



# AVANTILIFE

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE AVANTI SCHOOLS TRUST



## Avanti Meadows Primary School

due to open in September 2021!

In 2019, Avanti Schools Trust was selected by Hertfordshire County Council to open a “Learning Village” in Bishops Stortford. The Learning Village will comprise of two primary schools and one secondary school. Avanti Meadows will be the first of the three schools to

open. With the national vaccination drive, Avanti is working with Hertfordshire County Council and the NHS to allow the school building to be used as a mass vaccination centre. More than 4,000 people have been vaccinated in the Stortford area so far.



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As we start this term, Avanti House School continues on its outstanding journey with more firsts for the school!

- Simon Arnell



The growing Sixth form has seen its first set of students successfully complete the prestigious Cambridge A Level in Hinduism. Students completed the course in November and were eagerly awaiting the outcomes this week. We are incredibly proud to announce that 100% of students gained A/A\* with two students gaining the very top awards. We are also in the fortunate position to announce our first students to receive offers to study at Oxford & Cambridge Universities.

They have gained places to study Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) and Theology. This first cohort of successful students will blaze a path for future Avanti Sixth formers and to create a link that will benefit all students, whatever year group they are in. We value all students' next steps in education or employment but it is certainly encouraging to know that we can create the opportunity to compete with the very best scholars in the world.



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## Partnering with Charities

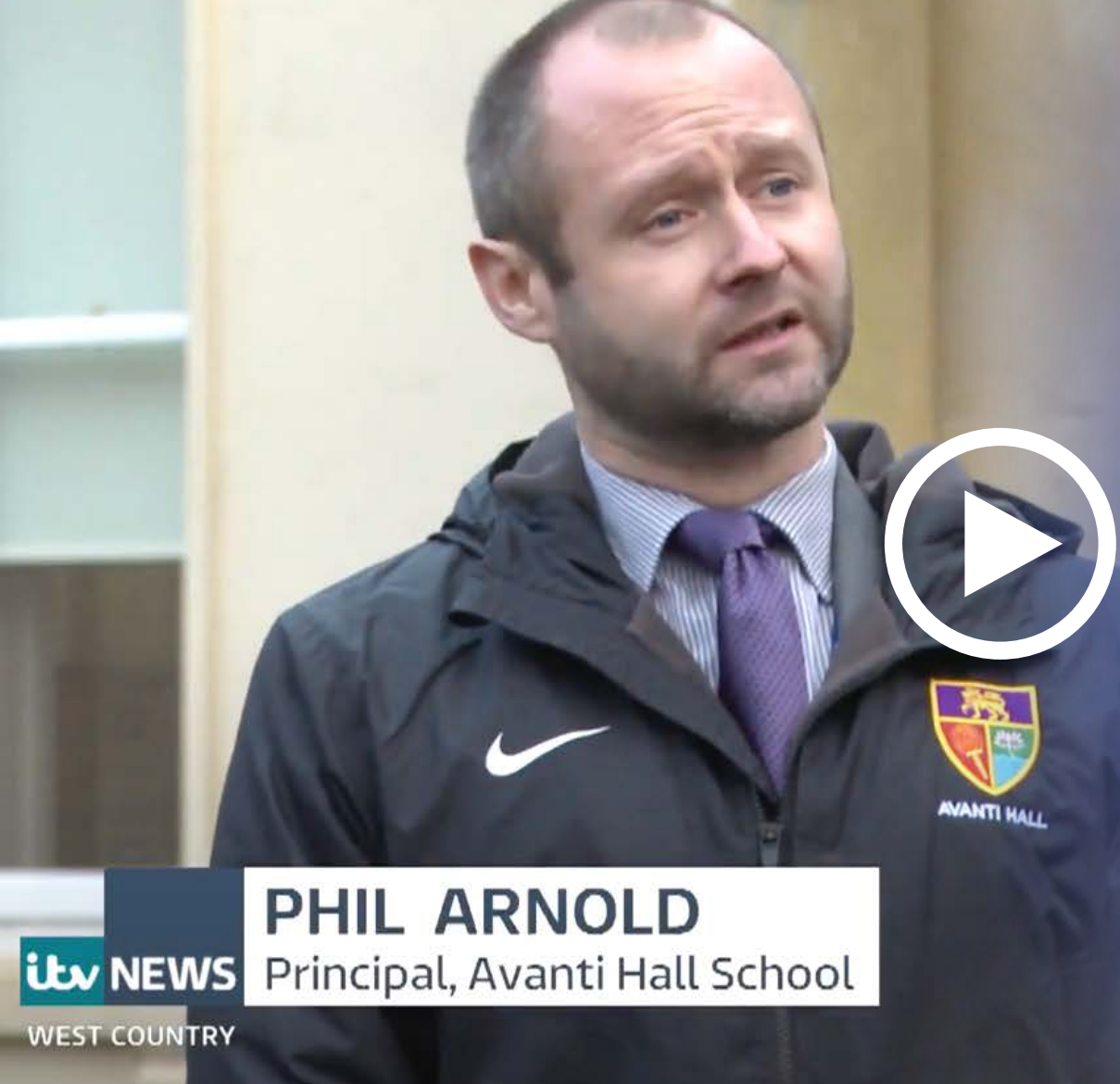


The staff at Avanti Park made a fantastic effort for 'Christmas Jumper day'. Over £150 was raised for Save the Children, a charity which improves the lives of children through better education, health care, and economic opportunities, as well as providing emergency aid in natural disasters, war, and other conflicts.

Avanti Fields have formed positive partnerships with a number of local charities, which have been even more important during these difficult times. Their successful grant application to the Asda Foundation (£980) allowed them to provide learning materials for many students to use at home whilst learning

remotely! Asda have also generously donated much needed provisions that were used to support families over the Christmas holidays. In addition, Project MK, a new partner, also donated 20 fantastic Christmas hampers that have been shared across families of the school.





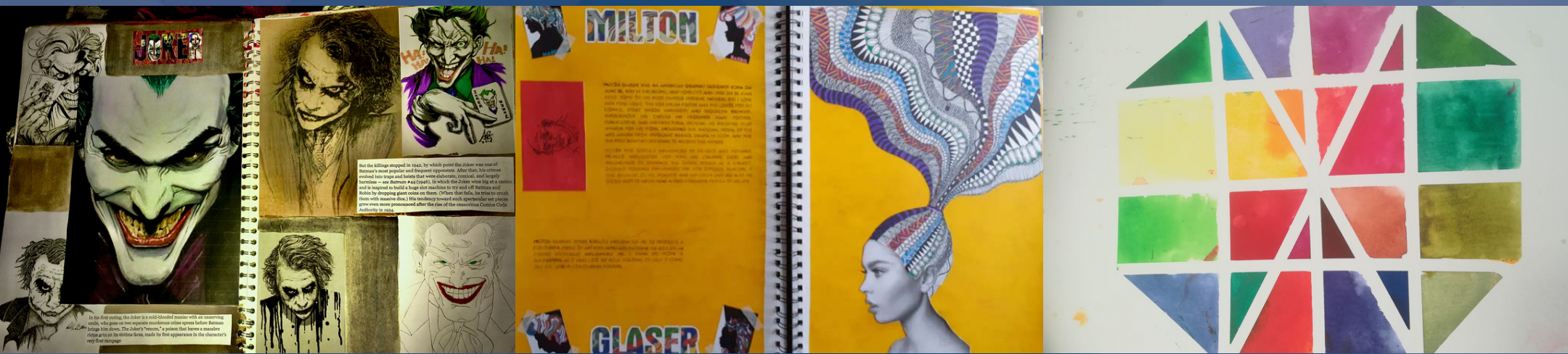
# itv visit Avanti Hall!



**PHIL ARNOLD**  
Principal, Avanti Hall School

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WEST COUNTRY

ITV Westcountry paid a visit to Avanti Hall School in order to find out how school-life had adapted during the lockdown! Principal Phil Arnold told the ITV about the changes that had been implemented in order to keep the standard of education as high as possible!



## Exceptional work by Avanti Hall pupils during the lockdown

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



Wisdom from  
The Avanti  
Way

As schools across the land temporarily switch to a new way of teaching and learning like never before, resilient and dedicated school staff are left searching for effective methods of engaging our children as they try their very best to continue their individual learning journeys from their own homes. We are in the same storm, but not in the same boat.

A vast degree of empathy needs extending to all involved. Those parents working diligently from home as they simultaneously make every endeavour to home school 1 or more children. Also, those working with limited resources and technology: whether that be hardware, knowledge or confidence. At Avanti, we have been proud of our school community and how we have made quick changes to adapt within such unprecedented times. Of course, we are on a learning journey ourselves as educators and we are also placing great importance on wellbeing for all. It's not easy but we are progressing with great determination.

When it is safe to do so, we will return with great enthusiasm and humility and aim to hit the ground running. Now more than ever, we find ourselves in a situation where the whole school community need to work closely as an effective educational team and we are certainly aiming high at every opportunity. Let 'normal life' recommence!

A message of hope from



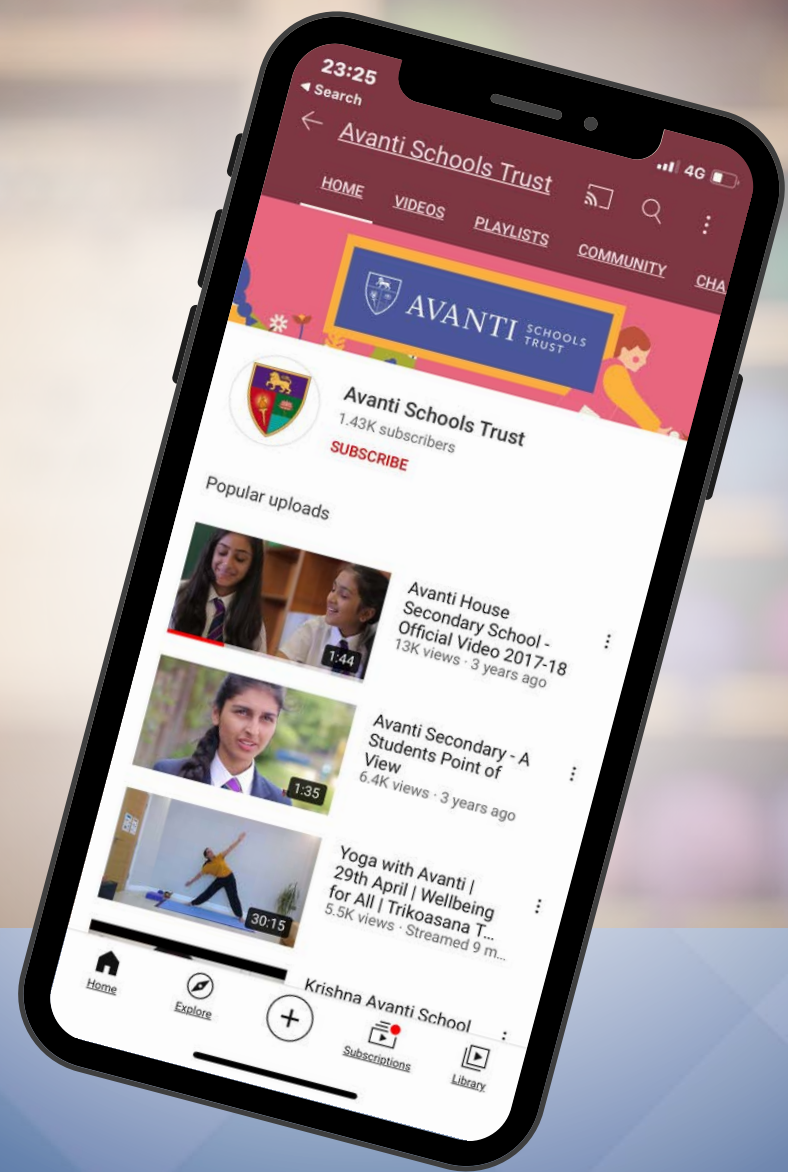
## Avanti Gardens

Taking Online Learning from your desk to your kitchen!

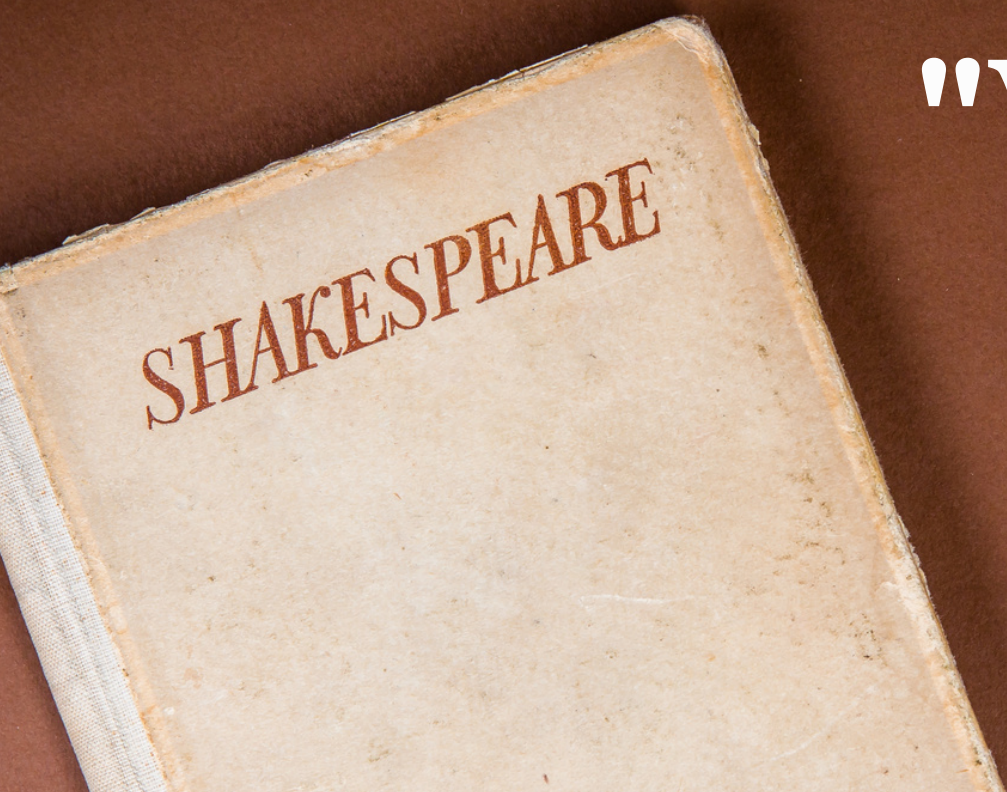
For their learning of the Gruffalo this week, Year 1 teachers at Avanti House Primary School Stanmore, delivered a creative live English lesson with close links to Art and D&T. Children moved from their desks to their kitchens to create their very own fruit monsters inspired by the work of artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo!

Teachers are making a real effort to make learning as inspiring, engaging and fun as possible whilst continuing to ensure that the National Curriculum is delivered effectively.





Visit our Youtube channel to watch our latest videos!



"What noble children these?"

Lockdown or no lockdown, nothing was going to stop Krishna Avanti Primary School, Harrow's Year 6 pupils from a dramatic enactment of Shakespeare's Macbeth!

The Young Shakespeare Company led an amazingly interactive workshop to bring Shakespeare's famous tragedy to life.

Using some language from the 17th century, background music and actions, the inventive and ingenious Year 6 children played different characters from the play with all its thrilling ingredients of murder, witchcraft and bloody battles!



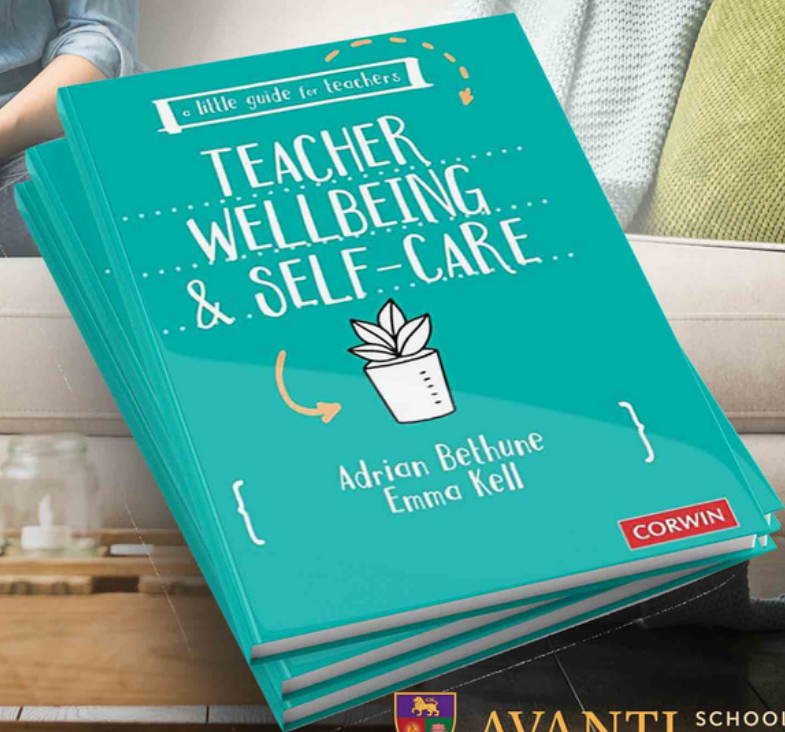
# Staff Wellbeing Webinar



with Adrian Bethune and Emma Kell the authors of *'Teacher Wellbeing & Self-Care'*

How can I manage my workload effectively and efficiently?  
How can I handle stress and take care of myself?  
How can I exercise and promote agency in my role?

These are just some of the questions that Adrian and Emma will attempt to answer during the session.



Wednesday 10th February 2021 | 4pm



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# sign up at

[bit.do/avanti-staff-wellbeing](https://bit.do/avanti-staff-wellbeing)

Avanti Schools Trust is pleased to extend an invitation to staff from other schools to join a 'Wellbeing Webinar' that will be facilitated by Emma Kell and Adrian Bethune the authors of a recently published guide book for staff working in school 'Teacher Wellbeing & Self-Care.' The webinar will focus on some tips and

ideas that school staff might adapt in their daily lives to help promote their own wellbeing and explains how and why wellbeing is essential to effective teaching. Emma and Adrian will explain the thinking that underpins the guide book and take questions on all aspects of how best to ensure wellbeing and self-care.



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