



# Aston Academy

## Specialising in Maths & Computing

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Dear Parents & Carers,

At Aston Academy, we have high expectations of and standards for each and every student, which we believe will support them to fulfil their true potential.

We value the school-parent/carer partnership and the support you provide enormously. We therefore want to make you aware of key areas of focus with regards to behaviour and attitudes.

### 1. Lost learning time

All students are expected to be on time for each lesson of the day and for Tutor period. If they are late to a lesson or Tutor period (more than 5 minutes late) they will receive an 'L' in the register. From Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, **two 'L' marks** during the week will result in a **30 minute 'lates to lessons' detention**. Parents/carers will be informed of this via a text message.

**Any student who chooses to truant will complete the remainder of their day in Reflection** where they will be provided with suitable work. **Persistent issues in internal truancy may result in more serious sanctions such as formal suspension** followed up by a reintegration meeting with parents.

To support students to be punctual to lessons we have a movement bell at 10:55 to encourage them to start moving to Tutor period and another movement bell at 1:05 to indicate movement to period 4.

### 2. Refusing a reasonable request

We always support our students to make positive choices. If a student refuses a reasonable request, they will be reminded and supported to do the right thing. However, persistent refusal will result in the student being placed in Reflection immediately

### 3. Mobile Phones

You will already be aware that unregulated use of mobile devices and social media can affect the behaviour and conduct of students. On a day-to-day basis we see and hear about anti-social behaviour, limited social interaction, heightened distraction and online cases of bullying amongst the young people of today.

The expectation regarding mobile devices at Aston Academy is **not changing** and we still expect students to have **no** mobile devices or ear phones inside the building at all times. **Students can use their mobile phone outside the building at break time and lunch time only**. If a student is seen in possession, or seen using these devices by any member of staff in lessons or any other part of the building (corridors, halls, Gym etc), the device will be confiscated and placed in a sealed envelope at student reception until the end of the day.

We greatly appreciate your support in reinforcing the key messages in this letter, so that every student fully understands the Academy's behavioural expectations. All students will be informed of our expectations during Tutor period on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

Kind Regards

Mrs Wilson – Vice Principal

Mrs Greaves – Assistant Vice Principal



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