



# THE AVS WAY

Weekly Newsletter

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## THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

### CLASSROOM ROUTINES

The *Avon Valley Way* is what defines us as a school. It is how we do things, and it epitomises the high expectations and high standards that we have throughout the school.

You can find [here](#) on page 6 of The Avon Valley Way Student Guide a copy of our Classroom routines; a copy can also be found in the front of every students' book. Please take a moment this week to remind yourself of these. Remember that good daily routines become second nature, which then morph into good habits.

## TUTOR THEME OF THE WEEK

### AVS CITIZEN - RESPECT

This week's school focus is respect. It is important that we respect ourselves, others and the school environment to further create a welcoming culture around school. Respect is a core element of society and staff will be rewarding students with Class Charts points when they witness students being respectful.

## STATE FUNERAL OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II

The state funeral of Queen Elizabeth II will take place on Monday 19th September. This day has been declared a bank holiday to allow the country to pay their own personal respects to the Queen. Therefore our school will be closed for the day and will reopen on Tuesday 20th September.

## MESSAGE FROM DARREN WALDEN - DEPUTY HEADTEACHER



As we approach the state funeral of Queen Elizabeth II, it is right that we take the time to reflect on our contribution to the school, wider society and the roles that we all play in supporting each other.

Throughout her 70 years of service to the country the Queen had to endure and overcome great adversity in many aspects of her life. It is true that being a member of the royal family brings with it many privileges that all of us could never fully comprehend. However, as the old phrase goes, you can choose your friends, but not your family.

Since the beginning of term I have seen all of our students twice, both through Year group and House assemblies. I have had a clear message in assembly; we are delighted that you chose to come to our school and by doing so, you also choose to 'sign up' to our high expectations and the high standards that we adhere to.

The first two weeks back to school have shown me that the vast majority of students have risen to the challenge and continue to uphold the high expectations and standards that we have.

As always, thank you for your continued support. It makes an enormous difference when the school and home work in partnership together.

## REMINDER - NEW SCHOOL START TIME

School is open from 8.20am and students are expected to be on site by **8.40am**.

Students must be in their Tutor bases for **8.45am**. If students are late to school they will receive a same-day breaktime detention.

Please can you support us in ensuring that you child arrives to school on time.



## MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FROM RISE

RISE are delivering a range of courses available to families around supporting children and young people's mental wellbeing. We've attached the leaflet [here](#) with more information for you to see.

RISE have also put together a fantastic booklet with an outline of their services and information which is available to practitioners and families. This will be sent out to all parents and carers via Class Charts later this week.



Google Classroom

## GOOGLE CLASSROOM

All homework set at The Avon Valley School is shared with students via Google Classroom. All new year 7 students have been provided with their login details and our new year 7 parents / carers have been invited to sign up for either a daily or weekly Google Classroom update for their child.

## CLASS CHARTS

We would like to remind all parents / carers that **ALL** information and letters are sent out via Class Charts.

Class Charts is the main way that we, as a school, communicate with home so it is imperative that both students and parents / carers download the app from either the Android or Apple store and register using the logins that were sent home last week.



## UPCOMING SPORTING FIXTURES

### Boys Football

Tuesday 20th - Yr8 - Bilton (A)  
Thursday 22nd - Yr7 & Yr9 - Bilton (A)  
Friday 23rd - Yr 10 & Yr 11 - Bilton (A)

### Girls Netball

Tuesday 20th - Yr8 & Yr9 - RFSS (A)  
Wednesday 21st - Yr 10 & Yr11 - RFSS (A)

## MESSAGE FROM LAURA BINDLEY - ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER BEHAVIOUR & DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD



It has been my pleasure to welcome students back to school this September through a series of assemblies I have delivered to each of our Houses.

In these assemblies, I have focussed on our expectations for the new year ahead and some of the changes we have made to our behaviour systems.

This year, we have introduced after-school Catch-Up Sessions which will be set when students have not completed their classwork or homework. These sessions will have a real emphasis on support for learning, in an environment where students can receive help and guidance with their work from our teachers.

These Catch-Up Sessions will be set through Class Charts as a detention so that you know when your child is expected to attend one.

In these assemblies I have also focussed on punctuality to school. It is vital that students arrive to school on time, by 8.40am, and are in their tutor bases for 8.45am. A sizeable minority of students have been late to school this week which is really disappointing to see. Please can I ask for your support next week in bringing this right down, so that everyone is at school on time.

Finally, I want to say how proud I have been to see our students showing respect and kindness, both in the corridors and around our school building. I have witnessed students holding the doors open for others, greeting others with kindness and offering to help staff without being prompted.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 20th & Wednesday 21st September - Year 7 Splash Day

Wednesday 28th September - Year 10 English trip - Inspector Calls

Thursday 6th October - Year 7 Tutor Evening (in school)

