



# Aston Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers of Y7,

As November draws to a close I have reflected this week on how the first three months of Year 7 has flown by. We are seeing the year group make fantastic progress in lessons and supporting one another in less structured times. We have issued a few reminders about our standards and expectations. When pupils get used to their new environment it is very natural that they will relax into secondary school life - this is great, but we still strive every day to be the best we can possibly be. That is the Aston way and certainly what we are looking for in our Year 7 children.

## Meet the Tutors Evening

The form tutors and I were delighted to welcome so many of you into school on Monday and we hope the short event gave you a little snapshot of why tutor time is at the beating heart of our day. The topics covered in our Personal Development and Behaviour curriculums are vital - part of our commitment to educating 'the whole child.' Reading sessions each Wednesday are also crucial in developing reading fluency. I feel very well blessed to have such a dedicated, caring and warm group of form tutors working with Year 7 - the right team on the right job. They are getting to know your children very well, and as a daily point of contact their role in your child's school life is so important.

## The Sheffield's Children's Hospital Charity - Snowflake Fayre/Christmas Jumper Day

We were very lucky today to be visited by Charlotte from the Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity, who showed the children where our fundraising efforts go. Many of our school community and beyond have reason to feel very grateful to the Sheffield Children's Hospital, and Aston Academy have a long and celebrated fundraising history with this amazing place.

Our annual Snowflake Fayre will take place on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. It is a lovely, festive event which raises a fantastic sum each year. There will be treats and gifts available for purchase, so children may wish to bring a bit of change into school on that day. They are also invited to wear a festive Christmas jumper (in place of or as well as their blazer, all other uniform standards remain in place) for a donation of £1.

## Thank you Ms Clay

Children took time in today's assembly to thank and say a 'goodbye for now' to Ms Clay, who starts her maternity leave next week. Year 7 have benefitted from her tireless efforts, kindness and warmth and we all send our best wishes with her.



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## **School Closure - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

A reminder that school is closed next Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Y7 are still top of the tree for attendance - so let's really push for full attendance on next week's shorter four day week!

## **Y6 - Festive Greetings and Welcome**

During tutor time next week Y7 pupils will be writing Christmas greetings to our September 2025 intake. The vision is for all Y6 children in our feeder primaries and beyond to receive a handwritten (and decorated, if they like!) card from Year 7 to make sure they feel welcome into our school family. You will remember that Y6 can be a nervous time when thinking about 'big school' so it is important that Y7 do a good job of this. Some children may wish to bring extra cards home - they just need to see me and they can take as many as they like. Many have started writing these already during breaks and lunchtimes - and they give a heartwarming snapshot of what a kind and caring year group Y7 are.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Kilgannon  
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