



# Aston Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 7,

Year 7 have made an excellent return after the half-term break. They remain an excellent year group with standards to be proud of.

## **Remembrance**

Thank you to our Art faculty staff and the many, many students who have created a ceramic poppy to form part of our beautiful tribute of remembrance. You will have seen in the Principal's update that we will hold a silence on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Year 7 will be reminded about this on Monday morning.

*"At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them."*

## **Theatre Trip**

We are delighted that a huge number of Y7 students will be joining us for the trip to see *Little Shop of Horrors* at the Sheffield Crucible Theatre on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. If you have requested a place and payment has been taken I am pleased to confirm that your child has now secured a place - many thanks to Sheffield Theatres for furnishing us with additional tickets! A separate letter with details/reminders will follow nearer the time - but please be aware that it is the responsibility of parents/carers to deliver and collect pupils from the Crucible Theatre. Staff will be outside to register students and get them safely back to you.

## **Y7 Meet the Tutors Evening**

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November you will have the opportunity to come into the Academy to meet with your child's form tutor. There will be a short presentation in the hall from the Principal and myself, followed by the chance to break off into tutor groups to meet your child's form tutor.



Resilience    Pride    Respect    Ambition    Responsibility

**Be Exceptional**

## **Y7 Skipping Challenge**

A nail-biting clash of our titans **James** and **Cole** this week - both setting new records. James held the record with a time of 6 minutes and 58 seconds, until an incredible performance from Cole today set the new bar of 7 minutes 38. Just as important are the numbers of regular and first-time participants who come along at lunchtime to say hi, cheer each other on, meet friends and enjoy time together as a Y7 team.

## **Book Swap, reading and ERIC**

Every Wednesday Y7 pupils are now in their reading pathway for tutor time - giving them time dedicated to reading for pleasure and improving their reading skills. We really do want pupils to have a reading book in their bag which is read and enjoyed. We don't want books languishing at the bottom of school bags or gathering dust on shelves - we want them being borrowed, swapped, reviewed, enjoyed.

## **Daily line-ups**

Year 7 pupils line up each morning on arrival to school in their tutor groups. This enables us to check in with them and check their preparedness for learning. Pupils then line up again at the end of lunchtime, so that they can be collected by their form tutors. Weather allowing, it is a lovely way to gather the team together for a few minutes and they look very smart wearing their uniform with pride. A small number of pupils have started to arrive a few minutes late for the afternoon line-up - they have been reminded about this in assembly today. Year 7 have a slightly extended lunch so there is no reason why any children should not be lined up on the head yard at 12.20pm, ready for a prompt line up and dismissal at 12.25pm - please remind your child that this is important.

## **Feedback**

As always, we appreciate your feedback and are especially glad to pass on to our staff when parents feel their child is having a great experience - please feel free to use the link [here](#)

Yours sincerely,

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