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Dear parent/carer,

Happy Friday. Another busy and rewarding week complete. Thank you to Mr Hall our Post 16 lead for hosting a really informative talk on all things Post 16 and beyond for our Y12 and Y13 parents and carers on Tuesday. Great session helped by plenty of hot drinks and biscuits. On Wednesday our Y7 students had a wonderful day focusing on all things career related in our first careers skills day. The focus of the day was to encourage students to dream big, to discover future possibilities and foster self-growth/development through acquiring new skills.

The carousel of career-based activities placed the emphasis on bridging the gap between education and the world of work, while raising students self-awareness of essential skills such as teamwork, leadership, creativity and adaptability. We hope our students enjoyed the day. We are determined that when our students leave us at the end of their compulsory education journey, they are ready to positively input into society and make a difference to our community. Activities such as the careers skills day and many other trips, assemblies and tutor activities will hopefully boost aspirations, perseverance and self-belief. Our Y8 students will have their turn on Thursday 23 October.

We are extremely proud of our careers provision at the academy. There is a host of great support happening daily; a special mention to our fantastic full-time careers lead Mr James Shaw, who has been responsible for so many students being able to access the next steps of their journey after Y11 or Y13. If you would like to see some of our careers provision information, please visit our school website [here](#).

Thank you, our parents and carers, for your patience as we ensured that our Class Charts parent app was ready to re-launch to you. Our teams have worked very closely with the ICO (Information Commissioners Office) to ensure that we fully investigated the issue reported and minimised any future risk. The parent app is open and ready for you to track your child's attendance, punctuality, achievement and behaviour points. It is a very useful tool for parents to stay fully informed about how their child's day is going at school.

Last week you received a letter about Seneca, the online homework and revision platform. Students in Year 8 to Year 11 (Y7 use our Mastery Booklets for homework) have been shown how to login to the platform in school and you should have received an email from Seneca on Wednesday with an invite to the parent portal. Further details about the parent account can be found [here](#).

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Our Year 7 students have made a fantastic start to completing their mastery booklet homework; it has been great to see the effort they have been putting in. A reminder that although Year 7 students don't complete homework on Seneca, they can use the platform as an optional study tool.

Next week we are running our first reading week of the academic year. Reading week offers staff an opportunity to 'shine a light' on reading. We have many reading strategies and interventions at the academy and reading week seeks to excite and challenge the students further about reading in every lesson. Remember, if someone says they 'don't like reading' it simply means that they have not found the right book!

Finally, from me - on Monday we have one of our biggest occasions on the school calendar - our Y5 and Y6 open evening. It is fantastic to meet our families and welcome parents and carers who know our school well and also those who will be new us. Our staff and students are ready and prepared to welcome and show our guests what it means to be part of the Aston Academy community. We are running two sessions, 4.30pm and 6.00pm. I am sure it's going to be a fantastic event.

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

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