



ASTON ACADEMY PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

With your commitment, we will make a difference



July 2025

Some highlights and what we are looking forward to in 2025/26...

- Attendance higher than last two academic years, above Rotherham, Yorkshire and getting closer to National.
- More positive achievement points and rewards given to our students. Over 500,000 awarded! More students achieving over 1000 achievement points.
- Staff absence at its lowest rate for over 5 years, teaching staff absence at lowest rate for 7 years. An amazing collective effort!
- More opportunities for parents/carers to visit the academy – meeting with leaders and staff.
- We continue to build strong working relationships with our families and community leaders, through visits, events, social media and communications.
- Student wellbeing advancement – Aston Academy working closely with MIND and With ME in Mind, Kooth and NHS Shout EYUP.
- Continue to develop and implement systems and provision to meet the needs of our families and students.
- Aston Academy will continue to compete against local, regional and national schools in sport, academic and opportunities provided for our students.
- Easyfundraising has raised over £300 for student rewards - thank you.

Some half term proud moments...

- The opportunities provided by our staff to ensure that our exam students in Y11 and Y13 had the best opportunity to be successful in the summer exam series. This included morning and afternoon exam briefings, period 6 sessions, holiday and weekend revision and countless resources. I know how thankful students were for this support.
- Collaborations with learn Sheffield – SEND, Quality of teaching and curriculum, attendance, Literacy, science, reading and head of faculty reviews mean that we are constantly making progress, evaluating what is working well and adapting the areas that need further development. All focused on creating better learning and teaching opportunities.
- More trips, extra-curricular opportunities, sporting successes, charity work (snowflake appeal), student leadership development and wider student opportunities to experience and thrive. Thank you to our wonderful Aston Academy staff who have provided these opportunities often on their weekends and school holidays.
- Stronger communication and collaborations with our community, including our parents/carers, community leaders and councillors. Including face to face meetings, opportunities to visit the academy, weekly letters and information leaflets. We are trying to over communicate – make information available and our weekly progress, including our vision and aims shared.
- These and many other gains, small and large, mean that together the academy, student and home are making a positive difference. THANK YOU.

Some changes...

- Our students move to a two-week timetable, week A and week B.
- Our new Y7 and Y8 students will experience direct instructions through the use of Cues in the classrooms, providing a more efficient, effective and consistent learning environment.
- We have some more exciting classroom refurbishments, most exciting is the creation of two brand new science labs.
- Two of our three toilet blocks are having a complete redesign and refurbish.
- Our water fountains are being updated and moved to locations with even more access.
- All our students will benefit from a brand new lunch menus and options – keeping our students healthy and fed.
- I am delighted that all our teaching vacancies have been filled from September during our summer recruitment
- With the end of the term approaching, we are also sad to say goodbye to a number of staff who depart for new adventures and challenges. I do not like to pick out individuals, but I am sure all staff and parents would want to wish Ms Munro a happy retirement. An unbelievably talented teacher and a wonderful person.
- We have created more curriculum pathways for our Ks3 and KS4 students, we hope that this will support all our students to experience success, regularly enjoy school and provide opportunities for every student to thrive.

Have a wonderful Summer. Thank you for your support from myself and all staff at Aston Academy and Good luck to our Y11 and Y13 students who will collect results in August.

During the holidays, if you have a concern that is of a serious nature, which may have serious consequences, please email aa-safeguarding@astonacademy.org.

