



Aston Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. Our students have been a credit to you and all the staff at Aston Academy. They have embraced our new core values and demonstrated responsibility and resilience to learning throughout the year, and should be proud of their achievements. It has been a privilege to watch them continue to flourish this term and we look forward to continuing next year.

I have outlined below some important information ahead of the new academic year.

Wednesday 6 September 2023

The new academic year begins for students on Wednesday 6 September with a staggered start as stated below:

Year 7 Start time 8.35am (gates open 8.00am)

Year 7 students will arrive to school as an individual year group to allow a supportive and calm start to their secondary journey. On their arrival, students will go straight to the Head Yard and line up with their Form Tutor for 8.35am in the same way they did on the Induction days. Students will then move to a Welcome Assembly followed by an extended form period for the morning which will include opportunities to navigate themselves around the school site before other students arrive, team building activities and support and explanation with regards to their individualised timetable. Timetabled lessons will then begin after lunch (period 4). Please ensure your child is in full school uniform and has the specified equipment (see below).

Year 8 and 11 start time 9.35am (gates open at 9.20am) & Year 9, 10 & Post 16 start time 11.00am (gates open at 10.40am)

On their arrival on the first day, students in Years 8-13 will go straight to form rooms for an extended form period. All form rooms will be displayed under the arches on students' arrival. Please ensure your child is in full school uniform and has the specified equipment as stated below.

School Transport

School transport information can be found on the school website. The buses that service the school have changed companies: Cawthornes Travel who will run the 654 Treeton service, Keats who will run the 629 Catcliffe (Waverley)/Treeton service and Coopers travel providing the 655 Woodhouse/Handsworth Service. All routes and timings will shadow what is already in place (details can be found on the school website - any changes will be publicised on the website as soon as we get the information). We would appreciate parents/carers making arrangements for students' arrival to school in relation to the staggered start.



All adults in school have a responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children

Uniform

Our school uniform is an important part of the school's culture and ethos so thank you for your support in ensuring your child attends school in the correct uniform. The uniform expectations are outlined in the policy that can be found on the [website](#). The policy is in line with the outcome of the uniform consultation, outlined in the letter sent to parents/carers from the Chair of Governors on Tuesday 18 July.

Clip on ties for all Year 11 students will be provided to students on their first day back in September.

Equipment

As stated in the uniform policy, all students are expected to bring a school bag each day, as they will be expected to take exercise books home.

Students should also have the following equipment daily:

- School bag to fit A4 exercise books, stationery and PE kit (when necessary)
- Planner (provided to all students on the first day back)
- Pencil case
- Blue/black pens
- Purple pens
- Pencils
- Scientific calculator (we recommend Casio FX-83GTX or Casio FX-85GTX)
- Eraser
- Ruler (30cm)

Additional Recommended Equipment:

- Highlighters
- Colouring pencils
- Protractor
- A compass
- Glue stick

Storage Facilities

If your child requires a locker, they can collect a form from the Admin Office in September. Lockers will be provided on a first come first served basis. We are also looking at further storage facilities for the new academic year.

Parent/Carer Forum Minutes

The most recent minutes are now available on the website, please follow [this link](#).

I hope that you enjoy the summer break and I look forward to working with you in the new academic year.

Kind regards



Mrs Saeed
Principal