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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 7,

We have been delighted with the focused and positive start Year 7 have made to 2026. We began the week with a short reset assembly in which Miss Carroll welcomed the pupils to the new term and reiterated our high standards, expectations and routines. It is always fantastic to see the whole year group assembled together - in smart uniform, politely attentive and ready to learn: they give us a fantastic glimpse of their future success and we are so excited to watch and support their journeys.

Our regular Friday assembly today focused on the big question "Duck or Rabbit" - and asked pupils to consider other people's perspectives and remember that we work best when we work as a team: when we all do our best, we all do better. You only have to hear the applause that year 7 give to each other's achievements to know that they really do work brilliantly as a team.

### **Mastery Booklets**

Students have now been issued with their new mastery booklets for this term - containing the core knowledge for each subject. You can support your child by taking an interest in this booklet - quizzing them on its content, getting them to discuss with you what they have been learning and how this fits into the bigger picture. You will have your own areas of keen interest and expertise - please help us to fan the flames of learning by talking things through with your child.

### **Excellent behaviour - a year group to be proud of**

We are very proud of the excellent standards and conduct of Year 7. Together with your support we have established a calm, focused, purposeful climate for learning in our classrooms, at our line ups and during social times. Even today with snow on the ground and excited children the head yard was great fun! Where pupils are starting to accumulate C2s or C3s where staff have a concern about their behaviour or conduct, we will not ignore this - much preferring to address issues while they are still relatively minor. In the event that we notice a number of negative behaviours logged on Classcharts, we will set up a meeting in school - these meetings help to get pupils back on track quickly. Miss Carroll has scheduled a number of such meetings in the coming weeks so that we can ensure Term 2 is as positive as Term 1 for all our Y7 pupils.

### **Y5 Science Visit and 'stepping up' to Aston Academy**

Many thanks to Ms Bayliss and Mrs Spiewak of our science faculty for organising all of the trainee science teachers from the university of Sheffield to join us for a rocket building afternoon with Year 5 pupils from Aughton Junior and Aston Hall Schools. We took the opportunity to show the pupils the head yard and practice some routines and it was lovely to see so many smiling faces - with many keen to tell us who their older brothers, sisters and friends were! Community is so important to us - please do pass on to those families who are thinking about their child's step up to Aston Academy that they can contact us to organise a chat or a visit. Our thriving Year 7 pupils are a daily reminder that there has never been a better time to join Aston Academy.

Yours faithfully,

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**Assistant Vice Principal**

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