



Avanti Insight

Official Newsletter for Avanti Grange Secondary School

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A Message from the Principal

We have reached the halfway point of our first half term at Avanti Grange and what an incredible time it has been. We have been so impressed with how our new students have adapted to life in secondary school. They really are a credit to you all and we feel very fortunate to have them as part of the Avanti Family.

Below is a photo of our CEO Nitesh Gor meeting Her Majesty The Queen and Prince Philip during their Diamond Jubilee tour. Mr. Gor was recently interviewed during Schools Week about his time



with the late Queen. He said 'What I was most impressed by during those precious hours of her visit was how instantly approachable and genuinely caring she was to all, regardless of age, role or anything else. That's a rare human quality. I'm left feeling that meeting the monarch was quite awe-inspiring, but more than anything, I will hold on to the memory of experiencing a truly exemplary character.'



We are currently investigating ways in which we create a permanent memorial of the Queen at our permanent site. Ideas which are being discussed include those suggested by students such as planting a tree or creating a sensory garden.

Thank you to everyone that attended our recent 'Cheese and Wine' evening, it was great to see the Avanti Family coming together to celebrate all the successes of the first few weeks. It has been a hectic but highly rewarding first three weeks of term with a huge amount achieved in a very short period of time.

Our BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) strategy is up and running adding to the depth and quality of learning. Our co-curricular programme has started and the numbers attending have been far greater than we could ever have imagined.

On Wednesday we hold our Open Evening for next September, so far over 1400 people have reserved a place. The reputation of our school and community continues to grow.



Curriculum, Teaching & Learning

At Avanti Grange we are committed to the very best teaching in every subject and every classroom. To ensure this happens a rigorous and challenging curriculum has been designed in all subjects that stretches every student to be the best that they can be.

Our teachers carry out regular and robust assessments that inform them about student's progress, allowing specific support and interventions to be put in place.

Our co-curricular programme that includes academic, sport and music related activities, is designed to complement the classroom-based curriculum to further develop students' sense of wonder and curiosity.

In the coming weeks parents and students will be informed of the wide range of local and national educational visits being planned to further bring learning in the classroom to life.



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Staff Insight – Subject Lead Maths: Miss. Daniella Goldman

Why did you get into teaching?

My secondary school teacher Mrs Ruthven inspired me to become a teacher. The enthusiasm, passion and excitement she shared for her subject are something I hope to bring to my classroom every day.

What would you have done if you had not become a teacher?

If I had not become a teacher, I would love to have studied to become a marine biologist. I have a real interest in all things sharks, so marine biology is something that I would have found extremely interesting.

What are your favourite hobbies?

My favourite hobbies include shopping (specifically in Zara) and eating out (I love food).



What was the last book you read?

'The Flat Share' by Beth O'Leary

F.R.I.E.N.D.S

How would friends describe you?

My friends would describe me as compassionate, empathetic (shout out to Empathy House!) and curious. I always strive to make sure everyone around me is ok and I am a person who loves to learn and share new ideas.

What attracted you to Avanti Grange?

Avanti Grange is not just a school it is a family. A family where every child is supported and developed into a well-rounded individual. This together with the three pillars (educational excellence, character formation and spiritual insight) attracted me to Avanti Grange.

What is your proudest moment?

My proudest moment was receiving my degree from the University of Bristol, with my family and friends all there to support me.

Prep Begins

Prep is an important part of the school and fulfils several purposes, including reinforcing and consolidating learning which has taken place in the lesson, preparing student for the next learning episode and deepening understanding of the topics being taught.

Avanti Grange operates a two-week prep timetable. As a result, most subjects will set prep approximately every 3 lessons. Students can find their individual form Prep timetable on their Form MS Team.

Our New Home

The construction of our new home remains on schedule. The new school building will provide specialist teaching and learning facilities including outdoor sports pitches, a sports hall and dance studio. Here are some of the recently released images of the development



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