



THE AVS WAY

Weekly Newsletter

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THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

BEING PROUD

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

CULTURAL CAPITAL

The focus of this week is CULTURAL CAPITAL. As well as the taught curriculum that every student follows, we encourage all students to focus on developing their cultural knowledge and awareness of the wider world and society around them.

UNIFORM DONATIONS

We are currently trying to build up our stock of good quality second hand uniform so that we can make it available to other families, however, we are in need of donations.

Blazers, skirts, AVS jumpers, PE polo shirts, rugby tops, shorts, skirts and dance tops, in all sizes, are in demand.

Any items of uniform and/or PE kit that have been outgrown and are no longer needed can be dropped off by students at reception.

MESSAGE FROM DARREN WALDEN - DEPUTY HEADTEACHER



The recent state funeral of our Queen, Elizabeth II gave us all time to reflect on ourselves and the influence and impact that we have on others around us. Our AVS Way

focus this week is BEING PROUD; being proud of yourself and your own achievements, but also proud of your school, your friends and family and the person that you have become.

At times we may well not be proud of our own actions; life is very rarely simple and none of us are perfect. However, a mark of maturity is when you recognise your mistakes and put them right. If you are not proud of your actions, then do something about it. If you want to be proud of yourself, then do things in which you can take pride.

Our House assemblies this week have focussed on making those small differences; the 'marginal gains' that together make a huge difference. All of us can make small changes to become a better person, a better friend or a better learner. It is never too late to make those changes, to be proud of yourself and the person that you want to be.

REMINDER - 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 your child arrives to school on time.



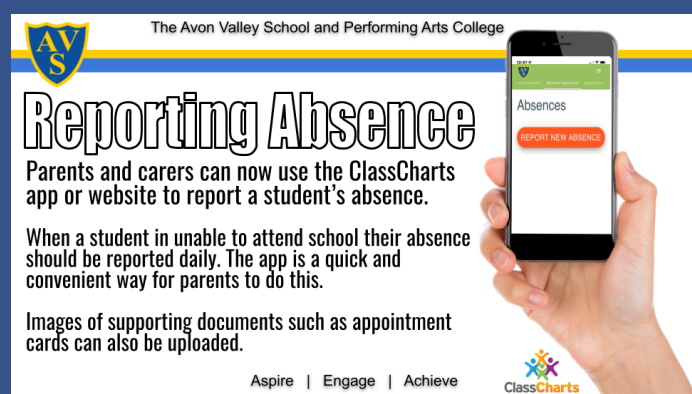
HOW CAN WE MAKE WARWICKSHIRE MORE CHILD FRIENDLY?

Warwickshire are looking to hear the views of children and young people to help shape the county and create a Child Friendly Warwickshire. The council has launched Dialogue, a new online discussion platform.

Dialogue provides a safe space to form constructive ideas and make comments on what young people think would make Warwickshire a better place to grow up in and more child/young person friendly. You can access Dialogue by clicking [here](#).

FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE

The Family Information Service (FIS) supports families across Warwickshire with advice and information. You can get in touch with the team by emailing fis@warwickshire.gov.uk or calling 01926 742274. You can access the latest newsletter [here](#).




The Avon Valley School and Performing Arts College

Reporting Absence

Parents and carers can now use the ClassCharts app or website to report a student's absence.

When a student is unable to attend school their absence should be reported daily. The app is a quick and convenient way for parents to do this.

Images of supporting documents such as appointment cards can also be uploaded.

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UPCOMING SPORTING FIXTURES

Mon 26th Sept	Yr 8/9 Netball training
Tue 27th Sept	Yr 7 Football training Yr 9 Football vs Princethorpe (A) Yr 8 Netball vs Ashlawn (A) Yr 9 Netball vs Ashlawn (H)
Wed 28th Sept	Yr 10/11 Netball vs Rugby High (A)
Thur 29th Sept	Yr 7 Football vs Princethorpe (A) Yr 8 Football vs Princethorpe (H)
Fri 30th Sept	Yr 10 Football vs Princethorpe (H) Yr 11 Football vs Princethorpe (A)

MESSAGE FROM MIKE CLANCY - ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER - ATTENDANCE & INCLUSION



This week's focus is on being proud. This is influenced by our wider society, not just school, but is in part built on the environment around us and the respect shown to us and by us to others.

There are many areas of the school we are proud of, such as student performances in the school show, sports results, and our students effort and creativity in lessons. We are always looking for ways to develop further, ensuring our students get the best school experience, and maximising their chances of achieving at GCSE level. As part of 'the AVS way' we encourage students to show pride in being part of our school community, by arriving on time everyday to school and lessons.

By arriving on time, students are showing they value their time in school as well as other students' time by allowing for efficient starts to the learning of all. Arriving on time is also a key life and employability skill. Generally, our students are very good at being punctual. We are aware that moving into Autumn/Winter presents challenges with getting to school on time, due to the changing weather, and we wish to remind students and parents of being prepared for this.

The table below highlights the impact of poor punctuality when 5 minutes is regularly lost from a lesson.

Per lesson	Per day	Per Week	No of lessons missed	Missed lessons per half term
5 minutes	25 minutes	125 minutes	2 lessons	42 lessons

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

Thursday 6th October - Year 11 Launch Evening (in school)

Tuesday 1st November - Internal Exams Year 10 (English, Maths, Science)

