

25 March 2025

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 **28<sup>th</sup> July and 1<sup>st</sup> August**. This is entirely free for our Year 7 starters and includes a theme park trip as well as sports, drama, and a small number of fun lessons.

After the Easter break, we will begin sending updates to all parents/carers through a series of emails via our Admissions Portal. We will include details about the events mentioned above, along with other helpful information to support you and your child in preparing for September. Please remember to check your inbox as well as your spam/junk folders.

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.

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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

The Admission and Consent forms will be available for completion on our portal. You will receive your login credentials via email after the Easter break, sent to the address used for your school application to Buckinghamshire Council. We appreciate your prompt submission of these forms before **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June**, to ensure we have the necessary and up to date information before your child joins us for Summer School or 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](mailto:admissions@theacademy.me)

If you have any SEND queries or concerns, please contact us on: [sendco@theacademy.me](mailto:sendco@theacademy.me)

Yours sincerely,

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