



# THE AVS WAY

Weekly Newsletter

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## THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

### BEING PROUD

Our students are role models for the school and represent the school in our wider community therefore we want our students to look smart and to be proud of their appearance.

Being proud of yourself is just another way of saying you have a strong sense of self-worth and belief. Being proud makes us feel happier as it helps to motivate ourselves and those around us. Feeling proud helps us achieve our short term and long term goals in all that we do.

Be proud of who you are and what you can achieve.

## THEME OF THE WEEK

This week we will be focussing on **National Careers Week**. **National Careers Week** is a one-week celebration of careers guidance that aims to empower positive change through Careers Education. There will be many activities taking place this week in school, and online, and we would encourage all students to get involved to help broaden their knowledge of careers.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 6th March until Friday 17th March - Year 11 PPE's  
Wed 15th & Thurs 16th March - NEU Union Strike Days (Further details to follow)

Sun 26th March - Clocks go forward

Friday 31st March - Spring Term Ends

Monday 17th April - Summer Term Begins

Monday 15th May - GCSE Examinations Begin

## MESSAGE FROM LAURA BINDLEY ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER



It has been great to welcome our students back to school this week after the much needed half-term break.

I know that Mr Walden wrote to you all last week and outlined our priorities for the remainder of the year. I would like to focus on one of these this week, which is *Behaving Well*. The school's behaviour policy is reviewed every January. The newly updated policy has been approved by the school governors and can be found on our website [here](#).

The main amendments have been around the use of mobile phones, technology and social media. As a school we understand how important mobile phones have become and the key part they can play in students feeling safe when travelling to and from school. On this basis, we do allow students to have their mobile phones on site, as long as it is turned off and not visible when inside the school building where we expect students to keep mobile phones in their bag or blazer pockets.

We do allow students to use their mobile phones during social time, when outside of the school building. We have now stipulated in the policy that students must not take photos or video footage using their mobile phones or other technology during social time and they must not post onto social media any content that is of the school site, or contains students, or themselves in school uniform.

We hope that parents and carers will see the safeguarding aspect of this change and will support the school, and their child/children, in upholding the school behaviour policy.

