



The Avon Valley School and Performing Arts College

May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 Students – September 2022

I am delighted that your child has been offered a place at The Avon Valley School for September 2022, 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, events will be taking place to help your child become familiar with us, helping them feel part of their new school and surroundings and reassuring them about their future. The first contact will be during May/June, when staff from Avon Valley will be visiting your child in their primary school to meet them for the first time and to answer any questions they may have.

Induction Days – Wednesday 6th July and Thursday 7th July.

This year, the school will be running a **two-day transition programme** on the **6th and 7th July**. Our aim is to go one step further in ensuring that all our new students have every opportunity to make a positive transition into secondary education at Avon Valley, and I feel that this extra day will reduce anxiety levels and enable both parents and students to feel reassured that the process will go smoothly in September.

Lunch arrangements for the two days will be as follows:

Day 1 - a school dinner will be provided free of charge for all students to allow them to experience the fantastic meals that our catering staff provide.

Day 2 - children will need to bring a packed lunch and will have a picnic with the rest of their tutor group and their form tutor. Children in receipt of free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch from the school canteen for this day.

Despite the high levels of anxiety that some students feel on the first morning, we find 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 extending the process to two days will be even more reassuring and by the end of day two all of our incoming students will be looking forward to starting for real on September 6th.

Details of how the day is organised will be given to your child when we visit them in their primary school.

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Induction Evening – Wednesday 6th July 2022 - from 6.00pm

On the evening of the first transition day, parents and carers of our new Year 7 students are invited into school to meet senior staff and their child's tutor, who will be caring for them during their time with us. This is also an opportunity for us to tell you all about their new school.

The evening will be run in two sessions, from 6.00 - 7.00pm and from 7.15 - 8.15pm. As this event is usually very well attended, and to avoid overcrowding in the theatre, we ask that parents with surnames from A-L attend the 6pm session and parents with surnames M-Z attend at 7.15pm. Refreshments will also be available from 5.30pm in the canteen.

First day of Autumn Term – Tuesday 6th September 2022

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

Year 7 will be able to spend their first day in school with support from the Year 11 students, before those in other years return the following day.

Further information regarding the school can be found on the school website – www.avonvalleyschool.uk

Please could I ask you to complete and return the attached admission form by clicking on the link in the email. This will ensure that we have all of your child's data, including medical and emergency contact information, prior to the September start. Please complete the form by Monday 23rd May.

Once again, a very warm welcome to you all. 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 you would like to ask, please do not hesitate to contact our Primary Transition Leader, Mrs Bearpark, on abearpark@avonvalleyschool.uk

With best wishes

Alison Davies
Headteacher