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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 7,

Another week has flown by very quickly. You will have read in Mr Graham's whole-school update that it was lovely this morning to greet all pupils with a cookie (or dietary alternative) from our catering team in acknowledgment of their hard work and lovely manners. We are always especially proud of the welcome Year 7 extend to visitors - which was seen again today when we had a photographer in school to capture some of our routines and expectations, in lessons and around the school. As I signed the visitor out at the end of lunchtime, it was so nice to hear his compliments about the conduct and manners of our pupils. Courtesy and kindness are deeply rooted in every message we share with Year 7 - so important for school life and well beyond. Thank you for supporting us with this and sending us such a great set of pupils each day.

### Proud Friday

A reminder that pupils are rewarded every week during 'Proud Friday'. Staff will award a particular piece of work where a child has pushed 'above and beyond' in terms of effort, made real progress in their learning or produced work of a first-class standard. A sticker or signature on their work allows them to join the 'Proud Friday' queue at break to collect their certificate and a little reward. You know your children well and how much effort they are putting into a piece of work or their Mastery Booklet learning - please feel free to flag up in their work or let us know if you think they deserve a Proud Friday acknowledgment when. As always, we are delighted to hear about pupils' extra-curricular achievements too so that we can share and celebrate these in assembly.

### Y4/5 pupils - a future part of the Aston Academy family!

The deadline for applying for secondary school places falls early in the school year - usually in October. We know that means local (and not so local) families will already be considering the next steps for their children. Many Y7 pupils will have younger siblings, cousins, neighbours and friends who will be thinking about stepping up to Aston Academy. If they have any questions or would like to arrange to pop in for a chat with us - please tell them to drop us a line marked 'Transition' to [info@astonacademy.org](mailto:info@astonacademy.org)

### Mastery Booklets - Big Quiz

During week beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June all Year 7 pupils will be tested on their recall of the key learning from their Mastery Booklets in an online 'Big Quiz.' Curriculum leaders have set questions in all subject areas from the Mastery Booklets, and pupils will have direction during tutor time on how to effectively brush up and revise. The Big Quiz will take place online during the school day. Children do not need to worry about this - it will help us refine testing processes for subsequent years and give us an indication of how much effort pupils have been putting into their mastery learning.

### Feedback on the Y7 'Step Up' to Aston Academy

Thank you very much for the thoughtful feedback we have received so far. The survey remains open so that we can visit our primaries with fresh comments from families - we can assure you that all comments are anonymised before we share them outside of the Year 7 team. If you are able to spare a couple of minutes to let us know about your child's experience of Year 7 we would be very grateful. We are so proud of the start they have made at Aston Academy, and it is heartening to hear how this looks from home. As Mr Graham always says - the combination of student, home and school is so powerful.

### [Feedback Form](#)

Yours faithfully,

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