



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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15 April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to The Aylesbury Vale Academy and thank you for choosing our school for your child's secondary education. This is a school where we aim to go beyond the expected to ensure that students' life chances are enhanced. We are proud of our non-selective, fully inclusive status and believe that children and young people, regardless of their background, ability or circumstances can thrive and succeed here. That is why we place **respect**, **aspiration** and **resilience** at the heart of everything we do.

We are very excited about welcoming your child to our school and have several events lined up to help them make an excellent start to Year 7 life in September.

We are holding two **Transition Days** and one **Transition Evening in July**. The Transition Days are a great opportunity for your child to visit AVA for two whole days before starting in September. These dates are agreed by all primary and secondary schools in Buckinghamshire. Your child will attend lessons and assemblies along with a range of other activities. They will meet staff and other students in their tutor group as well as familiarise themselves with a much bigger building. The Transition Evening gives parents an opportunity to meet their Achievement Director for Year 7 and some of the key staff working with Year 7.

Our special educational needs team will be in touch with some families if we and your child's current school staff feel that your child may benefit from a transition day with fewer people.

Our hugely successful **Summer School** will run again this year between 29th July and 2nd August. This is entirely free for all our Year 7 starters and includes lunch every day and a theme park trip as well as sports, drama, and a small number of fun lessons.

AVA'bury Festival is set to take place in June, right here on the school site. The event promises a variety of musical performances and family-friendly stalls. As a special welcome gesture, we're offering every new Year 7 starter a complimentary ticket. Join us for a day filled with music and enjoyment!

We will contact all parents soon regarding arrangements for the events above including what to bring on the **Transition Days**, how to sign up for the **Summer School** and how to secure tickets for our **AVA'bury Festival**.

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Take some time to discuss your child's concerns about starting secondary school. Explore our website together to get acquainted with the school's appearance and learn more about the curriculum they'll be following. This will help both of you feel more at ease and informed.

Secondary website: <https://www.theacademy.me/secondary>

Curriculum: <https://www.theacademy.me/curriculum>

Senior staff members may visit your child's current primary school if multiple students from that school are transitioning to AVA. This provides an opportunity for us to address any questions the students may have in a setting they are familiar with.

Admission and consent forms

Please take a moment to fill out the online Admission and Consent forms on our portal. Login details for the portal will be sent to you shortly. Your timely completion of these forms, preferably **by Sunday, 16th June**, is greatly appreciated to ensure we have essential and up to date information before your child joins us in September.

If you need to contact us regarding your child's start at AVA, please do not hesitate to email us on: admissions@theacademy.me

Yours sincerely,

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