



# Aston Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that the children have had a great summer, they are relaxed, recharged and ready to meet the challenges of academic year 25/26.

After a very progressive 24/25 academic year and fantastic summer exam results, our staff are ready to welcome the children back. Staff will be using the two INSET days this week to ensure that your children get the best experience and care when they return.

I must also thank and highlight the work done by our amazing site teams who have worked tirelessly over the summer months to ensure that our planned site updates have been completed. For example, we have created new science labs, more English and RE rooms, four blocks of new toilets have been redesigned and re-fitted and more drinking fountains added to student reception. These are just some of the things amongst much more.

I would like to remind you regarding some of the below information I sent out prior to the summer holidays, highlighting some further tweaks and changes we have made to improve our provision.

## Equipment sales

It is important that our students turn up each school day ready to learn, this will include bringing a suitable school bag (able to safely hold equipment, books needed for that day) and stationery so they can access every lesson fully. When students enter school each day from 8.10am our pastoral teams are there to welcome students as they come through the gates, they say good morning, check uniform and ensure that the child is ready for the day ahead.

From September part of this welcome will be asking student to show staff that they have brought stationery with them to use in lessons. At a basic level this includes a black pen and a pencil. A pencil case should contain a black pen, purple pens, pencils, ruler, white board pen (our maths team will communicate the most suitable calculators and maths equipment in a separate correspondence).

**From 8.10am – 8.30am each morning we will have a stationery shop open** that will sell black pens, purple pens, pencils, ruler, white board pen. All items will be 10p. Students without equipment will go to the stationery shop before 8.30am and purchase missing items. The charge will be taken from parent pay account. I would hope that £2 is more than enough to cover an academic year for lost or forgotten equipment items (that is 20 items).

**To ensure your child is able to access the stationery shop and be fully equipped each day please can you deposit £2 into the parent pay account titled – ‘stationery equipment’ before Monday 8 September.**



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### Two-week timetable

From September all our students will follow a two-week timetable – week A and week B. The two weeks will be different, and the students' lessons will be split between these two weeks. The split will not always be equal. For example, if they usually have 4 lessons of a particular subject, this could be split 3 in week A and 1 in week B. We hope that the two-week timetable allows us to match the specific staff to certain groups to provide the best possible experiences for your children.

**Week A** will start on Wednesday 3 September when students return, **Week B** will be from Monday 8 September, then **week A** from 15 September etc.

### Tutor group names

Traditionally we have used the initials of the member of staff who is the tutor to identify tutor groups. I find that this can become confusing for our new students and often becomes an issue if staffing changes are made.

From September all group tutor names will be alphabetical – A,B,C,D etc. This does not indicate an academic ability or ranking of tutors – it is a way for us to identify tutor groups quickly and easily when they are lining up for assemblies, fire evacuations and communications.

Below are details showing pastoral support for each year group. Your child will learn their group tutor member of staff when they return on Wednesday 3 September.

<b>YEAR 7</b> <b>Daily tutor time: 12.25pm</b> <b>Pastoral Learning Lead:</b> Miss Carroll <b>Learning Progress Manager:</b> Ms Layden <b>Assistant Vice Principal:</b> Mr Kilgannon	<b>YEAR 8</b> <b>Daily tutor time: 11.55am</b> <b>Pastoral Learning Lead:</b> Ms Morgan <b>Learning Progress Manager:</b> Mr Scantlebury <b>Assistant Vice Principal:</b> Mr Taylor
<b>YEAR 9</b> <b>Daily tutor time: 12.25pm</b> <b>Pastoral Learning Lead:</b> Miss Bayliss <b>Learning Progress Manager:</b> Mr Gibson <b>Vice Principal:</b> Mr Wilson	<b>YEAR 10</b> <b>Daily tutor time: 11.55am</b> <b>Pastoral Learning Lead:</b> Mr Staniland <b>Learning Progress Manager:</b> Mrs Ellis <b>Assistant Vice Principal:</b> Mrs Dowling
<b>YEAR 11</b> <b>Daily tutor time: 12.25pm</b> <b>Pastoral Learning Lead:</b> Mr Rubbo <b>Learning Progress Manager:</b> Miss Birks <b>Assistant Vice Principal:</b> Mrs Adams	<b>POST 16</b> <b>Daily tutor time: 11.55am</b> <b>P16 Leader:</b> Mr Hall <b>Principal:</b> Mr Graham

My staff and I are really looking forward to working with you and your child this year. The combination of home, school and student will make a difference.

Yours faithfully



**Mr James Graham**  
**Principal**