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Dear Parents/Carers,

Curriculum Information – Autumn 1

We are delighted to welcome your child to Avonbourne Academies as they begin their secondary school journey. To help you feel informed and involved in their learning, we are sharing an overview of what your child will be studying this half-term in each subject. We hope this supports meaningful conversations at home about what they are learning and experiencing.

What will my Year 7 child be learning during Autumn 1?

| Subject | Key Topics/Focus Areas |
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| English | Students will read extracts from <i>Jane Eyre</i> , exploring its context and themes of childhood and isolation. They will also study explicit and implicit characterisation to develop analytical and critical skills. |
| Maths | Students will work on decimals, negative numbers, and place value. They will then progress to order of operations (BIDMAS) and an introduction to algebra. |
| Science | Students will study the particle model and states of matter. They will also learn separation techniques such as filtration, distillation and chromatography. |
| MFL | Students will learn foundational language skills, including introducing themselves and discussing family, friends, likes and dislikes. |
| History | Students will study empires around the year 1000, including Chinese dynasties, the Islamic and Byzantine Empires, and the Holy Roman Empire. They will explore how the world was connected in the medieval period. |
| Geography | Students will begin with geographical core knowledge, learning about continents, oceans, maps and grid references. |
| Art | Students will be introduced to the formal elements of art, developing foundational drawing and painting skills in their sketchbooks. |
| Music | Students will study rhythm, pulse and performance by learning <i>Ode to Joy</i> on the keyboard. They will focus on accuracy and ensemble skills. |
| Religious Studies | Students will be introduced to Abrahamic religions and Biblical literacy. They will study the books of Genesis, Exodus and Leviticus as a foundation for future learning. |
| PE | Students will develop knowledge of handball, health-related fitness, netball, basketball and badminton. Lessons will focus on fitness, teamwork and leadership. |

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| Dance | Students will learn three core movement concepts: actions, dynamics and space. Inspired by a popular music video, they will create and vary sequences to develop performance skills. |
| Drama | Students will develop foundational skills including focus, concentration, ensemble work, voice and physicality. These provide the basis for all future Drama learning. |
| PSHE | Students will focus on self-value, teamwork, respecting differences and managing mental and emotional health as they settle into school life. |
| D&T | Students will rotate through graphic design, food and textiles. They will make a mechanical card, learn hand embroidery and cook dishes such as scones, pasta salad and fajitas. |
| Computer Science | Students will be introduced to computer systems and Microsoft Teams. They will learn professional email, file organisation and cloud-based storage to support collaboration and independence. |

To find out more about our curriculum and how we ensure it meets the needs of all learners, please visit the link below:

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

If you have any questions about the Year 7 curriculum or how to support your child's learning at home, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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