



AVANTI FIELDS
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Avanti Fields School, Leicester



Welcome to Avanti Fields School, Leicester. (AFS)

On behalf of the students, staff and School Stakeholder Committee, I warmly welcome you to Avanti Fields School. Our ethos is built around three key principles of Educational Excellence, Spiritual Insight and Character Formation.

Every educational establishment should strive for excellence. Every student should be given every opportunity to be challenged and achieve well,

attaining excellent results in all academic subjects, equipping them with the necessary skills for the next stage of their life and learning.

I believe that every person is capable of great things, given the opportunity. We all have our different strengths and Avanti Fields School will strive to give everybody the opportunity to shine - whilst congratulating, supporting and celebrating the successes of others. We do this with a personalised approach to education, ensuring that each student develops a sense of worth, grows in confidence, and reaches their full potential in all aspects of their lives.

As Principal of Avanti Fields School, I will be working hard and leading the team to ensure that we find out what your child enjoys; what your child needs help with; and with the positive collaboration of parents through positive dialogue, help all students, your children, to be the very best they can be.

As always, working together for your children.

Vanessa Bardsley
Principal



Our vision

At Avanti Fields we strive to enable students to understand and develop into the best version of themselves, undertaking a journey of self discovery in order to fulfil their intellectual, physical, emotional and spiritual potential.

To achieve this we will:

- Inspire and engender a love of learning, promote independent thought, encouraging students to take calculated risks and think creatively
- Provide students with the tools and guidance to succeed, flourish and maximise their potential
- Model behaviour and values that create an environment where students feel safe and secure, knowing that they are part of a community and where relationships are forged on understanding, dialogue and mutual respect
- Provide the climate, opportunities and support to develop a spiritual insight and to explore their understanding personal relationship with the divine
- Support and inspire all staff to strive towards and achieve excellence.

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 change makers 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.

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KRISHNA AVANTI
PRIMARY SCHOOL



AVANTI FIELDS
SCHOOL

10 minutes

Your Child's Journey

EYFS

EYFS

Key Stage
1 & 2

Key Stage
1 & 2



Key Stage
3 & 4

Key Stage
3 & 4

TRANSFER TO
AVANTI FIELDS



AVANTI FIELDS
SCHOOL

Our family of Avanti schools in Leicester work collaboratively to ensure the smoothest transition from Primary to Secondary.

Both **Avanti Fields School** (Primary phase) and **Krishna Avanti Primary School** are feeders to the Avanti Fields School (Secondary phase) and you are welcome to apply to both.

Head of Primary, Anita Thakore

Welcome to Avanti Fields School. Our growing school caters for children from Nursery to Year 11. In the Primary sector, we focus on growing key skills and knowledge to allow all of our children to strive for and achieve the Avanti Trust three-fold path; Educational Excellence, Character Formation, and Spiritual Insight. These three elements are based on a holistic approach to learning and will continue to be a focus throughout their educational journey at Avanti Fields.



As the Head of Primary, I am very excited to welcome children into our Primary phase which continues to have the well-established family ethos of Avanti Trust. I endeavour to work with all of the team to ensure every child reaches their full potential and receives the benefits of growing in our distinctive all-through school.

I value the importance of community and parental engagement. As part of Avanti's Way, we will work closely with the community and families to ensure all our children receive a balanced, well-rounded curriculum whereby every child develops a sense of worth, confidence, and strives for high aspirations.

It is a very exciting time for all of us as we see the school develop into an all-through school. I hope that you will take this opportunity to discover more about Avanti's ethos and we look forward to working with you to provide the best education for your child.

Ms Anita Thakore
Head of Primary

Head of Secondary, Nisha Kholia

It is my privilege to warmly welcome you to Avanti Fields School as the Head of Secondary.



At Avanti Fields we strive to enable students to understand and develop into the best version of themselves, undertaking a journey of self-discovery in order to fulfil their intellectual, physical, emotional and spiritual potential.

Our vision is built from the Avanti three pillars of educational excellence, character formation and spiritual insight and the Avanti values of respect, self-discipline, courage, integrity, empathy, and gratitude.

To achieve this, we:

- Engender a love of learning, promote independent thought, and inspire students to take calculated risks and think creatively.
- Provide students with the tools and guidance to succeed, flourish and maximise their potential
- Create an environment where students feel safe and secure, community and where relationships are forged on understanding, dialogue, and mutual respect.
- Provide an ambitious curriculum that is broad, balanced, and holistic preparing our students for life beyond school.
- Provide the climate, opportunities, and support to develop spiritual insight and to explore their personal relationship with the divine.
- Support and inspire all staff to strive towards and achieve excellence.

I am passionate in providing our students with the best provision possible and supporting our students on their journey of growth and development ensuring the highest standard of education is an entitlement for all students.

Mrs Nisha Kholia
Head of Secondary

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 school

The school is a place of learning for students from nursery all the way through to GCSE. As an all-through School, Avanti Fields has been designed to create a cohesive sense of one school whilst providing appropriate and bespoke facilities for each phase.

The school building provide(s) specialist teaching spaces, outdoor learning facilities, sports pitches and a sports hall that enhance(s) the curriculum and learning for all students.



Learning and teaching

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

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 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. 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



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

Curriculum

Early Years Foundation Stage

Avanti Fields School is a safe, secure, and friendly learning environment, which aims to meet the needs of all its pupils. Encouraging and challenging children to become confident learners.

The phase of education for children aged Birth to 5 years is known as the Early Years Foundation Stage. At Avanti Fields, children embark on this journey as early as 3 in the Nursery, and then moving on to Reception at the age of 4 and 5 years.

Avanti Fields EYFS offers every child a broad and balanced curriculum which supports children to develop in all domains of learning. Children will learn through play-based experiences as well as adult focussed tasks. They will get opportunities to explore their learning in different contexts and will learn through both indoor and outdoor environment to explore media and scales. The curriculum will be taught through exciting topics and books to develop that love and curiosity for learning.

Our curriculum for EYFS is based on the statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage 2021. We use Development Matters in the Early Years Foundation Stage; non-statutory guidance material which supports the implementation of the statutory requirements of the EYFS in both our Nursery and Reception classes. At the end of the Reception year, each child will be assessed against the 17 Early Learning Goals (ELGs), each one linked to one of the seven areas of learning highlighted in the EYFS curriculum.

Children will also participate in regular Yoga, Sanskrit and PRE lessons to support with the Avanti Way to education ensuring all children grow into well-rounded human beings.





Primary curriculum

Key Stage 1 and 2 (Year 1 to Year 6)

Throughout their primary years, pupils will continue to develop a love of reading, through an effective balance of synthetic phonics, drama, guided reading and storytelling. We know that pupils who can communicate orally and in writing, and who understand the value and pleasure of reading, are more likely to have happy, fulfilling academic and personal lives; with these skills, pupils will access a broad and balanced curriculum that includes:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Arts (Music, Art and Drama)
- Computing
- Physical Education (PE)
- History
- Geography
- Yoga and Meditation
- Sanskrit
- Spanish
- PSHE (Personal Social Health and Economic education)
- Philosophy Religion and Ethics (PRE)

At Avanti Fields School we aim to enrich the curriculum with memorable learning experiences, including educational visits and outdoor learning opportunities. Pupils are largely taught together in their class but will be supported by focused interventions, where needed.

By the end of Key Stage 2, we aim for all our pupils to have the confidence and increasing maturity to deal with changes in school and at home. Our pastoral approach will encourage all pupils to reflect on their own faith or belief system, to explore their spirituality and enter the secondary phase of education with a reflective, critical thinking and compassionate mind.



Secondary curriculum

All students 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.

For the first three years (7, 8 and 9) students follow a broad and challenging academic curriculum. This includes the following subjects

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Geography
- History
- PRE
- PE and Yoga
- A modern foreign language (Spanish)
- Drama
- PSHE
- Computer Science
- Design & Technology
- Art
- Music

However, we believe that building firm foundations in English and Mathematics enable students 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 students master their literacy and numeracy skills and are therefore able to choose and succeed in the very best GCSE subjects at Key Stage 4 (Year's 10 and 11).

As students move into Key Stage 4, they will take options in regards to the subjects they would like to pursue and this typically leads to students studying ten GCSEs.





Personal development

Enrichment

Enrichment is a key part of students' learning and personal development at Avanti Fields 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, extra-curricular and super curricular activities.

The Avanti Field 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.

Student leadership

There are many opportunities for our students to develop their leadership skills at Avanti Fields School, both within curriculum areas and our extra-curricular provision. We aim to provide opportunities for our students to develop leadership skills by succeeding together as a community through a shared vision and our ethos, using student voice to make our school the best it can be. Student leadership is continually evolving as students take on more leadership roles and is ever expanding. Examples of student leadership roles include:

- Student council
- Prefects
- Friendly faces
- Subject Leaders

Careers

Our careers programme is aspirational in both its design and its holistic approach, which ensures all students are supported to develop, embody and put into practice the essential workplace qualities and skills, as defined by the 'Avanti Fields qualities wheel' and learner descriptors. It is through this strategic academic, experience and holistic approach that we aim to support all our students 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:

Primary

<https://avanti.org.uk/avantifields/school-lives/primary-uniform/>

Secondary

<https://avanti.org.uk/avantifields/school-lives/uniform/>



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 school) 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 diet 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 Quest! 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 Nights

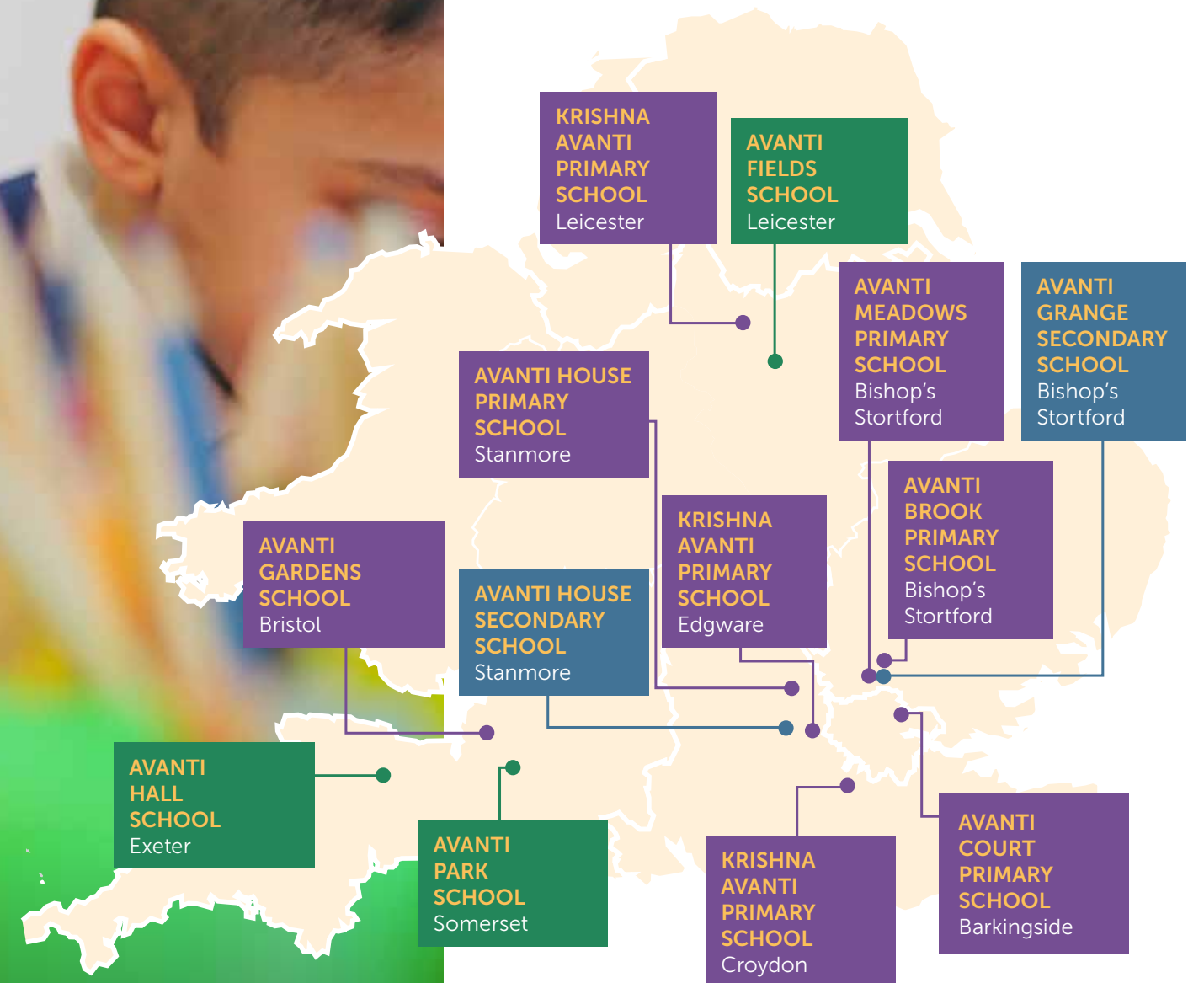
Avanti hosts regular events called "Avanti Nights" for parents and the wider community. This is a series of events focused around wellbeing and development for parents in their personal and family lives.



Avanti Schools 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 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 from parents, guests and students

"We are very happy with the way our eldest daughter has settled into the school in a very safe and friendly environment that is focused on learning. The transfer from primary to secondary was very smooth and has allowed her to flourish in her education and in her confidence as a young person. The school offers a great variety of opportunities and extracurricular activities for the pupils to take part in and our daughter has thoroughly enjoyed taking part in these. We have had no hesitation in sending our younger daughter to the school and would wholeheartedly recommend Avanti Fields to any other parents."

Parent Avanti Fields School

"His time at Avanti Fields has been one of comfort, happiness and full of knowledge. Any school can provide a good education but I believe as well as providing a good education, Avanti Fields also allows the child to grow into an all rounded good human being through their ethos and values they instil in them."

Parent Avanti Fields School

"Being at Avanti makes work so enjoyable and a place that I look forward to going to work everyday. The environment is perfect not only for academics but for spiritual insight."

Teacher at Avanti

"Parents and students have high regard for the school. One parent stated that he 'couldn't have asked for anything better...children are settled...relationships are fantastic.'"

DfE Report
March 2019

"In a philosophy lesson, pupils were encouraged to engage in discussion of pertinent issues such as the ethical treatment of animals."

DfE Report
December 2019

"Avanti Fields 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 Fields School

"The teachers in Avanti Fields 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 Fields School

"Avanti Fields is a school like no other; it is a unique school with so many amazing qualities. The teachers are ever so supportive and it is great to know that they are always here for us no matter what. I am also a Friendly Faces Ambassador, which is an exciting opportunity to support and welcome our new Y7s to the school. I am so happy that Avanti Fields provides students with incredible opportunities like these."

Student
Avanti Fields School

"The school's ethos and collective worship are just some of the things that make Avanti Fields stand out from other schools. Avanti Fields school ethos disciplines us and helps us to build our character so we can learn and become better people - not only at school but also at home. Collective worship unites the whole school, encouraging us to feel like many individuals part of one big family."

Student Avanti Fields School



Admissions

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY

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

APPLY VIA THE CITY OF LEICESTER ADMISSIONS WEBSITE

<https://www.leicester.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-and-colleges/school-admissions/starting-secondary-school>

NURSERY

<https://avanti.org.uk/avantifields/nursery-admissions/>

PRIMARY

<https://avanti.org.uk/avantifields/primary-admissions/>

SECONDARY

<https://avanti.org.uk/avantifields/secondary-admissions/>

“Relationships between staff and students are exceptionally strong and students appreciate the fact that staff ‘go the extra mile’.”

DfE Report March 2019

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

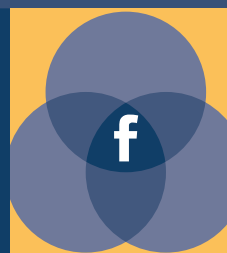
The school website offers up-to-date information on key aspects of school life, from ethos to admissions; school lunches to job opportunities.



www.avanti.org.uk/avantifields

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/avantifields

TWITTER

At Avanti Fields School we use Twitter to keep everyone updated about the amazing work our teachers and pupils are doing.



[@avantifields](https://twitter.com/avantifields)

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