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Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy Friday. Another busy and rewarding week complete. My highlight this week was welcoming our Y11 parent/carers into the academy along with Y11 leadership team. We shared top tips and key information around the Y11 journey towards summer exams and of course, the Prom. We would like to thank our very supportive Y11 parent/carers for an amazing turnout and great questions. We have saved the presentation on our website, which can be found [here](#). Even if your child is not in Y11 it may be interesting to see what is coming up once they reach this stage.

Next week it is the turn of our Post 16 parents/carers, and we very much look forward to welcoming them into the academy.

A negative this week has been the need to temporarily close our Classcharts parent app. This is disappointing as I know it is a great tool for parent/carers to track achievement points, punctuality and read concerns that have been logged. I am confident that this will be back online next week, and we will communicate with you when it is ready. Thank you for your patience and understanding with this matter.

Last academic year we began our partnership with Easyfundraising. Easyfundraising is a company that partners with over 8,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of our choice. It will not cost you any extra – when you make a purchase, a commission is generated and Easyfundraising turn that into a donation. I have made a commitment that all money raised will go directly into student rewards. So far, we have raised over £360.

If you have not already signed up, please click [here](#) – it's easy to use and will allow our students to have some well-earned extra treats.

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 and 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.

Part of this welcome includes students showing staff that they have brought stationery with them to use in lessons. At a basic level this includes a black pen and a pencil. Ideally a pencil case should contain a black pen, purple pens, pencils, ruler, and a white board pen.

From 8.10am – 8.30am each morning our stationery shop is open; selling black pens, pencils, rulers, white board pens. All items are 10p. Students missing equipment will go to the stationery shop before 8.30am and purchase missing items. The charge will be taken from your 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).



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To ensure your child can access the stationery shop and be fully equipped each day please can you deposit £2 into your parent pay account titled – ‘stationery equipment’.

I speak frequently in my Friday update about the importance of timely and effective communications between home and school. I have included some useful email addresses that mean you have a closer link to the teams that you need to contact and communicate with. I hope that this helps, please make a note of them:

Year Teams

- Y7: aa-y7leadershipteam@astonacademy.org
- Y8: aa-y8leadershipteam@astonacademy.org
- Y9: aa-y9leadershipteam@astonacademy.org
- Y10: aa-y10leadershipteam@astonacademy.org
- Y11: aa-y11leadershipteam@astonacademy.org
- Post 16: aa-post16leadershipteam@astonacademy.org

Safeguarding

- aa-safeguarding@astonacademy.org

SEND and Inclusion

- aa-send@astonacademy.org

Attendance

- aa-attendance@astonacademy.org

Finally, the highlight of next week will be our Modern Foreign Languages faculty celebrating European Day of Languages with the students, with activities planned every day (see our [Facebook](#) page for more information). We are so excited to be celebrating a European languages week!

I have asked our Head of Languages, Miss Shirliff to explain what will be happening (Can you remember your school French and Spanish?)

La semana que viene celebramos el Día Europeo de la Lenguas. Se celebra en todos los países de Europa para recalcar la importancia, el valor y los asombros de aprender lenguas extranjeras.

Le département des Langues Étrangères Modernes va organiser une variété d'activités pour que vos enfants puissent prendre plaisir à découvrir différentes langues, différents pays et célébrer la diversité.

Have a great Friday, if you have any thoughts on what you would like me to share or explain further in my Friday updates, please let me know.

The combination of home, school and student will make a difference.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best regards,



Mr J Graham
Principal