



# The Avon Valley School and Performing Arts College

26 April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Year 7 Students – September 2021**

I am delighted that your child has been offered a place at The Avon Valley School for September 2021, and would like to extend a warm welcome to you as you enter into the partnership that exists between us, and our students and their families.

Between now and September, we will do our best to help your child become familiar with us, enabling them to feel part of their new school and reassuring them about their future. We aim where possible to carry out our usual programme, which starts with visiting your child in their primary school. However, if this is not possible our Primary Transition Leader, Mrs Bearpark, will complete a virtual meeting with your child's school. To help your child prepare for transition, we have developed a work booklet for you to complete with your child which is based around reflecting on the move to secondary school. The booklet has been included with this letter and we hope that you find it engages your child in starting to think ahead to the September term.

## **Transition Days – July 2021**

This year, the school had intended to run our traditional two-day transition programme. However due to the current situation, and in line with other schools in Rugby, we now intend to run a series of transition days during the week of 5-9<sup>th</sup> July. Your child will be invited to join us on one of these days. This will allow your child to familiarise themselves with the staff and the building, and also to get to know other students within their tutor group.

Despite the high levels of anxiety that some students feel on the first morning, we have found that transition time is always a positive experience and that students really enjoy having the opportunity to get to know their form tutor, make new friends and get their bearings around the school. I am confident that transition day will be a reassuring experience and will help to inspire students and raise anticipation levels for the September start.

## **Transition Evening**

As part of our transition process we usually have a transition evening when all new students and their parents join together, filling our school hall. Clearly this will not be appropriate under the current circumstances and this year the transition session for parents will take place at 2pm on the day that your child attends for their transition day. Further information will be shared nearer the time.

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## Transition Form

To ensure that we have all the relevant details about your child we ask that all parents/carers complete our transition form. This form can either be completed online at <https://forms.gle/AFspvKVthQyJpGBR9> or filled in and returned to the school by hand. One of the pieces of information requested is your email address and I would be grateful if the form could be completed by May 30<sup>th</sup> so that in future the school will be able to communicate with you quickly and effectively by email.

## First day of Autumn Term – Friday 3rd September 2021

For **Year 7 and Year 11** students only.

Our **current** planning for the start of term in September is that Year 7 will be able to spend their first day in school together, along with the Year 11 students, before those in other year groups return. I am sure that you will understand however that plans may change over time and we will keep you informed as decisions are made.

Once again, a very warm welcome to you all. I am sorry that at this stage we are still not able to plan future events in any more detail but please be assured that we will do everything in our power to ensure your child's time with us is happy and successful. In the meantime, if you have any queries or further questions that you would like to ask, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Bearpark, on [abearpark@avonvalleyschool.co.uk](mailto:abearpark@avonvalleyschool.co.uk)

With best wishes



Alison Davies  
Headteacher