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Dear Parents/Carers

A fantastic third week

We were absolutely delighted with the conduct and attentiveness of Year 7 in today's assembly - their first in the new assembly space. The students were addressed by the year team and the Principal and it was fantastic to see and hear them warmly congratulate one another on their achievement points. Many students have already exceeded 50 achievement points and will receive a certificate of recognition in tutor time next week.

Our Year 7 are really pulling together as a team and getting to know one another. We will always reinforce those key messages of kindness and consideration to one another and encourage the students to demonstrate our core values of **pride, resilience, ambition, responsibility** and **respect**.

Theatre Trip - Thursday 19th December 2024

There has been a very rapid response to the letter about the Year 7 trip to the Crucible Theatre. If the number of responses exceeds the number of places available then names are chosen at random. Please do not be too disappointed if your child is not selected this time - many more opportunities are in store throughout the academic year.

Y6 Open Evening - Monday 30th September 2024

We will be holding our Y6 Open Evening on Monday 30th September 2024, 5.30pm-7.30pm. This is a chance for Y6 children and parents/carers to come and see what Aston Academy is all about. Please remind any friends, family and neighbours with Year 6 children that they are very welcome to come and meet us.

It is wonderful to have many of our Y7 students on hand to help show people around the site, meet and greet and talk about their experiences of 'Stepping Up' to secondary school. We have sent a letter to those students who have already voiced an interest in volunteering to help as student ambassadors on the evening - but this is a great opportunity for all, so if your child would like to be involved they should simply speak to Ms Layden, Ms Clay, Ms Bayliss or Mr Kilgannon next week.

A reminder that if you feel you would like to share some of your child's experience of stepping up to Aston Academy you can do so [here](#)



Resilience Pride Respect Ambition Responsibility

Be Exceptional

Next week

The feedback from students and parents/carers has been very positive about lining up at each lesson changeover, with teachers collecting - this has minimised students getting lost and helped us to secure excellent routines at the start of every lesson. The time has now come for the Year 7 students to start navigating the site with more independence.

On Monday 23rd September, students should line up on the Head Yard as normal. They have been told this today. From Tuesday 24th September the students will line up in tutor groups at 8.25am to be collected by their Lesson 1 teachers. They will then make their way to Lesson 2 independently. They will line up at the end of breaktime and be dismissed by the year team to find their own way to Period 3. They will line up again at the end of lunch to be collected by their form tutors. They will be dismissed from tutor time to find their way to Lesson 4 and 5 independently.

We feel that this strikes the right balance between increased independence, support and structure - which will help Y7 to continue the excellent start they have made.

Yours sincerely,

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Assistant Vice Principal

Ms J Layden
Learning Progress Manager

Ms K Clay
Pastoral Learning Lead