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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 7,

We have been absolutely thrilled with the start that Year 7 have made to life at Aston Academy and their return this week after the half term break. We share regularly with students that they are the best Year 7 cohort we have ever had - in fantastic, orderly routines and building habits of excellence that will stand them in good stead for their time with us and beyond. We can back this up by sharing with them our excellent attendance, superb punctuality and preparedness for learning, the huge reduction in negative behaviour logs and of course the constant flow of achievement points and positive feedback from staff - it is a joy to see how they have come together as team.

### **Daily Line Ups**

Y7 Line-ups are an integral part of our day. They give us a brief pause between lessons and at the end of breaktimes in order for students to regulate themselves, take a breath, check their equipment and standards and be collected by their teacher ready for their next lesson. Year leaders can give praise and key messages, and it is fantastic to see the year group united and looking fantastic in their Aston Academy uniform. This week we are trialling students moving straight to lesson two from lesson one - and we will continue this trial into next week. All other line-ups remain unaffected.

### **Remembrance**

As Mr Graham mentions in Friday update, we will be spending time next week in respectful remembrance. Students may wish to bring some change in order to donate to the Poppy Appeal. Thanks in advance to our history department for their part in preparing and leading our special Remembrance assembly.

### **Meet the Tutor Event - Monday 24 November**

Please find the recent letter regarding Meet the Tutor evening [here](#). Thank you for the prompt response so far. We look forward to seeing many of you at this brief catch-up meeting. The full Year 7 consultation evening - when you will be able to meet your child's subject staff to discuss their progress in those particular subjects - will follow in the summer term.

### **Y7 skipping challenge**

What a joy to catch some beautiful autumnal sunshine on the head yard this week with Year 7 students cheering each other on, getting some exercise and having fun with our breaktime and lunchtime skipping challenge. Our reigning champion is **Lisa** - although she briefly lost top spot to **David** and our very own **Mr Raisborough**. Special mention to **Mrs Cadman** who had the most 'unique' skipping style.

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**A Year Group to be Proud Of!**

I would like to share with you an excerpt from a lovely letter we received into school following our recent Year 7 theatre trip. It gives a little glimpse into the kindness, manners and consideration of our wonderful children:

*"My husband and I had the pleasure of sitting with a group of your students at last night's performance of The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe at the Sheffield Lyceum. We were the only adults in the row, and I just wanted to say how truly impressed we were with their behaviour, they were polite, well mannered, and respectful - especially during the interval, offering "thank you" as they passed. It was lovely to see such kindness and consideration. It's a real credit to your staff and the values you instil in your students. Experiences like this are so important-not just for memories, but moments like these make you proud."*

Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring that Year 7 can thrive with us at Aston.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Kilgannon', followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

**Mike Kilgannon**  
**Assistant Vice Principal**