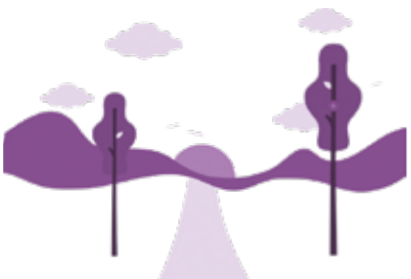


Life at Avanti



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

Staff and upper KS2 students will have an opportunity to go to annual off-site retreats. These are fantastic retreats allowing individuals to nurture and develop more friendships, engage in fulfilling activities whilst going out of their comfort zone, improve overall 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 Community

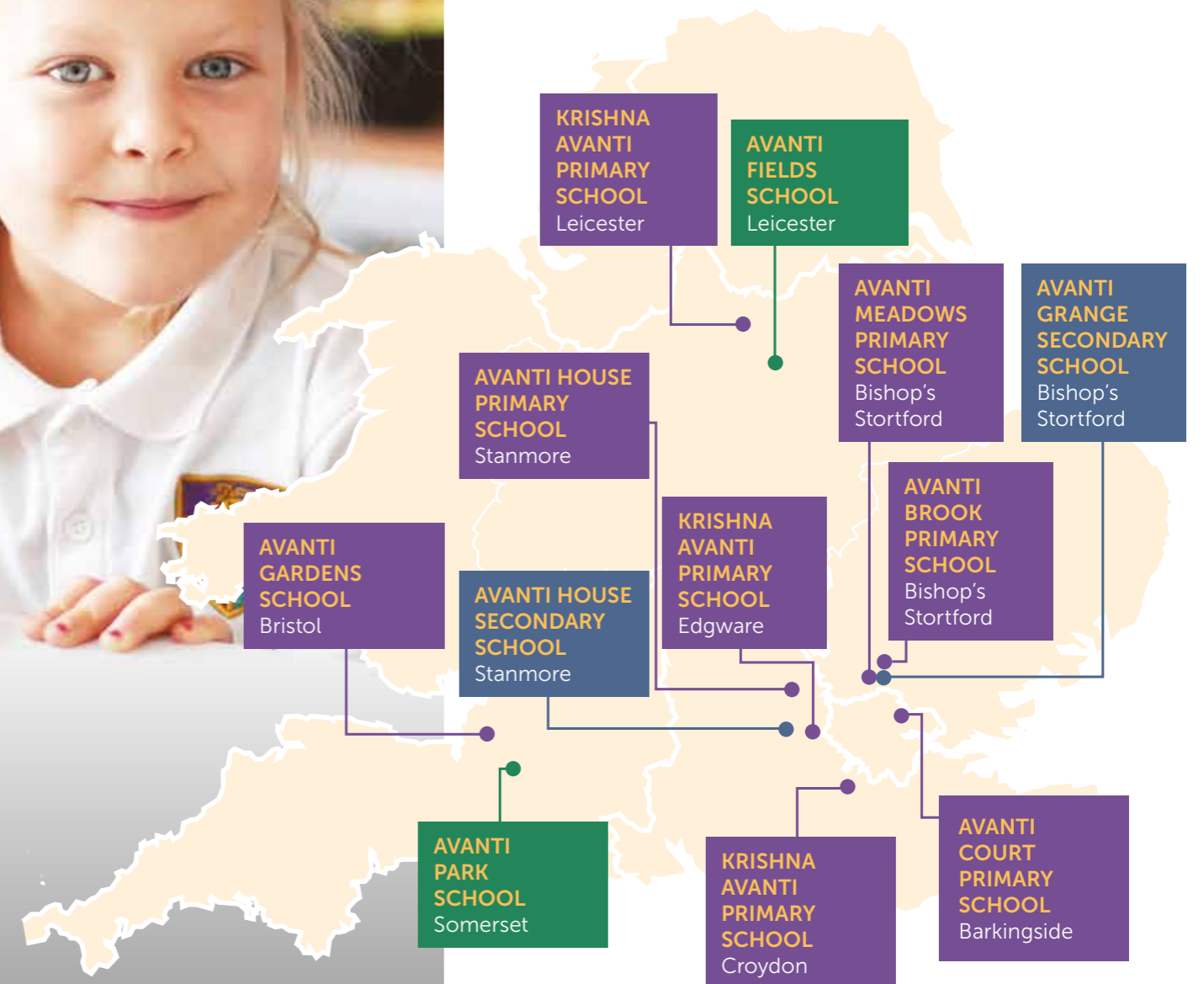
Avanti hosts regular events for parents and the wider community. This is a series of events focused around wellbeing and development for parents in their personal and family lives.



Avanti Schools Trust

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 over 5000 students and 600 members of staff across our family of 12 schools.

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 our schools and the Avanti Schools Trust



"We have been with the school for four years now and are very happy. Our daughter is thriving, she has had the most wonderful teachers and built strong friendship groups, we have also developed a wide network of friends through the parent community. The grounds are simply beautiful and my daughter loves the extra curricular yoga class. Avanti Schools remains my first choice of school in the area and I'm looking forward to my son joining next year."

Parent
of child in Year 4

"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."

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Ofsted

"My son really enjoys going to Avanti Schools. He enjoys all the interactive learning and loves playing ball games in the sunken lawn after lunch. The staff are fabulous and very enthusiastic. They really try to meet individual needs of the children. The school has beautiful building and grounds. It's wonderful to see the children get to use them all."

Parent
of child in Year 2

"We are so pleased with Avanti Schools. Our son was given such a warm welcome and settled in immediately. He thoroughly enjoys his lessons, and the beautiful grounds and historic buildings really inspire the children's imaginative play. The curriculum is broad and the lessons really engage his creativity and curiosity. Best of all, the teachers are kind, enthusiastic, and extremely supportive of the children's learning and all-round development."

Parent
of child in Year 3

"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



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A photograph of the Avanti Brook Primary School building, a two-story brick structure with orange accents. The school's name and crest are visible on the facade.

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Admissions

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY

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

APPLY VIA THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNCIL ADMISSIONS WEBSITE

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/actweb/education/admissions/startpage.cfm>

A Journey of Self-Discovery

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 is happening within our family of schools. Also available in print.



www.avanti.life

SCHOOL LIFE IN DETAIL

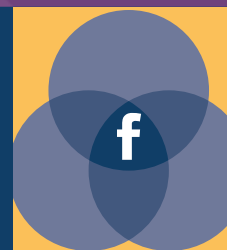
The school website offers up-to-date information on key aspects of school life, from ethos to admissions; school lunches to job opportunities.



www.avanti.org.uk/avantibrook

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.



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