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Dear Parents/Carers,

Another Friday arrives.

Thank you for your understanding, support and messages on Tuesday during our inclement weather closure. Taking the decision to close the school is not a decision we take lightly. Before making any decision, we take advice from teams inside the academy, such as our premises/site teams and our local community, for example transport links and other local schools. Once I have made the decision our aim is to communicate this effectively and in a timely fashion. Our priority will always be the safety of our students, staff and parents/carers while on site or traveling to and from the academy.

It is also a good time to remind you of further school closure days. These are on our website calendar, but details are also below:

- Friday 6th December - Disaggregated Day (school closed for all students and staff).
- Friday 20th December - INSET day (school closed to all students, therefore the final day of term 1 for our students is Thursday 19th December).

I hope that the Y11 students, along with parents and carers enjoyed the opportunity to come in and receive information about our Post 16 provision on Monday. It was lovely to see so many students and also welcome students from other schools. I believe Post 16 at Aston Academy can offer your Y11 child the best possible routes. We offer smaller classes with more support, staff that know your child and how they learn, a provision that is close to home, a quick/easy application process and of course excellent Post 16 outcomes and transition routes into university or careers. If you need further information or have questions about Post 16, please do not hesitate to contact via post16@astonacademy.org.

This week I have very much enjoyed leading assemblies for our Y7 - Y10 students. The focus of these assemblies has been 'thinking big!' We discussed the advantages of having an open mindset, being resilient and the power of believing you can achieve. These are important themes and traits we want our students to learn; we know it will greatly help them in the future.

Next week I am looking forward to welcoming Y7 parents and carers into the academy for our 'meet the tutor' event on Monday evening. We hope that this will give parents/carers an opportunity to meet their child's group tutor in person. The event will also provide parents/carers with more information around the curriculum, opportunities on offer and personal development for your child during Y7. We are so proud of our Y7 cohort!

Finally, well done to all our 'Proud Thursday' students; numbers are increasing each week. It has been lovely to receive emails from parents/carers with details of amazing achievements their children have enjoyed outside of school. We really do have amazingly talented students!

Have a wonderful weekend.

The combination of home, school and student will make a difference.

Best regards,

Mr J Graham
Principal



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