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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
English	Students will be introduced to the richness of 19 th Century literature through a curated collection of extracts from Charlotte Bronte's <i>Jane Eyre</i> . Designed to bridge the transition to KS3 literary analysis, the unit provides students with a foundational knowledge of Victorian context.
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 begin Y7 History with a study of Empires in the year c.1000. They will delve into the rich and vibrant history empires from East to West and the way in which the world was much more connected than we might think in this period. Students will explore Chinese empires, the Islamic Empire, the Byzantine Empire and the Roman Empire.
Geography	Students will start by learning key geographical skills, including grid references, scale, and map use, before studying climatic zones and the causes and effects of climate change.
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 explore the current religious landscape of England and Wales and their local area. They will review and build upon knowledge from KS2 and ensure that all students have the appropriate vocabulary of key faiths and non-religious

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	traditions in Britain, including names of religious buildings and widely used symbols.
PE	Students will develop knowledge of handball, health-related fitness, netball, basketball and badminton. Lessons will focus on fitness, teamwork and leadership.
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 respecting differences and understanding diverse perspectives, while also learning about mental and emotional wellbeing and how to identify and respond to risky behaviours in everyday situations.
D&T	Students will rotate through graphic design, food technology, and textiles, making a mechanical card, learning hand embroidery, and cooking dishes such as scones, pasta salad and fajitas.
Computer Science	Students will be learning how to use the school computer systems effectively, including navigating Teams, sending emails and organising their folder structures. This will help them to become confident and independent users of digital systems, and by the end they should be able to access, save, organise and submit work successfully.

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

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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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