



# Aston Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Our first term of this academic year has flown by, and we are delighted with the progress that the vast majority of our students are making. We also enjoy celebrating their many achievements and seeing them grow into mature, polite and hardworking young people. They are a credit to our academy.

It has been a very busy term, which I am sure you will have seen if you follow us on Facebook, view our website or have received my weekly updates. If not, please take a look so that you can see all the events, trips and celebrations that have taken place.

As always, we continue to promote high expectations and high standards across the academy; your support with this has been greatly appreciated. Overall, our students look smart and wear their uniform with pride. Our new Y7 and Y12 cohort of students have settled in really well and are making the most of all the opportunities available to them.

Although the majority of our students have excellent attendance, we are concerned at the number of students who frequently miss school. We would appreciate your support in making sure your child attends each day and on time.

Friday's attendance, for example, is frequently a concern, when the attendance percentage drops significantly compared to other days. Students may think it is only one day of learning lost but continued intermittent absence will soon add up until a student becomes classed as being 'persistently absent'. The table overleaf will give you a pictorial version of what this looks like over an academic year. With this in mind, can I please remind you that all students should attend until the **final day of term on Thursday 19th December, when the academy will close to all students at 3.00pm.**

Can we also ask for your support, if necessary, in ensuring any uniform issues are rectified over the Christmas period. On the students first day back (Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025), students will spend the first period of the day with their form tutor in order to 'reset', check uniform (including adherence to our policy on jewellery, piercings and coloured nails), check student equipment including a school bag and to pass on messages or reminders regarding routines for the term ahead. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Finally, I would like to thank you our parents/carers for your kind messages and support during term 1. May we also take this opportunity to wish you all a restful and happy Christmas period and a prosperous New Year. I truly believe that the **positive combination of home, school and student will make a difference for your child.**

We look forward to **welcoming our students back on the Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 from 8.10am.**

Yours faithfully,

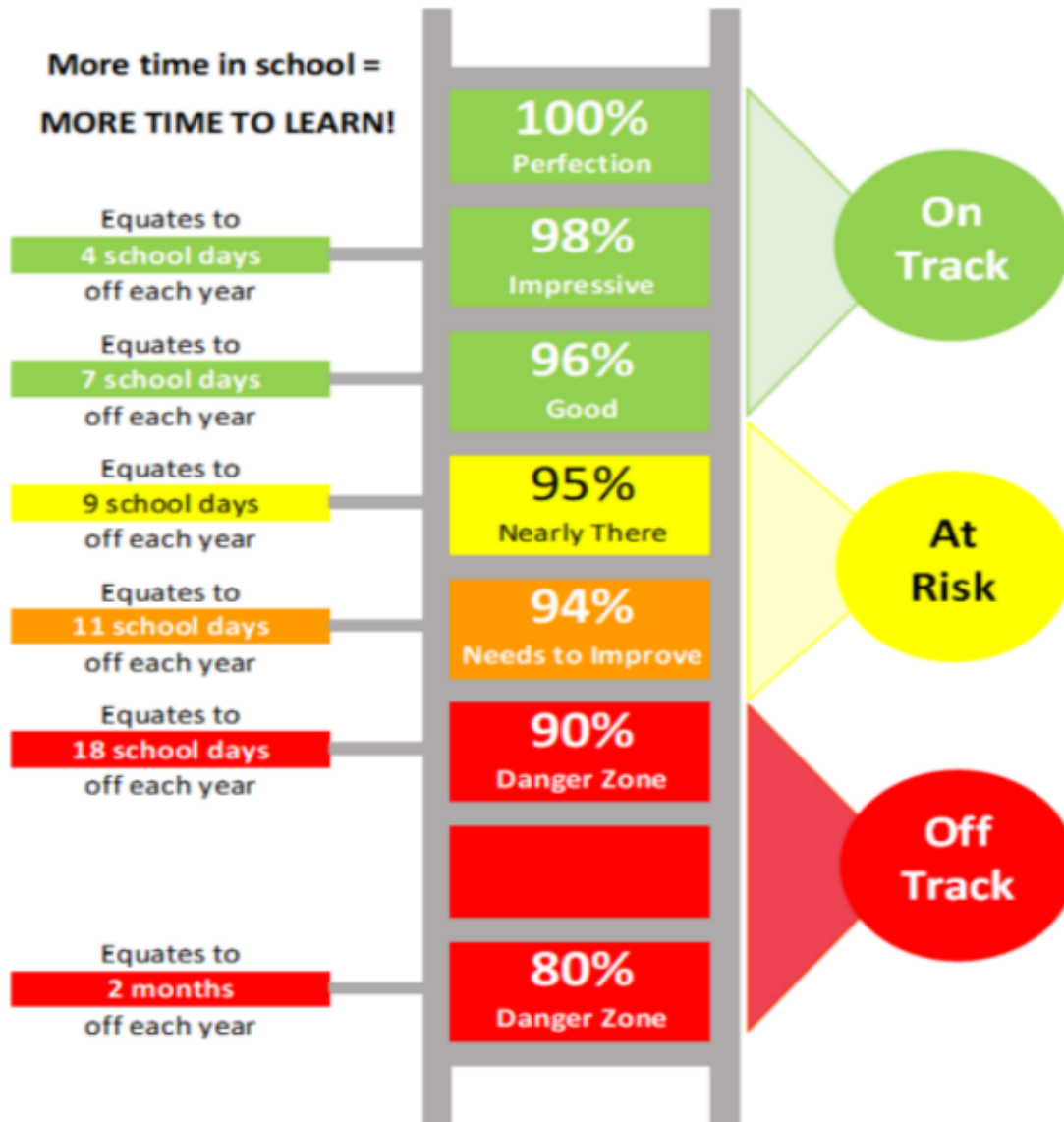
**Mr J Graham**  
Principal



Resilience    Pride    Respect    Ambition    Responsibility

**Be Exceptional**

# ATTENDANCE LADDER



For every day you are absent from school, 5 hours of learning is lost