



# THE AVS WAY

Weekly Newsletter

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## THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

### BEHAVING WELL

One of the school's main core values, and part of our Avon Valley Way, is BEHAVING WELL AND BEING HONEST.

As a school, we spend a lot of time reinforcing our core values and behaviour expectations to ensure that all members of our school community can succeed in school whilst feeling safe and secure.

There are times when student behaviour does fall short of the high expectations that we have of everyone in school. Behaviour that doesn't meet the high expectations that we do have, impacts the wider school community; not just one individual.

## MESSAGE FROM LAURA BINDLEY ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER



With November coming to an end and Christmas around the corner, it really is the time of year where the school is busy with a host of activities and events.

Our Year 11 students have started their mock exams and I want to remind them to be prepared, be organised and most importantly, please ask for help if you need any advice or support.

With the 2022 World Cup starting last Sunday, it has been great to see students (and staff) excited about the tournament. The controversial choice to host the World Cup in Qatar brings into question their position as a nation on issues such as the treatment of migrant workers and women and their position on LGBTQ+ rights.

The World Cup is generating discussions and highlights moral issues that we want our students to be aware of and to think about. Living in our diverse society, it is as important as ever that we are supportive, tolerant and inclusive of all members of our school community and I encourage everyone to reflect on this whilst also enjoying the football fever!

## TUTOR THEME OF THE WEEK

### THE GIFT OF GIVING

The GIFT OF GIVING is the school's WELLBEING theme for the month of December. As we enter the festive month it is now more important than ever, we support those around us within our local community.

## UPCOMING SPORTING FIXTURES

Mon 28th November	No Sports Hall due to exams Year 10 & 11 Girls Basketball vs RFSS (A)
Tue 29th November	No Sports Hall due to exams Year 8 Badminton Fixture vs Bilton (A) Year 7 Girls Basketball v RFSS (A)
Wed 30th November	No Sports Hall due to exams
Thur 1st December	Year 7 & 8 Squad Trampoline Practice (3.15-4.15) No Sports Hall due to exams
Fri 2nd December	Training day

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri 25th Nov - Fri 9th Dec - Year 11 PPE exams

Fri 2nd Dec - Teacher Training Day

Mon 5th Dec - Teacher Training Day

Friday 16th Dec - Last day of Autumn term - break up for Christmas

Wed 4th Jan - Start of Spring Term (corrected)



## HOUSE CHRISTMAS DINNERS 2022

From Monday 12th December students in Year 7 to Year 10 will have an opportunity to join together as a House for our annual Christmas dinner. This is a longstanding tradition at AVS which is always enjoyed by our students and provides a lighthearted and festive end to the autumn term.

Year 11 will have their Christmas dinner, slightly earlier on Friday 9th December coinciding with the end of their mock exams. This will give the year group a chance to join together for their last Christmas at AVS. Year 11 students may then go home at the end of period 4.

The payment of £3.75 can be made via the School Gateway app/website. Please use the Google Form that has been sent out on Class Charts to let us know about any dietary requirements that your child may have.



## FOODBANK COLLECTION

Last week's assemblies were delivered by representatives from Rugby Foodbank, who spoke to our students about the role of the foodbank and how it supports people in the community. This coincided with the launch of our foodbank collection in school.

In the build up to Christmas, Rugby Foodbank are planning to create 400 Christmas hampers which will be given out in addition to their usual food parcels. Items that would be included in the hampers include: Christmas puddings, biscuits, chocolates, nuts, stuffing and gravy granules.

Students can drop off donations until Friday 9th December, when our collection will be picked up and put to good use by the Foodbank.

If any members of our school community feel that they are in need of the foodbank's support, we'd encourage them to visit Rugby Foodbank's website: <https://rugby.foodbank.org.uk/>.

## COLLECTING STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL

We would like to remind parents and carers of the protocols for collecting students from the school site. On a number of occasions recently, students have contacted home directly, resulting in parents arriving on site without any staff knowledge. If a student is unwell whilst in school, we do have appropriately trained staff who are able to assess students and make appropriate decisions.

We want to reassure you that we always make decisions in the best interests of your child and occasionally this may result in them being sent home from school. If this is the case, a member of school staff will contact you directly about this.

Please could we ask for your support; if your child contacts you to say that they do not feel well, please can you encourage them to speak to their class teacher who can arrange for first aid assistance. Please could we ask for you to not arrive on site to collect your child unless the protocol has been followed. Thank you for your support.

