



Avanti Insight

Official Newsletter for Avanti Grange Secondary School

October 2024

A Message from the Principal

It has been another incredibly exciting and busy few weeks at Avanti Grange. The highlight of which has to be our first 'proper' Open Evening in our new home. It is clear from the demand for tickets and the attendance of over 1300 people our reputation continues to grow as we become established with the Bishop's Stortford community. It was wonderful to see so many prospective students and their families engaging with our staff, exploring the fantastic brand-new facilities, and experiencing first hand the vibrant learning environment we provide. A special thank you to our student tour guides and ambassadors and of course our staff for their hard work in showcasing all that makes Avanti Grange such a special place to learn.

We are pleased to announce the completion of our Design and Technology area. This state-of-the-art upgrade will significantly enhance the learning experience for our students, giving them access to top-quality equipment and tools as they develop their creativity and practical skills. The quality of equipment will also allow for our students to produce the calibre of work required to excel at both GCSE and A level. We look forward to seeing the fantastic projects our students will produce in this new space. A massive thank you to Tilgear for all their support designing and delivering a truly incredible D&T facility at Avanti Grange.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. We are excited about the future of Avanti Grange and the wonderful opportunities ahead for our students.



Over the past two weeks fixtures have been coming thick and fast. A couple of highlights were the Year 7 Boys Rugby team taking part in a Saturday morning Tournament against some of the best local rugby schools. They did incredibly well, finishing with two wins which was made even more impressive with three quarters of them taking part in their first ever contact rugby matches. The girls programme also got underway with Year 8 A&B and Year 9 A&B both taking on St Mary's in football, results didn't go our way, but the girls have been working hard in training and improvements are being seen. Finally, nearly 50 students took part in the District Cross Country event across Year 7, 8 and 9. Notable results were Eliza in year 8 who finished fourth and Rose in year 9 who became DISTRICT CHAMPION. Huge congratulations.

PE and Sport Round Up



Please continue to follow us for PE updates on Facebook and Instagram @avantigrangepe. With so much going on, we are encouraging students to take responsibility in getting fixture details to parents. However, we appreciate this is difficult so could you please encourage students to look at the PE Teams. We are posting all team sheets up there, as well details around training etc, meaning they can show parents the details at home. If they don't have access, they should come and ask to be added.

Upcoming Fixtures:

- Year 7 Girls Football (A&B Team) Vs St Mary's @ St Mary's - Monday 14/10
- Year 7 Boys Rugby Vs SWCHS @ SWCHS - Tuesday 15/10
- Year 8 Boys Rugby Vs SWCHS @ SWCHS - Tuesday 15/10
- Year 8 Girls Hockey Vs SWCHS @ SWCHS - Tuesday 15/10
- Year 7 Boys Rugby Vs Edwinstree @ Edwinstree - Thursday 17/10
- Year 7 Girls Hockey (A Team) Vs SWCHS @ SWCHS - Thursday 17/10

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Careers at Avanti Grange – We need you!

We are always looking for further support in delivering our careers education programme. If you would like to get involved – including workshops, employer talks, work experience placements, or sharing your own career journey with our students – please contact us by emailing our Careers Lead: Daniella Goldman via careers.ags@avanti.org.uk

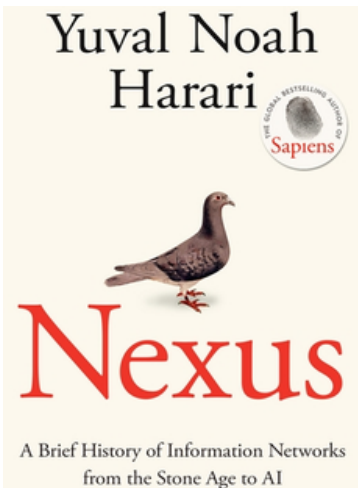


Library

Thank you to everyone that has donated books to the library which are now being enjoyed by the students. The library is really taking shape now, and it is lovely to see so many students enjoying the space and wanting to be involved with library duties. We are currently in the process of recruiting student librarians ready to begin their duties after the half term holidays.

Hokusai's Inume Pass in the Kai Province (1830-32)

This week's featured piece is Hokusai's Inume Pass in the Kai Province. This scene reflects our belief in Realising Potential. Like the figures climbing towards Mount Fuji, we too are on a journey, striving to reach our highest goals through perseverance and dedication. The piece also highlights our belief of Strengthening Interconnection. The harmony between people and nature in the print reminds us of our responsibility to live in a way that respects and sustains the world around us, acknowledging how deeply interconnected all life truly is.



What Am I Reading?

At Avanti Grange, we pride ourselves in being a reading school. Staff members share what they're currently reading with students, creating an environment where books and ideas spark meaningful conversations. Mr. Nichols is reading Nexus by Yuval Noah Harari, a thought-provoking exploration of human history and our shared future. Harari delves into how advances in technology and society could shape the next stage of human evolution, encouraging readers to think deeply about the impact of AI, biotechnology, and big data on our world. It's a fascinating read for those interested in history, philosophy, and the future of humanity.

Park Run 20th Anniversary

It was great to see some of our running club members attend the 20th anniversary Parkrun on Saturday morning. If students would like to attend future Parkruns and represent the school in their Avanti Grange PE Kit the event takes place at 8.45am at the Bandstand in Sworders Field, Bishop's Stortford town park. After half term Avanti Grange Parkrun events will take place with a member of staff attending. These will be advertised on our PE Instagram.



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