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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 9 Curriculum Information – Autumn 1

As your child enters their final year of Key Stage 3, they will continue to build on the strong knowledge and skills developed throughout Years 7 and 8. Our Year 9 curriculum is designed to challenge and inspire students, ensuring they are well-prepared for the next stage of their education. To support communication between school and home, we are pleased to share an overview of what your child will be learning this half-term in each subject.

What will my Year 9 child be learning during Autumn 1?

Subject	Key Topics/Focus Areas
English	Students will explore the conventions of a modern tragedy and its classical and Greek origins through the study of Willy Russell's masterpiece, <i>Blood Brothers</i> . Spanning from the 1950s through to the early 1980s, students will evaluate the cultural, historical, political and social context and how it influences a writer's work.
Maths	Students will consolidate skills with decimals and rounding using significant figures. They will also apply multiplication, division and fractions in a range of contexts.
Science	Students will be studying magnets and magnetic fields. They will explore magnetic materials and the Earth's magnetism, before learning about electromagnets and their uses.
MFL	Students will study the topic of Relationships, using reflexive verbs to discuss family and friends. They will practise past, present and future tenses to describe leisure activities.
History	Students begin the year by studying the First World War. They will consider the key causes of the war, before exploring how the war was fought, studying trench warfare and key battles, and the impact that the war had in Britain.
Geography	Students will begin the 'Life in a Newly Emerging Economy' unit, studying how rapid changes are affecting countries like China and Brazil, and exploring the opportunities and challenges in these evolving societies.
Art	Students will develop clay techniques and apply them to create Surrealist-inspired models.
Music	Students will study a musical genre, developing vocal and keyboard skills. They will also consider its social and historical context.
PSHE	Students will learn about consent, abuse and harassment, as well as exploring relationship expectations and the importance of respectful behaviour, personal boundaries and healthy communication.

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PE	Students will enhance their performance, fitness, and leadership skills through a range of sports. Activities include developing fitness, officiating, and applying skills in competitive settings.
Religious Studies	Students begin to study the foundations of moral decision, before being introduced to a number of ethical theories, including Natural Law, Situation Ethics and Utilitarianism. Students will also recap revelation as a general source of morality in Islam as they studied the Night of Power and interpretations of Sharia Law in Year 8.
Dance	Students will begin with a group performance piece, creating choreography with their teacher. They will develop movement and performance skills in preparation for a whole class dance.
D&T	Students will learn more complex woodworking skills in product design to make a block letter, decorated using their own design. They will learn applique skills in textiles and prepare more complex dishes in food such as Swiss roll, sweet n sour, and mac n cheese.
Computer Science	Students will be learning about Python search and sort algorithms, including linear search, binary search and bubble sort. This will help them to develop more advanced algorithmic thinking, and by the end they should be able to explain, compare and begin programming search and sort methods.
Drama	Students will study extracts from <i>Blood Brothers</i> and <i>Our Day Out</i> . They will develop performance skills through monologues, duologues, and character work.

We hope this curriculum overview helps you to stay connected with your child's learning and encourages regular conversations at home about their school experience.

For more information about our curriculum and how we support all learners, please follow the link below:

- [Curriculum Overview | Avonbourne Boys' and Girls' Academies](#)

If you have any questions or would like further guidance on supporting your child's learning at home, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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