



12th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Virtual Open Evening – Wednesday 21st October at 6pm

We understand that for all of our Year 6 parents and carers making their secondary school choices at this time of year can be a really exciting time, but also one that results in lots of questions.

Many of you will have already been round for your individual tours, engaged in our Zoom Q&A for parents and carers and been onto our website to see our full virtual tour, as well as had visits over the last few years. We hope that these occasions will have given you plenty of opportunity to really get to know Axe Valley Academy and have any questions answered.

In addition we are now holding a really exciting **Virtual Opening Evening on Wednesday 21st October at 6pm** which we would also like to invite you to attend and I attach our flyer. As well as our video introductions and speeches from our students there will be a live question and answer session with the senior leadership team.

Finally I enclose a letter from our CEO Lorraine Heath. Axe Valley Academy has had a wonderful start back to this academic year and is a school I am incredibly proud to lead. Our students have returned with a calm and purposeful focus on their learning and the school is a wonderful place to be. I hope that you can all engage in our virtual Open Evening on **Wednesday 21st October at 6pm** so that I can answer your questions directly and talk to you openly about what a fantastic community Axe Valley Academy is.

Please do visit our website to take our virtual tour and ring reception to book your individual tour.

Yours sincerely

Laura Jenkins
Headteacher



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As the parents and carers of children in the Axe Valley catchment area, I would like to introduce myself to you and explain why I hope you will seriously consider Axe Valley Academy for your child when he or she progresses to secondary school next year.

My name is Lorraine Heath and I am CEO of Uffculme Academy Trust which is the family of schools in Somerset and Devon to which Axe Valley Academy belongs. We also have Holyrood Academy and Uffculme School in our partnership as well as two primary schools.

All of the Uffculme Academy Trust schools share the same values which is that schools should sit at the heart of their communities; that they should provide excellent academic education; and that they should also offer a superb range of opportunities for children and young people to be adventurous, try new things and grow and develop as people.

Since I have been associated with Axe Valley, I have seen for myself what a brilliant school it is. As a relatively small secondary school, children are known and treated as individuals. All the staff know their names and every member of staff takes getting to know your children properly extremely seriously, none more so than Mrs Jenkins. As Headteacher, Mrs Jenkins is warm and approachable but also fiercely ambitious for all the children to be the best versions of themselves at school. She has created a loyal and dedicated team of staff who are determined that all of the children will work hard, find where they fit, treat each other with kindness and empathy and achieve their full potential.

There is no doubt in my mind that Axe Valley Academy is a rapidly improving school. As a community it feels happy, supportive and successful. I have seen excellent teaching alongside excellent care and I am confident that children of all abilities are thriving both inside and outside of the classroom.

In these very uncertain times, it is unusual for me to write to you like this. Usually we would be in a packed hall hearing from Mrs Jenkins and her team, why they believe Axe Valley is special and I would be endorsing this message and explaining to you why I think it is an excellent choice for your children. You would have a chance to see the great facilities and meet the staff as well as many of the young people who love their school and genuinely enjoy showing it off to other people. Unfortunately, we are not currently able to do this and so are relying on our virtual open evening and other forms of communication to showcase what we can offer your children.

I sincerely hope that you get the chance to meet Mrs Jenkins and hear her vision for the school. I believe that she is an inspirational Headteacher who is steering the school towards greatness. I really hope that you will agree and consider choosing Axe Valley for your child.

I would be more than happy to discuss our plans for Axe Valley as part of Uffculme Academy Trust and how our partnership can add value to your children's education. If you would like to get in touch, my email is heathl@uffculmetrust.org.

Yours sincerely

Lorraine Heath OBE – CEO UAT

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Year 6 Online Open Evening, Wednesday 21st October 2020 at 6.00pm

Join us for presentations from Lorraine Heath, CEO of Uffculme Academy Trust and Laura Jenkins, Headteacher of Axe Valley Academy followed by a question and answer session. Click on the link on our website @ 6pm on Wednesday 21st October to join us.

A virtual tour is available on the academy website, if you would like a personal tour please contact us so we can arrange one at a convenient time.

