

Aston Academy



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Dear Parents/Carers,

The end of another week, thank you for your support in ensuring that our students are punctual, look smart in their uniforms and equipped to learn.

The highlight for me this week has been leading our assemblies with our amazing year teams and celebrating together the fantastic achievements of our students. Our staff have been using Class Charts to log incidents of positive behaviour and character, inside and outside the classrooms. I hope that you have been able to follow your child's progress on the parent Class Chart app. We now have 1236 students who have a parent/carer signed up to the app. I expect you will be enjoying getting the live messages about your child's progress and conduct each day. Below is an example of how many occasions staff have logged a positive behaviour and had a praise conversation with a student for each year group.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
13412 occasions	10619 occasions	12827 occasions	9180 occasions	8989 occasions	821 occasions	739 occasions

Thank you to parents/carers who attended our Y8 and Y9 information evenings this week. It was lovely to meet you, and I know staff really appreciated the opportunity to talk about your child's education and key information to support success this academic year. Y10 and Y11 parents, please watch out for invitations to our Y10 work experience information evening and Y11 'preparing for success' evening in October.

This week, more extra-curricular clubs have been launched for all students and attendance has been really pleasing. These are free and available for all students. Information can be found on our website and Facebook pages. Our year 11 students have started their period 6 revision sessions. Every minute counts, and from analysis on our summer GCSE results it has shown that Y11 students who regularly attended period 6 revision had a much better chance of achieving their GCSE grades. We want our Y11 students to show the resilience needed to be successful in the summer. Please support these good habits.

Can I also draw your attention on our website to the calendar and term dates sections. In particular I want you to note the INSET and academy closure days upcoming in October:

- Friday 4 October - INSET day (school closed to students)
- Monday 7 October - Disaggregated day (school closed)

The school calendar can be found [here](#) and term dates can be found [here](#).



Resilience Pride Respect Ambition Responsibility

Be Exceptional

I have also included our safeguarding team below; I am aware you may already know but I think it is important that you are familiar and know where help is needed if required. We have also shared these details with your children. Names and pictures of the safeguarding team are also visible around the school site.

ASTON ACADEMY
SAFEGUARDING TEAM

DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD: MRS BARQUERO - SENDCO

Deputy DSL
Mr Graham
Principal

Deputy DSL
Miss Anyon
Vice Principal

Deputy DSL
Ms Haywood
Vice Principal

Deputy DSL
MRS NORMAN
Senior Learning
Progress Manager

Deputy DSL
MRS SACCOMANDO
Attendance &
Safeguarding Officer

SAFEGUARDING GOVERNOR: MR HAGUE

*If there is anything you are worried or concerned about,
please contact a member of the safeguarding team via
safeguarding@astonacademy.org*



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

The combination of home, school and student here at Aston Academy will make a difference.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best regards,

Mr J Graham
Principal