



AVANTI HOUSE

PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Avanti House Primary School, Stanmore



Welcome to Avanti House Primary School, Stanmore. (AHPS)

Hare Krishna!

Welcome Avanti House Primary School where everyone is welcome and included!

At Avanti House, education is about developing the whole child and providing opportunities for them to flourish within and beyond the classroom. It is the aim of the whole school team to help each child to become a successful learner and well-rounded individual who is ready to take the

next step in their journey. As perfectly described by a spiritual saint called Radhanath Swami, "If we actually want to make the world a better place and give joy and fulfilment to our children, empowering them to give the same for others, we have to build the foundation of our education on human values."

Avanti House is a very happy school where the behaviour and attitudes to learning by all pupils are exceptional. When inspectors visited the school, they reported: "Leaders and all staff place a strong emphasis on promoting pupils' character and their personal development. These are key features of the 'Avanti Way' and the school's aims. Pupils develop a strong sense of self-belief and an understanding of respect and tolerance. We saw pupils discussing suffering in the world and what they could do to put an end to it."

Our school community is vibrant, dedicated and committed to providing exciting and enriching experiences for our pupils. We strongly believe in co-education - all staff and parents come together to secure the very best outcomes for the pupils within their care. The relentless commitment and high expectations staff hold for our pupils is truly remarkable.

We would love for you to visit and experience our unique school.

Sincerely

Lalita Joshi
School Principal



Our vision

At Avanti House primary School, 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



Tour of the school



Reception ▲

Pass through our welcoming reception where a member of staff is always ready to help and serve our community.



Music room ▼

This area supports the pupil's creative talents where they listen, perform, and learn from the masters of music.



Library ▼

Booktopia, our children's name for our library, is a space where children continue to fill up on knowledge and also immerse themselves in words and pictures.



Play area ▼

Playgrounds surrounding both the lower and upper part of the school provide our pupils with access to their own sport and leisure facilities.



Classrooms ▼

Each room boasts its own uniquely themed personality, with abundant displays of outstanding work by our very own pupils.



Sensory garden ▼

The Sensory Garden which was designed by children, provides a calm space for children to reflect, meditate, relax and if they are feeling a little energetic can tend to the vegetable plots.



Main hall ▼

The main hall has been our stage for many assemblies and works of art. It also doubles as a dedicated lunch area for pupils to enjoy nutritionally balanced and delicious vegetarian meals prepared and served with love.



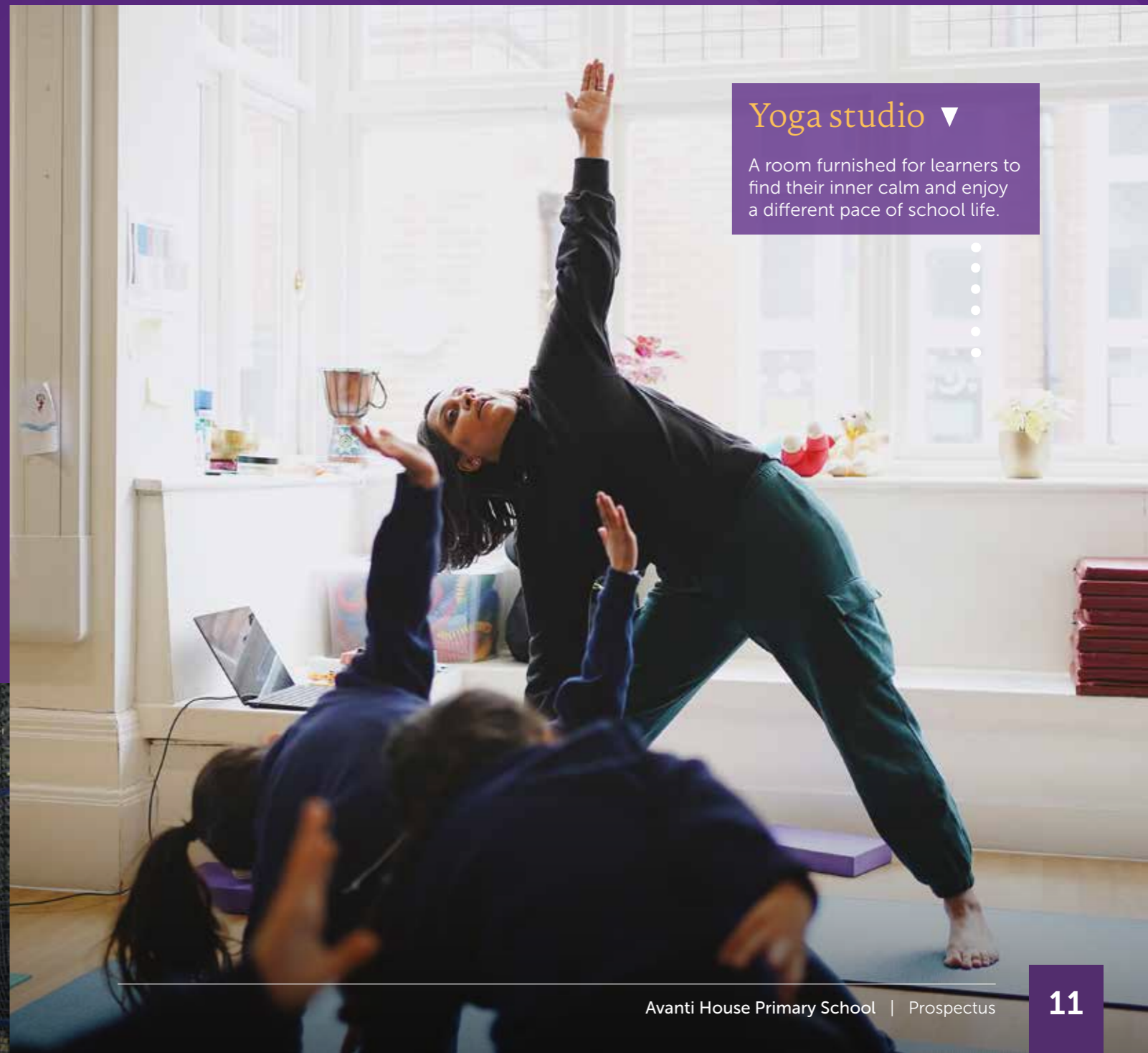
Temple ▶

The heart of the school which is home to our Deities can be found inside our main hall where all our congregated activities take place.



Yoga studio ▼

A room furnished for learners to find their inner calm and enjoy a different pace of school life.



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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Curriculum

Early Years Foundation Stage – Ofsted rating: Outstanding

At Avanti House Primary School, we want our students' to gain first hand 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, 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: personal, social and emotional development; communication, language and literacy; problem-solving, reasoning and numeracy; knowledge and understanding of the world; and physical and creative development. Teaching will encourage all children to ask questions and talk about their play and learning.

Key Stage 1 & 2

Avanti House Primary 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, Art, Personal, social, health and economic (PSHE).

We have specialist teachers in PRE, Spanish, Music, Yoga and Sanskrit.

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 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.

All children at Avanti House Primary School must have a school lunch - packed lunches are not an option. Meals can be designed to meet the needs of children with specific allergies.

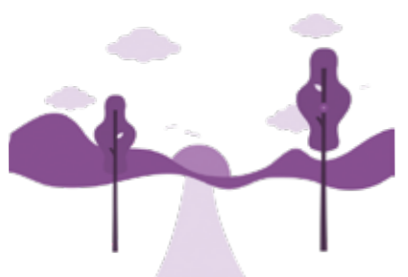


Life at Avanti



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 Nights

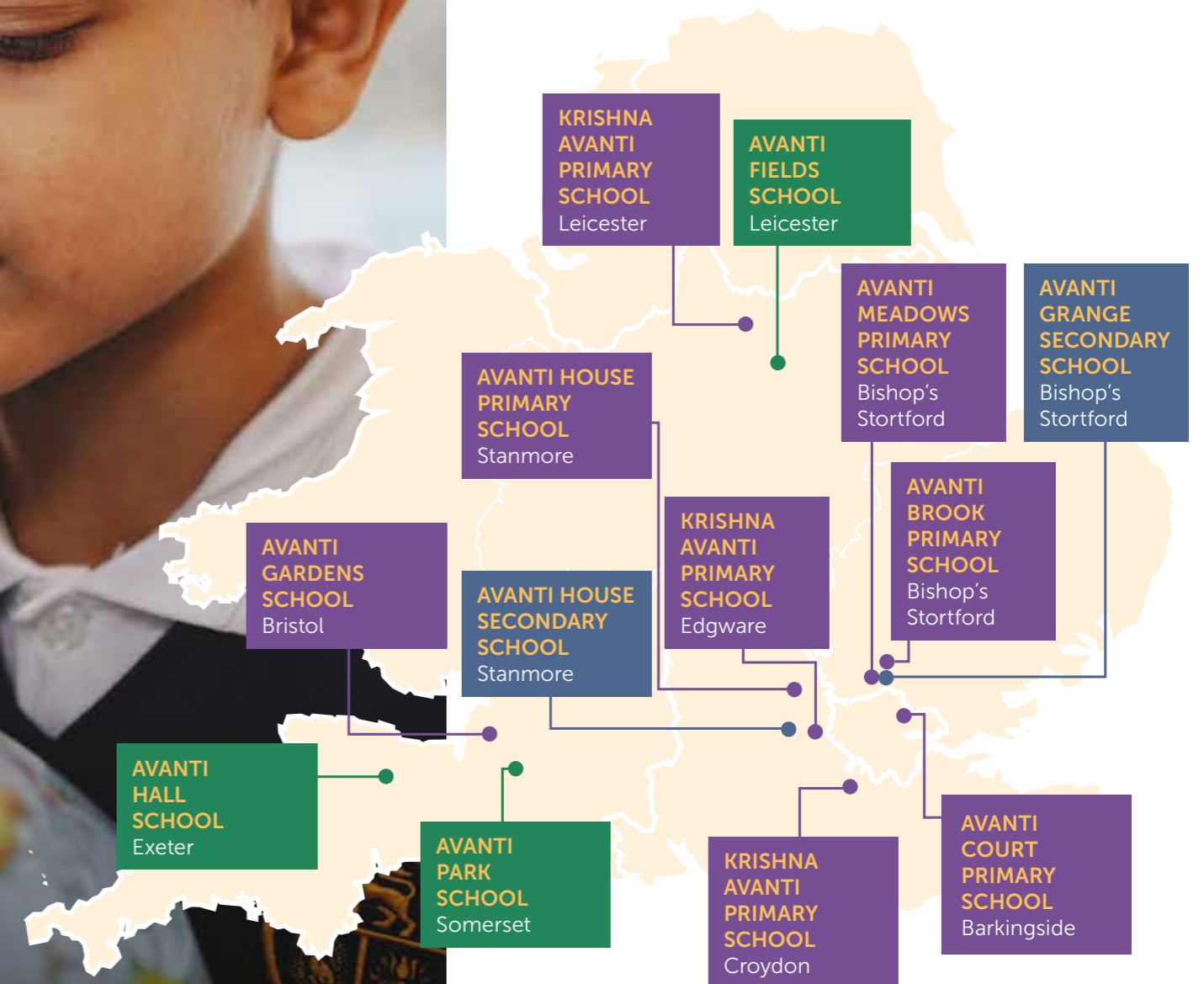
Avanti hosts regular events called "Avanti Nights" for parents and the wider community. This is a series of events focused around wellbeing and development for parents in their personal and family lives.




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 of Avanti Schools Trust



“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

“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 imagine a friendlier, more pleasant and safer place to be inspired to learn in.”

Student
Avanti School

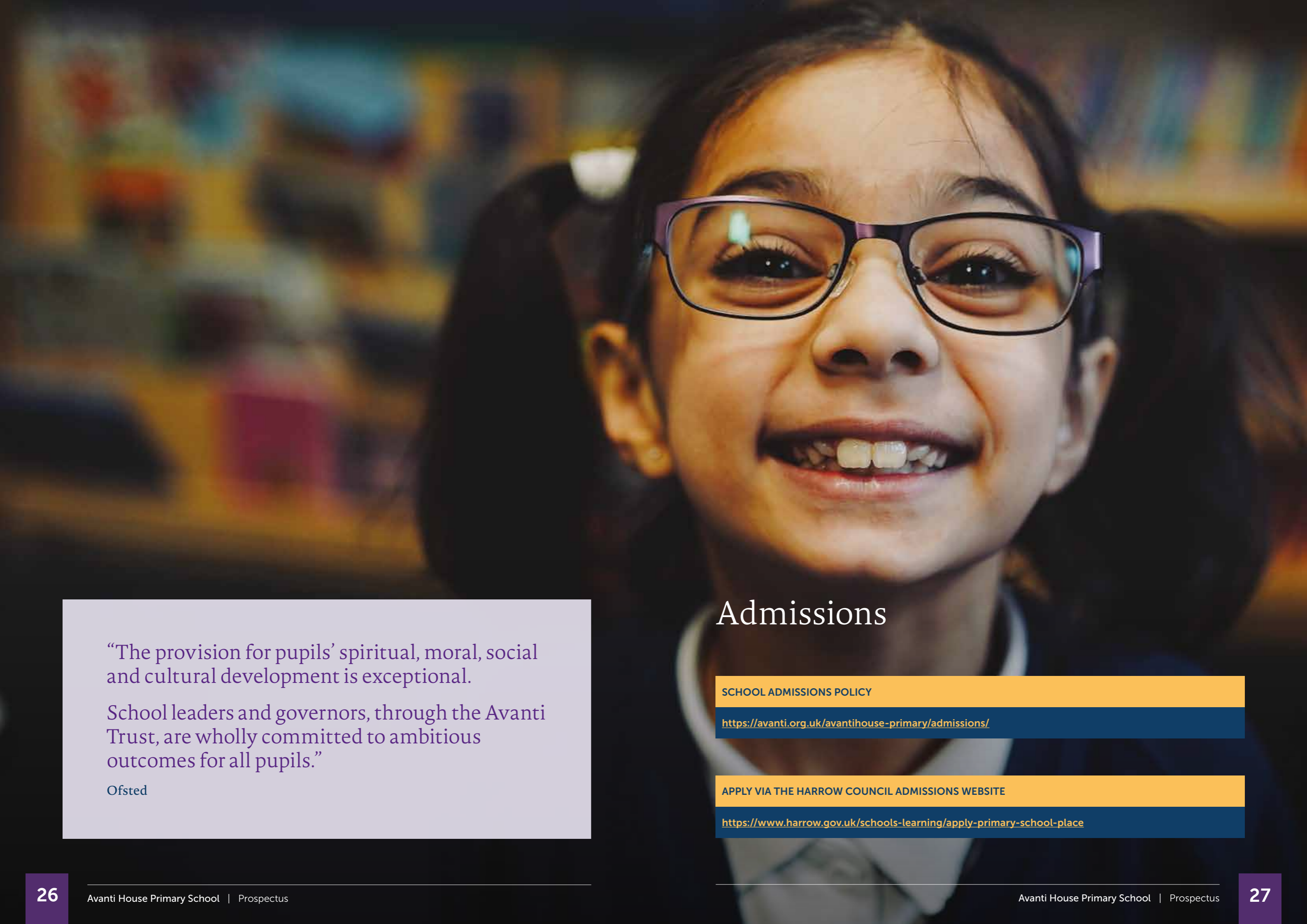
“The teachers are always there to support you. The whole school is like a family. The teachers always encourage you and set you high targets. Even during the hard times we get a lot of help and the school wouldn’t be the school it is without the teachers we have.”

Student
Avanti School



“The school’s ethos and collective worship are just some of the things that make the school stand out from other schools. Its 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
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Admissions

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY

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

APPLY VIA THE HARROW COUNCIL ADMISSIONS WEBSITE

<https://www.harrow.gov.uk/schools-learning/apply-primary-school-place>

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

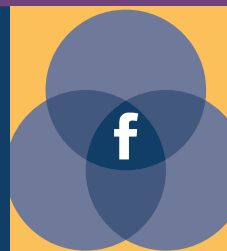
The school website offers up-to-date information on key aspects of school life, from ethos to admissions; school lunches to job opportunities.



www.avanti.org.uk/avantihouse-primary

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/avantischoolstrust

TWITTER

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



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

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