

11 May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6 into 7 Transition

Thank you for choosing The Aylesbury Vale Academy for your child's secondary education.

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

We are holding two **Transition Days** on Tuesday 4 July and Wednesday 5 July. This is an 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 on these days 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.

Our special educational needs team will be in touch with some families if we and your school's current staff feel that your child may benefit from a transition day with fewer people before 4 and 5 July.

On 4 July, we would also like to welcome parents to our **Transition Evening**, 1700-1900. This gives parents an opportunity to meet their Achievement Director for Year 7 and some of the key staff working with Year 7. We would be grateful if you could complete the form to confirm your attendance at the evening: [TRANSITION EVENING REGISTRATION](#)

Saturday June 24 is the very first **AVA'bury Festival** being held on the school site. It will involve a range of musical events and stalls for families to enjoy. Tickets are £2 but we would like to offer every new Year 7 starter a free ticket for the event and would love to see you all.

Our hugely successful **Summer School** will run from Monday 24 July to Friday 28 July for all new Year 7 starters. This is entirely free for all students and includes lunch every day and a theme park trip as well as sports, drama, and a small number of fun lessons.

Senior staff may visit your child's primary school if several students from that school are planning on moving up to AVA. This gives us an opportunity to answer all students' questions in an environment they are familiar with.

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Your child might be feeling apprehensive about starting secondary school, please spend some time together discussing what secondary school might be like. Use our website to familiarise yourselves with what the school looks like and get to know the curriculum they will be following:

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

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

Stay up to date with what is happening in the school by looking at our weekly Parent Bulletin: <https://www.theacademy.me/bulletin-secondary>

BBC Bitesize also have a wealth of information about starting secondary school, which you can find here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/zh4wy9q/starting-secondary-school/1>

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**.

Finally, it would be greatly appreciated if the online Admission/Consent forms are completed and submitted by **Friday, 16 June 2023**.

We can't wait to meet your child. If you need to contact us regarding your child start at AVA, please do not hesitate to contact us on our admissions@theacademy.me email.

Yours sincerely,

Gavin Gibson
Academy Principal

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