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# How will Avonbourne Boys' and Girls' Academies help me get ready to come to secondary school?

We are delighted to welcome you to the Class of 2029. We have developed this book to help you feel ready, confident and happy to start your journey here.

Before you join us for your transition day in July, a member of our team will visit you in your primary school. They will answer any questions you may have about Avonbourne or starting secondary school and pass you an 'All About Me' booklet to complete. In this booklet we ask you to write a letter all about yourself to your new Form Tutor to help them get to know you a little better. Make sure you show them your best handwriting and check your spellings and punctuation to really impress them!

We operate a biometric cashless catering system which will be set up at the start of term in September. Therefore, on your transition day, please make sure you bring a snack and a packed lunch to eat at break and lunchtime. If you have Free School Meals, we will provide you with a meal at lunchtime.

Don't forget to also bring with you your 'All About Me' booklet and a pencil case with writing equipment. You will need to wear your primary school uniform. Further information about the transition day including the start and end times will be emailed to your parents and primary school teachers.



# How should I get ready for my first day?

Your first day is Monday, 5th September and you should arrive between 8.10 am and 8.30 am. You should come to school wearing the correct uniform. Wearing the right uniform creates a good first impression and taking pride in your appearance is an important part of learning. Bring all the equipment listed below in a dark-coloured rucksack.

## You will need to pack:

- A 30 cm long, clear plastic pencil case
- A Helix Maths Set (or a Compass and Protractor)
- A 30 cm clear ruler
- A translucent reading ruler (you can buy this from school)
- A Casio FX-83GTX calculator
- 3 blue or black pens and 1 green pen
- 3 HB pencils
- Highlighters (in pink, orange, green and yellow)
- A whiteboard pen

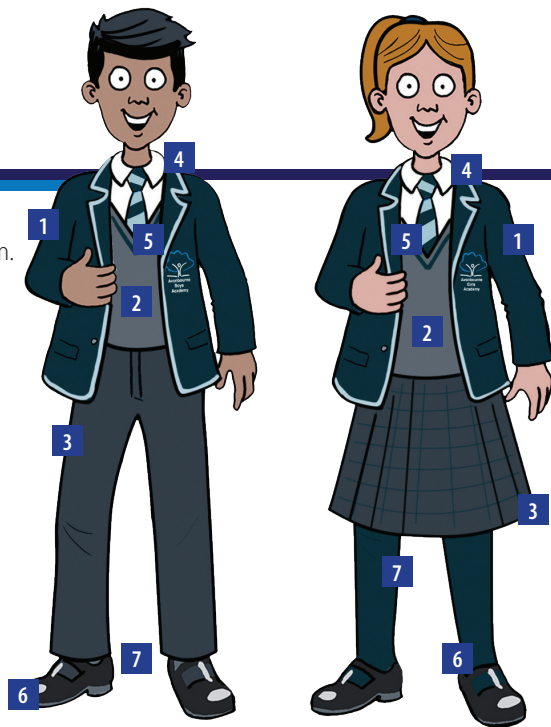
We also recommend you bring coloured pencils, glue, scissors, a rubber and a pencil sharpener.



You will also need to bring your '1st Impressions' card and timetable every day, which you will get when you start school.

## Mobile phones

Never seen and never heard is the rule for mobile phones. If you bring one in, remember to turn it off and keep it out of sight.



## Uniform

- 1 Navy blazer with Academy logo
- 2 Avonbourne grey V-neck jumper
- 3 Tailored charcoal grey trousers or Avonbourne grey skirt
- 4 Plain white shirt or blouse
- 5 Academy tie
- 6 Black leather shoes – flat or low-heeled (please check the uniform policy on our website before purchasing shoes)
- 7 Plain black socks or tights

# What happens in a school day?

School starts at 8.30 am and ends at 3.25 pm. Boys and girls have separate classes.

Every day begins with a line-up, when your teacher will check your uniform and pencil case. Then you will have Tutor Time, when activities can include revision, assembly, character education and careers.

During breaktimes you can buy a snack from the canteen. There are designated areas for Year 7 students to relax. You can play basketball or football in the large playground or have a chat with friends in the seated areas.

You will line up again after break and lunch, when you will be taken to your next lesson. Each day ends with DEAR (Drop Everything and Read), when you will return to your Form Tutor and enjoy reading classic literature.

## Timetable:

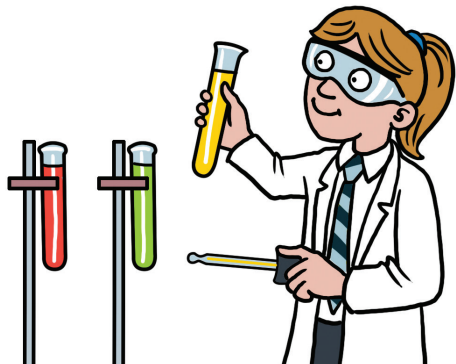
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8.30 AM	Start of the day/Line-ups
8.35 AM	Start of Tutor Time
9.00 AM	Lesson 1
10.15 AM	Transition to lessons
10.20 AM	Lesson 2
11.35 AM	Break Time
11.50 AM	Break Line-up and Transition to lessons
11.55 AM	Lesson 3
1.10 PM	Lunchtime
1.40 PM	Lunch Line-up and Transition to lessons
1.45 PM	Lesson 4
3.00 PM	DEAR
3.25 PM	End of the day
	Extra-curricular clubs start

The subjects you will study at Avonbourne include:

English, Maths, Science, Spanish/French, Geography, PSHE, History, Art, Music, Religious Studies, Technology (including Graphic Design, Food Technology and Textiles), Dance (for girls only) and PE.

Our fantastic facilities include:

- The Wave Café
- Learning support rooms
- A climbing wall in the Roy Moore Sports Hall
- Dance studios
- Music rooms and Art studios
- Outdoor sports courts
- Two sports halls
- A school hall/theatre with stage and lighting
- Two large canteens
- Science labs
- Technology rooms for Textiles and Food Tech
- Library
- Wellbeing Hub



# What is expected of me?

You should follow the Avonbourne Way in the classroom, in corridors, on playgrounds, on the sports field, and out in the wider community.

## The seven principles of the Avonbourne Way are:

1. I will always try my hardest to learn to the best of my ability.
2. I take responsibility for my own behaviour. I always do as I am asked, the first time I am asked.
3. I am in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing.
4. I take pride in the timely completion of high quality, well-presented classwork and homework.
5. I take responsibility for my learning and the learning of others – this means I work well independently and within the team.
6. I respect others, their opinions, and their personal space.
7. I always have the correct equipment, look smart and am ready to learn every day of the week.

Remember that all students deserve disruption-free learning every lesson.

## Reach Rewards

We reward good work and behaviour in several ways at Avonbourne. Teachers will give you 'Award' points for:

- Your attitude to learning
- The effort and progress you make in lessons
- Completing excellent homework
- Dedication to extra-curricular activities
- Demonstrating our REACH values – Respect, Ambition, Equality, Community and Hard work.

Praise postcards are given for excellent work or effort.



## 1st Impressions Card

You will be given a 1st impressions card each half term with a positive and negative side. If a teacher sees you making a positive first impression you will receive a positive tick on your card. When you receive three positive ticks you can hand in your card to be entered into the half term raffle. The more positive cards you hand in, the more likely you are to win the vouchers! Three ticks on the negative side, however, leads to a Friday detention.





## What extra-curricular activities can I take part in?

We offer a variety of extra-curricular activities to suit all interests. They run during lunchtime and after school. Among the activities you can choose from are:

Maths Challenge  
Basketball  
Climbing Club  
Vocal Group  
Painting Club  
Girls' Netball  
Newspaper Club  
Chess Club  
History Club  
Photography Club  
Debate Club  
Orchestra  
Crochet Club  
Boys' Rugby  
Volleyball  
Boys' Football  
Science  
CREST Bronze  
Dance Club  
Drama Club  
Special Effects Makeup  
Planet Earth Documentary Club  
Music and Music Practice  
Racket Club  
Creative Writing  
Young Enterprise  
Sewing Club  
Girls' Rugby

And many more.

We also have regular sporting fixtures against local schools, which is a fantastic way to represent our Academies.

We recommend all students take part in at least one extra-curricular activity. These activities are free and give you the opportunity to get to know other students, expand your interests and build leadership skills.



## Who can I speak to if I have any worries or problems?

If you are worried or upset, there is always someone to talk to.

Each year group at Avonbourne has a 'Year Team', which includes your Head of Year and Pastoral Lead. Your Year Team is there for you to speak to when you need help for yourself or for someone else. You can find your Year Team in the Pastoral Office in Block A or out on duty at break or lunchtimes. You can also email them or post any concerns in our Report and Support boxes located around the school.

If you are ever feeling sad or low, you can visit the Wellbeing Hub during break and lunchtimes, where you will find someone to talk to.



Miss Barr and Mrs Dyer and the new Year 7 team cannot wait to see you on your first day on Monday, 5th September in your full uniform and with the correct equipment.

If you haven't been to look around Avonbourne already, please do visit our websites and book on to one of our Open Mornings.

If you have any questions or need more information, contact us on our email address: [classof2029@avonbourneacademy.org.uk](mailto:classof2029@avonbourneacademy.org.uk)



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Some of the people you will get to know:

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**Miss Barr** - Assistant Principal and Head of Year 7



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