



THE AVS WAY

Weekly Newsletter

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THIS WEEK'S FOCUS & THEME OF THE WEEK

ANTI-VIOLENCE

Our Anti-Violence focus continues this week with another guest speaker delivering an assembly on Monday to Years 8, 9 & 10. This will highlight the dangers of knife crime and will hopefully give our students an opportunity to consider the consequences and impact that this type of violence can have on individuals, families and the wider community.

On Tuesday to Friday this week, Mr Walden and Mrs Bindley will be delivering a House assembly based on the work of the charity "Stand Against Violence". This will fit into our anti-violence theme and will compliment the work that Tutors have been focussing on during tutor time.

ECO PROJECT

Our Design Technology Girls Group have designed a box to recycle broken or unwanted pens and pencils to support the environment.

The recycling box is placed outside the canteen.

Please support this initiative and the work of the girls group.



MESSAGE FROM LEE HAWKINS ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER



I would like to take this opportunity to say well done to our Year 11 students, who have now successfully completed their second set of Pre Public Examinations.

Hopefully they will now feel more prepared and confident for the Summer Examinations which will begin in May.

One of our core values at The Avon Valley School is about 'doing our best', both as a person in society, and as a learner in the classroom.

Over the coming weeks students will begin to see our new 'Silent Achievement Time' introduced into their lessons. This will be a phase of the lesson where students will work individually and in silence on a stretch and challenge piece of work.

Silence in classrooms is not a new concept, but is often overlooked in terms of its educational value. In the modern day where students are surrounded by mobile phones, video games and online social media, we forget that we truly can't multitask and that we need quiet thinking time to be able to process, learn and recall knowledge accurately.

Educational research shows us that children exposed to noise are more likely to suffer from stress and tension, whereas silence has the opposite effect and is best for concentrating and thriving academically.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri 24th March - Girls Engineering Event

Sun 26th March - Clocks go forward

Mon 27th to Fri 31st March - Art & Textiles GCSE Exams

Friday 31st March - Spring Term Ends

Monday 17th April - Summer Term Begins

Monday 15th May - GCSE Examinations Begin

