



# AXE VALLEY ACADEMY



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### Forms to be returned to AVA

There are several forms also enclosed in this pack which should be returned to Axe Valley Academy at your earliest convenience by post or email.

- Tutor preference form
- S11 Data Collection form
- Rules for internet use form

# WELCOME TO AXE VALLEY ACADEMY

To all of our new Year 7 and their families - I am delighted to warmly welcome you into our Axe Valley Academy community.

Axe Valley Academy is a school that we as staff are immensely proud of because it is a real community. We are a completely comprehensive school offering high quality educational opportunities to students of all abilities and aptitudes. The progress of each individual student matters to us regardless of their starting points and despite their barriers.

Our beliefs as a school community are straightforward - to have a great school we need a great teacher in every classroom. Teachers are here to teach. Students are here to learn. There is no escaping that a huge part of the purpose of education is to equip children with the examination results that they need to give them as many options as possible. We must be in the business of opening doors for the young people in our care. We demand the highest standards and expect students to engage with their learning no matter what and we don't apologise for this.

We have a school which staff and students are proud to be a part of and who enjoy working together. We aim to develop well rounded young people equipped to deliver positive change in their school and wider communities. Students need a broad education, one that nurtures specific positive character traits and virtues. We also pride ourselves on our pastoral care. Being a smaller school has some significant advantages and one of those is being able to know every student as an individual; to recognise and nurture their strengths; to teach kindness explicitly and to be as kind as we can.

Axe Valley Academy works as part of the outstanding Uffculme Academy Trust and we have ambitions to be an exceptional school in our local community that provides the very best opportunities for the community that we serve. We are excited that you are going to be a part of this wonderful school and we hope that you are feeling excited to move onto the next stage of your educational journey.

This information booklet is designed to help you familiarize yourself with Axe Valley Academy and answer some questions that parents and carers and students alike may have. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.



Mrs Laura Jenkins,  
Headteacher

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jenkins".

## **A Message from Mr Carr, your Year Leader, to the Axe Valley Class of 2020**

I am delighted to welcome you to your new school and look forward to meeting you all in person as soon as possible.

We recognise that some of you may feel completely ready to leave primary school and some of you may wish you could stay there for ever. Whichever you group you are in, going to secondary school is a big moment and I know you will have lots of questions or perhaps even worries about how your new school works. We hope that this brochure will answer many of those questions for you.

The most important thing at this point to know is that we (the staff and students of Axe Valley Academy) will look after you and make sure that you are happy and working well as quickly as possible.

You are joining a school that is fiercely ambitious for you and wants you to get the very best out of yourself. If you work hard you can achieve great things with us and shape your future in a really positive way. We will give every one of you opportunities to shine and I hope that you can grab those chances with both hands. Work hard in the classroom but also join clubs, go on trips, audition for performances, learn a musical instrument or volunteer to help others. All these experiences will help you grow as a person alongside your development as a student.

With all that is going on in the world this is certainly a different transition year, but it is one that we are working especially hard on to make sure that we get right. We will be talking to your primary school teachers to make sure we know you as well as possible before you start and I am still hopeful we will be able to get together before the end of the term.

One of the documents attached is a Tutor Preference Form. Please could you complete that and return it to the school. When building tutor groups for a new year group we do try and include student preferences. Tutor groups are only a small part of your timetable and it is important to know that we can't make any guarantees because of the need to balance groups and the complexity of the problem. We will, at a minimum, always get you into a group with someone you know.

I look forward to working with you all.



Mr Rupert Carr  
Head of Year 7

# DAILY TIMETABLE

Time	Lesson/Break
08.00	Breakfast club
08:45	1 <sup>st</sup> Bell - students move to lesson 1
08.50 - 09.50	Lesson 1
09:50 - 10:50	Lesson 2
10:50 - 11:10	Break
11:10 - 12:10	Lesson 3
12:10 - 13:10	Lesson 4
13:10 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 14:25	Registration / Assembly
14:25 - 15:25	Lesson 5
15:25 onward	Enrichment activities

**If arriving/departing by car** please be aware that the main entrances to AVA can become very congested. Therefore we would encourage you to drop off/collect in the rear car park near the bus park.

## EQUIPMENT

### Be Ready To Learn

The following is a list of the basic equipment students will need so that they are ready to learn:

- A school bag/rucksack
- Blue or black pens
- Pencils
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Pencil sharpener
- Calculator
- Geometry set
- A reading book



# A CARING COMMUNITY

Axe Valley Academy has a wide range of people available to help students and parents with any issues they may have. Please contact AVA by e-mailing [admin@axevalley.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@axevalley.devon.sch.uk) or telephone on 01297 32146 to request an appointment, giving at least 24 hours' notice. Further information is available on our website [www.axevalley.devon.sch.uk](http://www.axevalley.devon.sch.uk).



Transition Support Structure	
Year Leader	Mr Carr
Pastoral Support Coordinator	Mrs Tregale
Inclusion Officer	Mrs Jackson
Admissions	Mr Scott
SENDCo	Mrs Cooper
Assistant SENDCo	Mrs Tresserras
Interventions Coordinator	Mrs Collins



## The transition team 2020-2021

Mr Carr, Year Leader.  
Mrs Tregale, Pastoral Support Coordinator.  
Mrs Tresserras, Assistant SENDCo.

# UNIFORM

The expectation at 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.



## Uniform list

**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 clip-on ties are compulsory for all students. Clip-on ties are available from reception.

**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.



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### BOYS

ITEM	COLOUR	DESCRIPTION	FROM
Rain Jacket	Black	with logo (Optional)	£21.50
Blazer	Black	with badge	£25.99
Pullover	Black	V Neck with logo	£14.99
Shirt	White	twin pack	£11.50
	White	slim fit (twinpack)	£12.99
Tie	Black/Gold	with school crest	£5.99
Trousers	Black	several styles and prices	£8.99
Socks	Black	5 pair pack	£5.99
Shoes	Black	(not trainers)	£19.99
School Bag		hoddall or backpack style	£7.99
Name tapes	Iron on	printed while you wait	£3.00
Craft Technology Apron - Navy			£5.50

### P.E. and GAMES

Hoody	Black /Amber	with Logo (optional)	£17.99
or 1/4 Zip Top	Black /Amber	with Logo (optional)	£15.99
Games Shirt	Black /Amber	Reversible	£21.99
Polo Shirt	Black /Amber	with Logo	£13.50
Shorts	Black / Amber		£8.99
Games Socks	Black / Amber	Top	£3.99
Gym Socks	White	twin pack	£4.99
Tracksuit Trousers	Black	(Optional)	£13.99
Football Boots		Moulded or Screw-in studs	£26.99
Trainers		must have non marking soles	£17.50
Shin Pads			£5.50
Mouthguard			£2.50
Swim Trunks	Black		£7.99

### GIRLS

ITEM	COLOUR	DESCRIPTION	FROM
Rain Jacket	Black	with logo (Optional)	£21.50
Blazer	Black	with badge	£25.99
Pullover	Black	V Neck with logo	£14.99
Blouse	White	twin pack - first quality	£12.99
	White	fitted (shaped)	£8.50
Tie	Black/Gold	with school crest	£5.99
Skirt	Blue	Senior Tartan - 65K308	£19.99
or Trousers	Black	Trutex GTN, DL968 or 965	£17.99
Socks	Black	5 pair pack	£5.99
Shoes	Black		£19.99
School Bag		hoddall or backpack style	£7.99
Name tapes	Iron on	printed while you wait	£3.00
Craft Technology Apron - Navy			£5.50

### P.E. and GAMES

Hoody	Black /Amber	with Logo	£17.99
or 1/4 Zip Top	Black /Amber	with Logo	£15.99
Polo Shirt	Black /Amber	with Logo	£13.50
Skirt	Black / Amber		£13.50
or Shorts	Black / Amber		£8.99
Games Socks	Black / Amber	Top	£3.99
Gym Socks	White	twin pack	£4.99
Tracksuit Trousers	Black	(Optional)	£13.99
Football Boots		Moulded or Screw-in studs	£26.99
Trainers		must have non marking soles	£17.50
Shin Pads			£5.50
Mouthguard			£2.50
Swim Suit	Black		£12.99



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# OUR CURRICULUM

Our curriculum is designed to enable students to leave AVA with the intellectual and emotional skills to; know their place in the world, have exposure to experiences that allow them to appreciate diversity in their wider community and beyond, to have been taught about the beauty of subjects and the importance of specific skills and knowledge intrinsically valuable to those subject areas and to have developed their creativity through a variety of media.

## Curriculum Time

Students are taught for 25 lessons a week – each is 60 minutes long. In addition students have a daily tutorial period (25 minutes).

## Curriculum Structure

Our curriculum structure is designed to maximise the benefit our students obtain from the excellent teaching at the Academy. Throughout Key Stages 3 and 4 our students are supported, challenged and encouraged to do their best. Students make their option choices **during Year 9** and begin their GCSE courses in Year 10.

## Curriculum Overview

	Foundation Stage			Personalised Stage	
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
<b>English</b>	Key Stage 3 - Year 1	Key Stage 3 - Year 2	Key Stage 3 - Year 3	GCSE English Literature	GCSE English Language
<b>Mathematics</b>	Key Stage 3 - Year 1	Key Stage 3 - Year 2	Key Stage 3 - Year 3	GCSE Mathematics Year 1 GCSE Statistics Year 1 (Option)	GCSE Mathematics Year 2 GCSE Statistics Year 2 (Option)
<b>Science</b>	Key Stage 3 - Year 1	Key Stage 3 - Year 2	Key Stage 3 - Year 3	GCSE Biology Year 1 GCSE Chemistry Year 1 GCSE Physics Year 1	GCSE Biology Year 2 GCSE Chemistry Year 2 GCSE Physics Year 2
<b>Creative Arts</b>	Key Stage 3 - Year 1 Art Key Stage 3 - Year 1 Drama Key Stage 3 - Year 1 Music	Key Stage 3 - Year 2 Art Key Stage 3 - Year 2 Drama Key Stage 3 - Year 2 Music	Key Stage 3 - Year 3 Art Key Stage 3 - Year 3 Drama Key Stage 3 - Year 3 Music	GCSE Art & Design Year 1 (Option) GCSE Photography Year 1 (Option) BTEC Music Practice Year 1 (Option) BTEC Performing Arts Year 1 (Option)	GCSE Art & Design Year 2 (Option) GCSE Photography Year 2 (Option) BTEC Music Practice Music Year 2 (Option) BTEC Performing Arts Year 2 (Option)
<b>Computing</b>	Key Stage 3 - Year 1	Key Stage 3 - Year 2	Key Stage 3 - Year 3	GCSE Computer Science Year 1 (Option) Cambridge National Level 1/2 in Creative iMedia Year 1 (Option)	GCSE Computer Science Year 2 (Option) Cambridge National Level 1/2 in Creative iMedia Year 2 (Option)
<b>Design &amp; Technology</b>	Key Stage 3 - Year 1	Key Stage 3 - Year 2	Key Stage 3 - Year 3	GCSE Design & Technology Year 1 (Option) GCSE Food & Nutrition Year 1 (Option)	GCSE Design & Technology Year 2 (Option) GCSE Food & Nutrition Year 2 (Option)
<b>Humanities</b>	Key Stage 3 - Year 1 Geography Key Stage 3 - Year 1 History Key Stage 3 - Year 1 RS	Key Stage 3 - Year 2 Geography Key Stage 3 - Year 2 History Key Stage 3 - Year 2 RS	Key Stage 3 - Year 3 Geography Key Stage 3 - Year 3 History Key Stage 3 - Year 3 RS	GCSE Geography Year 1 (Option) GCSE History Year 1 (Option) GCSE RS Year 1 (Option) Cambridge National Level 1/2 in Health & Social Care Year 1 (Option) Key Stage 4 - Year 1 RS (Core)*	GCSE Geography Year 2 (Option) GCSE History Year 2 (Option) GCSE RS Year 2 (Option) Cambridge National Level 1/2 in Health & Social Care Year 2 (Option) Key Stage 4 - Year 2 RS (Core)*
<b>Modern Foreign Languages</b>	Key Stage 3 - Year 1 French	Key Stage 3 - Year 2 French Key Stage 3 - Year 1 German	Key Stage 3 - Year 3 French Key Stage 3 - Year 2 German	GCSE French Year 1 (Option) GCSE German Year 1 (Option)	GCSE French Year 2 (Option) GCSE German Year 2 (Option)
<b>Physical Education</b>	Key Stage 3 - Year 1	Key Stage 3 - Year 2	Key Stage 3 - Year 3	Key Stage 4 - Year 1 PE (Core) Cambridge National Level 1/2 in Sports Science Year 1 (Option)	Key Stage 4 - Year 2 PE (Core) Cambridge National Level 1/2 in Sports Science Year 2 (Option)
<b>PSHE &amp; Careers</b>	Key Stage 3 - Year 1	Key Stage 3 - Year 2	Key Stage 3 - Year 3	Key Stage 4 - Year 1 PSHE & Careers (Core)*	Key Stage 4 - Year 2 PSHE & Careers (Core)*

\* Some elements of curriculum may be delivered across the year via tutor time and specific subject days.

This curriculum overview and more detail about our curriculum offer is available on our website.

**Independent learning** is essential to the success of students and at AVA and we use ClassCharts which allows parents to monitor what homework has been set for their child and the deadline dates.

# WIDER ENRICHMENT

## Sport

Every student has the opportunity to participate in extra-curricular sport, which takes place during lunchtime and after school. There are representative teams for many sports in each year group. **Sports Day** is always a particular highlight. We also have many links with sports clubs within the community and we use their expertise whenever possible to support sport development at the AVA.



## Performing Arts

If music and drama are your passion, there is so much on offer at AVA including our **choir, orchestras, bands, lessons** and whole school **drama productions**, all led by our hugely talented and inspirational staff.



## Instrumental tuition

Instrumental tuition at AVA is provided by dedicated music teachers. Joint and individual lessons are currently available on brass, strings, woodwind, piano, drums and guitar as well as singing.



## Educational Visits

During each student's time at AVA there are numerous opportunities to study or make cultural visits locally, within the UK and abroad.

**Language study** trips are organised and field courses are also an important feature of all students' work in Geography.

**Other trips** have been skiing, surfing, music tours, theatre trips, Ardèche, London, New York and Paris .

## Duke of Edinburgh (DofE)

From Year 9, students have the opportunity to take part in the DofE programme which is run at Bronze, Silver and Gold awards.



# THE CANTEEN

## New Year 7 – Welcome to the Axe Valley Canteen!

Firstly, we would like to say a big hello to all of the new year 7's from all of us in the canteen and we can't wait to meet you.

My name is Mrs Driver and I am the canteen manager. You may find the canteen here very different from your primary school as it is much more like a café - we are open for breakfast, break and lunch! We operate a cash system.

Below is a sample menu to give you and your parents an idea of what we do offer and some costs. We cook everything fresh on site and if you have any dietary requirements or special food requests please just ask.

At lunch time we have 2 food areas open. There is the main canteen and also our street food option **Love Joes**, which also has a waffle station open on certain days. It has a variety of fresh fruit and sauces to choose from to jazz up your waffles!

If you are entitled to Free School Meals you will be able to have a meal up to the value of £2.20 per day and we offer meal deals to help you get really good value for money. Mrs Herbert looks after everyone who has a Free School Meal. She will give you all a special number but don't worry if you don't remember it - your name is just as good!

We want you to be excited, not worried, about coming to the canteen. After all it's the best place in the school but shhh don't tell the teachers!

## Sample Menu

### **Breakfast**

Freshly made croissants	60p
Bacon or sausage baguette	£1
Cheese on toast	50p
Fresh fruit and yogurt	80p
Apple or orange juice	40p
Hot chocolate	£1

### **Break**

Choice of freshly made pizza slices	£1.10
Bacon or sausage baguette	£1
Fruit and yogurt	80p

### **Lunch**

Chicken tikka & rice	£2.00
Sweet chilli chicken and noodles	£2.00
Southern coated chicken skewers	£1.30
Freshly made paninis	£1.80
Freshly made sandwiches	£1.70
Pasta with a choice of sauces	£1.80
Salad pots (cheese, ham or tuna)	£1.50

**Love Joes** - choice of marinated chicken fillets in a wrap or brioche bun with fresh salad, home-made coleslaw and a wide choice of sauces £2.00



# TRANSPORT

Devon County arranges transport for students attending Axe Valley Academy. They receive the list of who will be attending AVA and then assess the entitlement of everyone who will be starting in September. They will then email parents directly confirming what transport they are entitled to and asking parents to confirm. Following this bus passes are sent out in August ready for the September term. All information is available through the link below.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-and-college-transport>

If you are entitled to transport you will receive an email in the next few weeks with instructions on what to do next. The transport team will require a passport type photo for bus passes, however due to current restrictions they will allow parents to take a photo using a smart phone or a digital camera to prevent families going to a photo booth in a supermarket or a shopping centre.

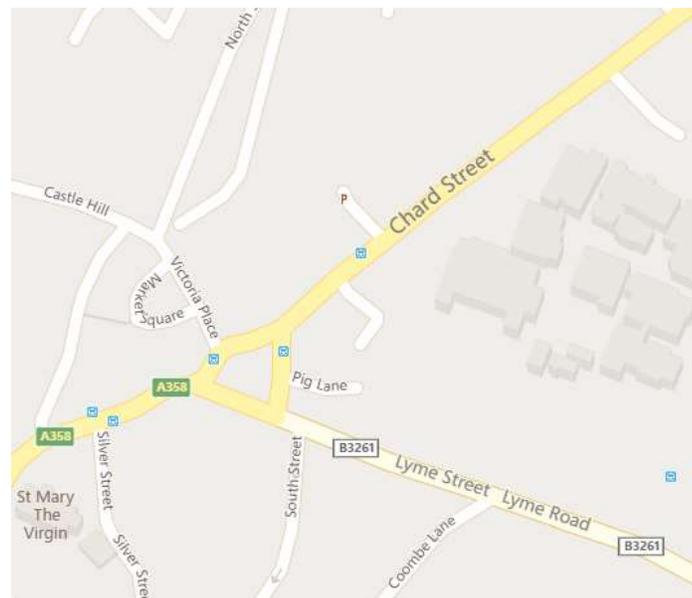
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# CONTACT US

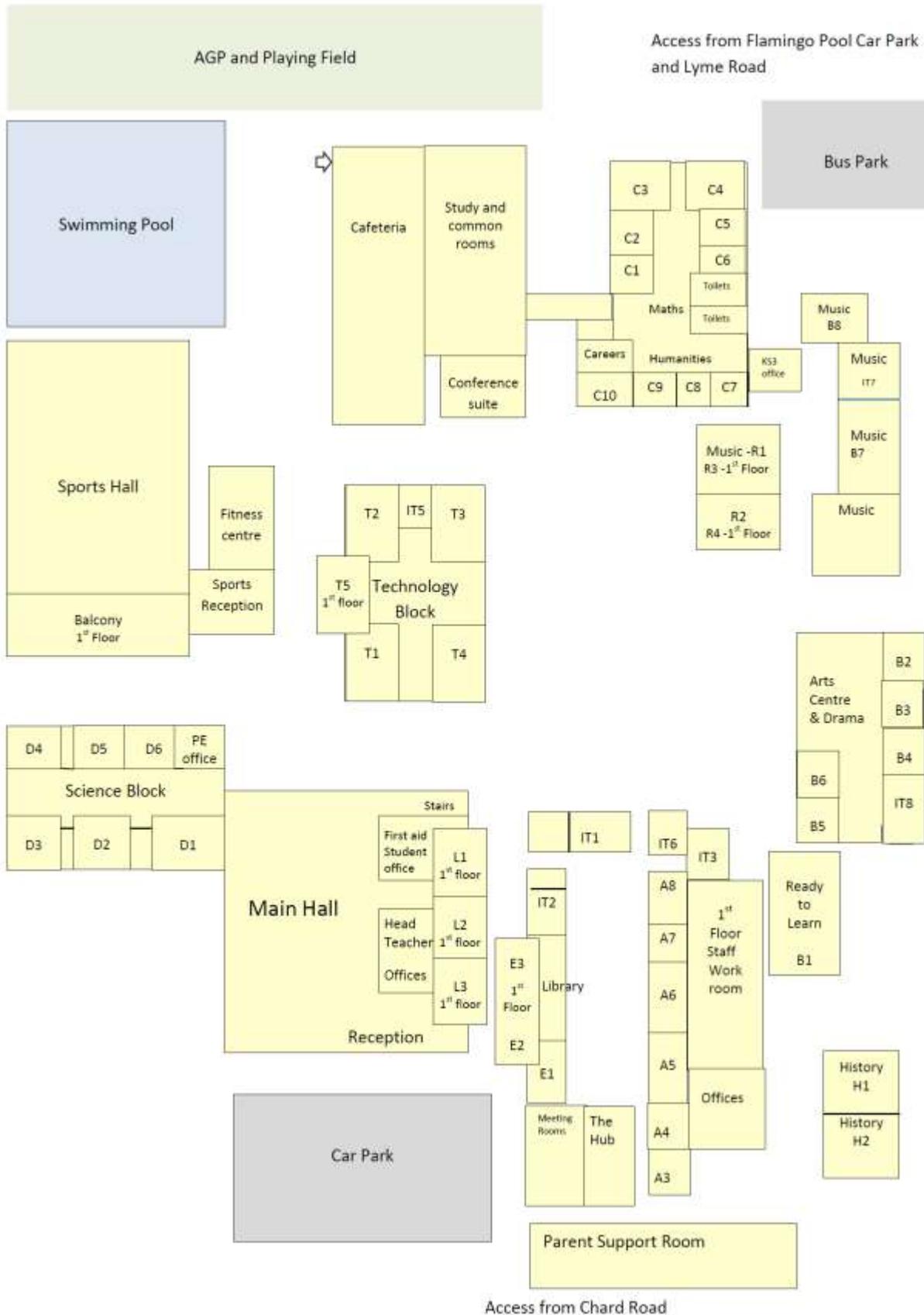
## Contact Us

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# AVA MAP



# INTERNET USE

## Responsible Internet Use

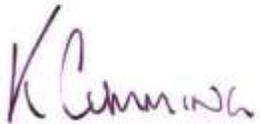
As part of your child's curriculum and the development of ICT skills, Axe Valley Academy is providing supervised access to the Internet. We believe that the use of the World Wide Web is worthwhile and is an essential skill for students as they grow up in the modern world. Please would you read the attached 'Rules for Internet Use' and discuss them with your child.

Although there have been concerns about students having access to undesirable materials, we have taken positive steps to deal with this risk in school. The school network records all internet activity and has a filtering system; the school's internet service provider also operates an additional filtering system that restricts access to inappropriate materials. This may not be the case at home and we can provide references to information on safe internet access if you wish.

Whilst every endeavour is made to ensure that suitable restrictions are placed on the ability of students to access inappropriate materials, the school cannot be held responsible for the nature or content of materials accessed through the internet.

Further information about online safety can be found on the school website [www.axevalley.devon.sch.uk/parent/safety](http://www.axevalley.devon.sch.uk/parent/safety) and should you wish to discuss any aspect of Internet use or any aspect of online safety then please contact me to arrange an appointment.

Yours sincerely



Mr K Cumming  
Assistant Head teacher

## Rules for Internet use

### To be kept by the Student

I understand that I must follow the academy's "Safe use of Computers" guidelines:

1. **ONLY** use a computer in your lessons for academy work.
2. **ALWAYS** use a computer in a responsible and safe way, leave it tidy and log-off.
3. Do **NOT** use offensive language or material.  
*(This includes any use of a computer or other mobile technology in the academy or elsewhere, that insults anyone, makes threats or brings the academy into disrepute)*
4. Do **NOT** share your password with others; do **NOT** use another person's password.
5. Do **NOT** use a computer in a way that could upset the use of others.  
*(This includes sending academy email that is not for academy work or listening to music over the Internet.)*
6. Do **NOT** try to view unsuitable websites.  
*(This includes newsgroups, chat areas, social networking areas, racist, pornographic or violent sites.)*
7. Do **NOT** use illegal material, software or games. Do **NOT** use music or videos unless it is for your academy work. *(You must state the source of copyrighted material.)*
8. Do **NOT** play non-educational games during lesson times.

In addition when using the Internet I must follow these additional guidelines

9. **ONLY** use the Internet at academy when supervised by a member of staff.
10. **ALWAYS** report websites or emails that make you feel uncomfortable in any way.
11. **NEVER** arrange to meet anyone through the Internet.
12. **NEVER** send any personal information about yourself or anyone else

**Please sign the form and return it to the Academy Network Office.  
Your child will not be able to use the Internet unless he/she has been registered.**

**To be kept by the Network Staff**

## **Rules for Internet use**

*Student's Name:* ..... *Tutor Group:* .....

### **Student's Agreement**

I understand the academy's rules for Internet use; I realise that the academy records all websites I visit and I will be subject to appropriate academy sanctions if I do not follow these rules.

*Student's Signature:* ..... *Date:* .....

### **Parent/Carer's Consent for Internet Access**

I give my permission for my child to have access to the Internet and have discussed the rules with him/her. I understand that the academy cannot be held responsible for the nature of the content of materials accessed through the Internet.

*Parent/Carer's Signature:* ..... *Date:* .....

### **Parent/Carer's Consent for Publication of Work, Photographs and Videos**

I agree that, if selected, my child's work may be published in academy publications or on the website. I also agree that images that include my son/daughter may be published for educational and promotional purposes; these may be used in displays or printed publications as well as on our website. All usage of images will be subject to the academy rules that images will not clearly identify individuals, and that full names will not be used. In addition, the media may take photographs or recordings at college events that may subsequently appear in newspapers or on television.

*Parent/Carer's Signature:* ..... *Date:* .....

### ***For Office use only***

**Username:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Registration:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Staff Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_



**AXE VALLEY ACADEMY**  
**Tutor Group Preference Form**

**PUPIL DETAILS**

Name	
Primary School	
Parent / Carer contact 1	
Parent / Carer contact 2	

**TUTOR GROUP PREFERENCES**

Please list up to three pupils you would prefer to be in your tutor group*	First preference:  Second preference:  Third preference:
Please tell us any pupil/s you would prefer not to be in your tutor group. Please provide details if appropriate.	

**\*Please note that although every effort is made to ensure all friendship requests are met, unfortunately we cannot always guarantee this.**