

16th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

End of Summer Term & Beginning of Autumn Term Arrangements

I am writing to you to set out the details regarding end of term arrangements for this academic year and arrangements for the beginning of the new term in September. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions and please remember to look out for the bumper summer edition of our newsletter Aixeminstre next week. Please also see our website for all upcoming events and term dates and don't forget to follow us on social media:

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Last day of term - Friday 23rd July

As usual the final day will include whole school celebrations and an early finish. Students will attend lessons one and two as normal before attending a whole school final assembly on the field. This will be an opportunity for students to reflect on the year, hear some wonderful musical pieces, meet the newly appointed House Captains, find out who has won the Sport Cup and say farewell to departing staff. Students will then have their lunch as normal before registering in tutor groups. They will depart at 1.10pm – all school transport is aware.

The new academic year

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| Thursday 2 nd September | – INSET (closed to students) |
| Friday 3 rd September | – INSET (closed to students) |
| Monday 6 th September | – Year 7 induction day (school open to Year 7 students only) |
| Tuesday 7 th September | – First day for all students |

Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Testing

In line with the current Government guidance, we will be arranging LFD testing for all students on site before they return to school. As previously this will take place in the school hall with each tutor group being allocated a time slot to attend for their LFD test. The details of how to attend for your LFD test will be sent to you at the end of the summer break. We already have parental consent regarding the LFD testing for students across current year groups 7-10 and we will not require you to do this again. Current Year 6 parents will be

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sent a link to an online form to be able to consent to the LFD testing. If you have any questions about this don't hesitate to contact us admin@axevalley.devon.sch.uk . For the last series of LFD testing parents found it helpful to know the approximate time slots well in advance which is below. Please note all students will only need to complete one LFD test before their first day back. We will again have an open slot every evening after school open to families who are unable to attend in the day.

| LFD Student Testing Date | Year Group (as of September) |
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| Thursday 2 nd September pm | New Year 7 |
| Friday 3 rd September am | Year 8 |
| Friday 3 rd September pm | Year 9 |
| Monday 6 th September am | Year 10 |
| Monday 6 th September pm | Year 11 |

Monday 6th September – Year 7 only

The school will be open for an induction day for new Year 7 students only where they will spend the day getting to know their tutors, familiarising themselves with the site, meeting staff and experiencing their first full lessons. Students must be in full school uniform **excluding** a tie as their bespoke house tie will be gifted to them when they arrive. Year 7 should arrive through the bus park gates at the rear of school where they will be greeted and guided to their tutor bases by staff. To confirm Year 7 will not need to bring their PE kit on Monday.

Tuesday 7th September – all Year groups

All students will return and begin their day in their tutor bases which you will be informed of in due course. Students must be in full school uniform **excluding** a tie as their bespoke house tie will be gifted to them when they arrive. Students will be given their new timetables, have their uniforms and equipment checked and be presented with their House tie and badge. Students will start in lessons from P3. PE kit will not be needed on Tuesday.

Uniform

You can find full details of our school uniform on our website <https://axevalley.devon.sch.uk/information/uniform/> and a copy of our uniform policy is attached to this letter. Please do ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the start of term and contact us if you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of the uniform, including if you would prefer to buy pre-loved uniform please contact ljackson@axevalley.devon.sch.uk or if you need any financial assistance with buying uniform please contact jlomax@axevalley.devon.sch.uk.

Trips in September

We wanted to give you advance warning that we will be taking all Key Stage 3 students to Escot in September in order to develop teamwork and communication skills through a range of exciting outdoor activities. More information will follow in the new term. The dates for the trips are:

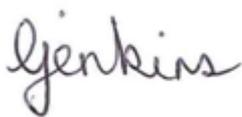
Monday 27th September - Year 9

Tuesday 28th September - Year 8

Thursday 30th September - Year 7

Form all of the staff at Axe Valley thank you so much for your tireless support and kindness to the school. We wish you all a wonderful summer holiday and look forward to seeing you in the new academic year.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jenkins". The signature is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Laura Jenkins
Headteacher

Axe Valley Academy - Uniform Code



The expectation at the Axe Valley Academy is that all students comply with the uniform code. They will be expected to wear the uniform appropriately and that all items are in good order. Students should take pride in their appearance, and be smart throughout the school day, including the journey to and from school.

- **Blazer:** Black, with Axe Valley Academy badge in gold embroidery. All students are required to wear the Academy blazer throughout the year. The blazer may be removed in lessons with permission from the teacher.
- **Shirt/blouse:** Plain white shirt that must be tucked in, with a formal collar. All top buttons must be fastened. All shirts must be tucked in. White polo shirts with the Academy shield can be worn during the second half of the summer term.
- **Ties:** AVA House clip-on ties are compulsory for all students.
- **Trousers:** If trousers are worn they must be plain and black (flares, tight fitting/straight leg and denim trousers are not permitted, this also includes trousers that have exposed zips and poppers).
- **Skirts:** If skirts are worn they must be the official Axe Valley Academy blue and gold skirt. The length must be no more than 2 inches above the knee (the skirts can be fitted by Thomas Moore).
- **Jumper:** Black jumper with the Academy shield can be worn underneath the blazer. The school blazer must be worn with the jumper.
- **Shoes:** Sensible, plain, flat, sturdy, leather and black-soled black footwear is essential. Trainers, boots and canvas shoes are not permitted.
- **Socks:** Socks must be plain and black.
- **Tights:** Tights must be plain, black and in good order (e.g. ripped tights will need replacing).
- **Belts:** Belts must be plain and black.
- **Coats/Jackets:** It is acceptable to wear a coat or jacket over blazers before and after school and during break and lunch. These must not be worn instead of blazers. Hooded jumpers are not permitted.
- **Scarves/Hats:** Scarves and hats can be worn before and after school and during break and lunch.
- **Hairstyles:** Hair colouring needs to be natural and discreet. Extremes of colour and styles are not permitted.
- **Make-up:** Make-up, if worn, should be discreet. Artificial nails (including gel nails) will not be permitted. Students are not permitted to wear nail varnish.
- **Jewellery:** One pair of small stud earrings/sleepers. Students are allowed to wear one ring. No other jewellery is acceptable e.g. bracelets and necklaces.
- **Facial piercing:** Facial piercing is not permitted. Students are advised that all types of bars/studs, including clear ones, are strictly not permitted. Internal ear piercings are also not permitted. Neither do we permit students to be in classes with piercings covered by plasters.