

The Avanti Way

Reimagining the purpose
of education



Welcome

The Avanti Way is the route map for the Avanti family of schools

It sets out our purpose and vision, to make clear our highest expectations and commitment to inspiring spiritually compassionate changemakers.

Our beliefs are the foundations of our curriculum, pedagogy and ways of working and where our virtues of self-discipline, respect, empathy, integrity, courage and gratitude are lived out, experienced and developed.

The metaphor of a Tree of Life presents the roots of spiritual insight, which strengthen the trunk of character formation, which in turn supports the crown of educational excellence and in giving back to our communities.



Our Purpose

Our purpose is
simple, yet profound:

To inspire spiritually
compassionate
changemakers



Our Beliefs

Realising potential

We believe we each have incredible potential which can be nurtured intellectually, emotionally, physically and spiritually.

Empowering choice

We believe that while we cannot always control our circumstances in life, we have the capacity to choose our responses; to respond with goodness and to nurture goodness within.

Strengthening interconnection

We believe all life is interconnected and therefore strive to care for and respect all life – human, animal and plant – living in a way that causes the least possible harm.

Our purpose is based on these core beliefs

Enriching diversities

We believe we each observe the same one reality, but from our own unique perspective; it is through open-hearted dialogue that we deeply enrich our vision.

Expanding purpose

We believe by serving a greater purpose, we can live a meaningful and satisfying life of contribution.

Nourishing loving relationships

We believe relationships which nourish our need to love and be loved encourage us to be the best that we can be.



Our Virtues

We realise our purpose by developing six virtues

Self-discipline

This virtue is a foundation of our capacity to express free will by the ability to regulate our actions and emotions.

Respect

This virtue is an essential ingredient for positive educational interactions.

Empathy

This virtue builds our capacity to deal with complexity by broadening our perspective and not rushing to assumptions.

Integrity

This virtue enables us to build trusting relationships and a healthy sense of self-worth.

Courage

This virtue frees us from artificial boundaries that limit our growth.

Gratitude

This virtue helps us develop a deeper connection with others and the world by recognising their contribution to our success.



Our Offer

We use the concept of a Tree of Life to frame our vision for education



The Roots

Spiritual Insight to Go Deep

A healthy tree has deep and strong roots to withstand storms. The roots of our spiritual life similarly keep us grounded. Watering our roots is essential to their care, reminding us of the importance of our internal journey of self-discovery.

- With spiritual insight we understand ourselves as interconnected with all living beings and the universe. Who we are, or the 'Self', is then perceived beyond the material and layers of coverings, such as the colour of our skin, our religion, or where we come from. This urges action rooted in humility and love.
- Learning becomes a deepening quest for self-discovery, opening the door to unlimited potential, and an antidote to the emptiness of a materialistic or mechanistic worldview.
- The learning experience, through the curriculum and approaches to teaching, unveils the possibilities of sacredness in every moment.
- Spiritual insight engenders a deeply positive attitude to life, enduring happiness, and heartfelt relationships.

The Trunk

Character Formation to Grow Strong

A strong trunk stands firm to bear a vibrant crown. Our strength of character similarly enables us to engage positively with all that life has to offer. That character grows from spiritual roots and is strengthened through the quest to make the world a better place, starting with ourselves.

- Character formation focuses on our virtues, which are explicitly and implicitly taught by example. Through this, a powerful sense of individual and collective purpose emerges from a supportive community.
- Learning develops as a quest to improve ourselves and the world around us.
- Living our virtues improves our capacity to put into practice what we have learned; this is the true test of learning.
- Building this capacity demands an experiential, virtues-led curriculum that embraces collaboration, custodianship, and global perspectives.



The Crown

Educational Excellence to Give Back

A healthy tree has a flourishing crown, with fruits that enrich the lives of others. Similarly, our unique gifts are nurtured through educational excellence and enable us to contribute to the world.

- Such excellence arises because deeply inspired educators nurture young people with an innate passion for learning, a sense of joy and wonder.
- Inclusive educators embrace the quest to discover each young person's unique qualities and gifts.
- They inspire the foundations for their respective lifelong learning journeys of self-discovery.
- Inseparable from high academic standards, our educational excellence is a result of a challenging and motivating curriculum, which inspires independently thoughtful, curious and reflective learners.

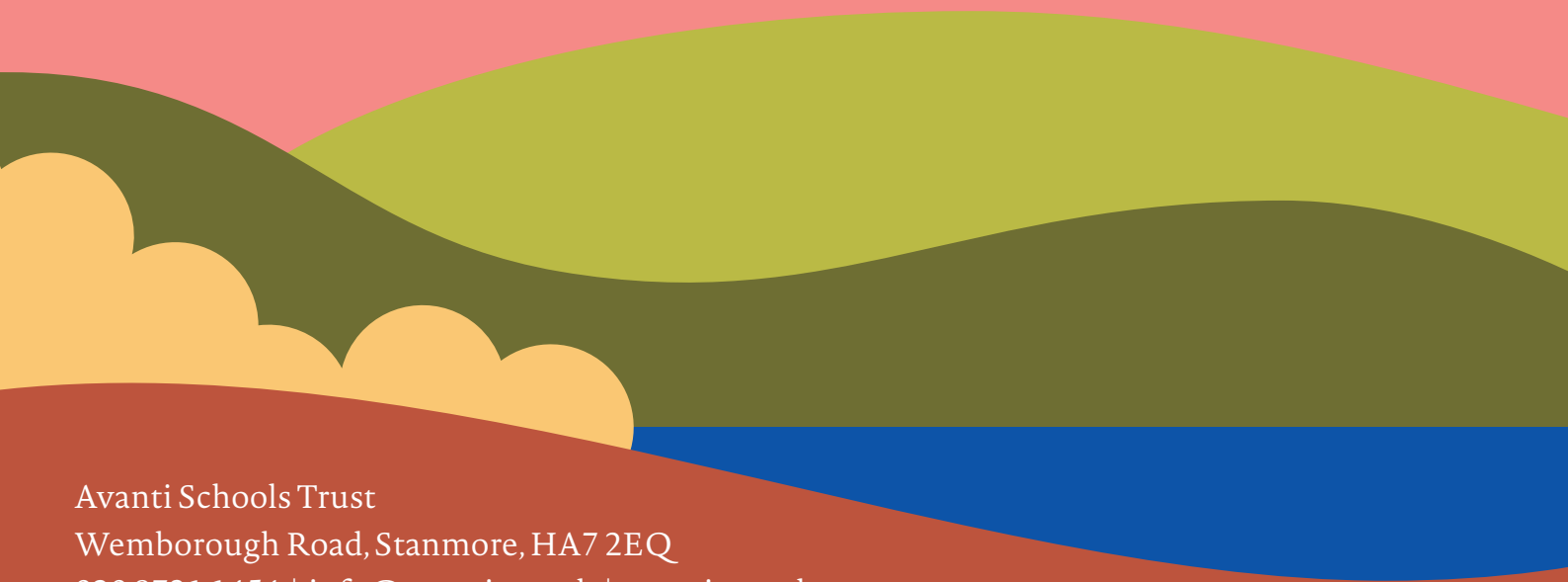
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