



10<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Year 6s,

### **Transition Information**

With a little more certainty now about Covid regulations, we now feel in a better place to share some details about this year's Transition Program for current Year 6s.

We know that getting Transition right is hugely important for students to make a good start to secondary school. We work hard to make sure that students get what they need to be as comfortable as possible with the move. We are therefore delighted that it looks like this year we will be able to run close to a 'business as usual' timetable.

The key parts of the program are:

Late May	Video conference academic handover meetings with teaching staff at your child's school
Early June	Visits to Primary Schools by members of AVA staff to meet students
Mon 5 July	Small Schools Day - Invitation only day for students coming in small groups to AVA
Mon 5 July	Transition Evening – For all students and parents coming to AVA in Sept 2021
Tues 6 July	Transition Day - All students coming to AVA in Sept 2021

You will receive further details of timings and transport arrangements for the transition days in due course.

In addition to this, preparations for SEN handovers are already taking place to ensure a continuity of provision and members of staff responsible for Safeguarding will hold their own specific meetings.

Students requiring extra transition (additional visits etc) will normally be identified to us by primary schools but if you feel that your child needs any extra support during this process, please also feel free to contact us directly.

I am conscious that this cohort didn't get to visit the school on our annual Year 5 day so may not have spent much time on campus. We will spend lots of time on the transition days trying to help students get a feel for the site but I also hope that our excellent virtual tour can provide additional help.

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You can find the Virtual Tour through the Transition page of the school website at <https://axevalley.devon.sch.uk/parent/year-6-3/>

I am delighted that you have chosen Axe Valley Academy as your school and look forward to working with you.

Kind regards

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