



Monday 30th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Curriculum Information – Autumn 1

As part of our commitment to strengthening communication between parents/carers and the Academy, we would like to ensure that parents and carers are able to easily access information on what their child is learning at school, to enable positive discussions and support around this at home.

What will my Year 7 child learn during Autumn 1?

English	Year 7 students will explore extracts from <i>Jane Eyre</i> , focusing on characterisation and themes such as the role of women, childhood, religion, power, and social class. They will develop their critical voice and analyse methods of characterisation.
Maths	Students will work with decimals, negative numbers, and place value. They will then move on to the order of operations (BIDMAS) and an introduction to algebra.
Science	Year 7 begins with the particle model and states of matter. They will learn how mixtures are separated using techniques like filtration, distillation, and chromatography.
MFL	In French and Spanish, students will learn basic language skills, including introducing themselves and discussing family, friends, likes, and dislikes.
History	Year 7 historians will explore the year 1000, focusing on global interconnectedness, including Constantinople, Baghdad, and European Christendom.
Geography	Students will start by learning key geographical skills, including grid references, scale, and map use, before studying climatic zones and the causes and effects of climate change.
Art	Students will learn colour theory and develop painting and drawing skills, exploring expressive line and colour through the work of Vincent Van Gogh.
Music	Year 7 musicians will learn rhythm, pulse, and performance by playing 'Ode to Joy' on the keyboard, focusing on accuracy.
Religious Studies	Students will explore modern British society through the 2021 Census, investigating religious and non-religious groups and changes over time, with a focus on the local area.
PE	Students will develop skills in Handball, HRF, Netball, Basketball, and Badminton, focusing on fitness, teamwork, and leadership through activities that build strength, stamina, and coordination.
Dance	Year 7 will explore three movement concepts—actions, dynamics, and space—using a popular music video as inspiration, learning how to create and vary movement sequences.
Drama	Students will be introduced to foundational Drama skills, including focus, concentration, ensemble work, voice, and physicality, which form the toolkit for their learning.
PSHE	This term focuses on self-value, teamwork, respecting differences, and managing mental and emotional health as students settle into Avonbourne.
D&T	Students will rotate through graphic design, food technology, and textiles, making a mechanical card, learning hand embroidery, and cooking simple dishes like pizza toast and scones.
Computer Science	Year 7 will explore the impact of technology, focusing on online safety, password security, and becoming responsible digital citizens.

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Yours sincerely,

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