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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 7,

In today's assembly we passed on our appreciation to Year 7 pupils for the thoughtful consideration they are showing to Year 11 and Year 13 pupils during this important exam period. Their sensible movement around the site enables us to keep examination areas free from any disruption. Many staff remember very well when the Year 11 who will be celebrating at Prom in a few weeks' time were in Year 7 - a timely reminder to attend every day, and make each lesson count. The time does go very quickly!

Attendance

On the subject of attendance - thank you for your ongoing support in maintaining excellent attendance in Year 7. This year's attendance across all year groups has been a huge cause for satisfaction and celebration for us, with Year 7 leading the way. We have very rigorous systems in place to track and monitor pupil attendance - but the bottom line is that attendance would not be as good as it is if pupils did not feel safe and supported to be in school, encouraged by solid partnership between home and school. Thank you for your part in this. Attendance all the way to the very last lesson of Year 7 is crucial - as well as focused lessons, there will be rewards opportunities and rehearsals of routines for moving into Year 8.

Y7 Big Quiz

Reminder that during week beginning Monday 15th 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 - these are mostly low-tariff, multiple choice questions testing pupil recall. Pupils don't need to worry about this - they will, I am sure, enjoy the opportunity to dust off some key knowledge from earlier in the year and see what they can remember.

Uniform

Ms Carroll spoke in today's assembly about false nails - these are not within our uniform policy and must be removed. Where pupils had them done over the half term, we issued a reminder that these needed to be removed quickly - a week into the new term it is now expected that this has been done in all cases. The uniform policy is rigorously monitored all the way up to the very end of term so please keep this in mind if booking appointments as a treat for the summer break.

Y7 Parents/Carers consultation Evening

We look forward to seeing and speaking to as many of you as possible at the upcoming Year 7 Consultation Evening. The Year 7 team will be based in main reception and moving around the various subject areas. It is always a busy evening and booking numbers indicate this year will be exceptionally so - another fantastic sign of the home/school engagement that has given us our most successful Year 7 to date. We are so excited to see what they will achieve this term and beyond.

Y5 - Aston Academy starters September 2027!

Families will be thinking already about submitting their applications for secondary school places for the October deadline. Perhaps you have friends, family or neighbours who have children in Year 5 - including families outside of our immediate catchment who might benefit from being part of our caring, ambitious and successful school family. We would love to hear from them. At the Y7 consultation evening there will be some handouts you could pass on to them - or please direct them to our website or info@astonacademy.org to make enquiries about how to apply for a place.

Yours faithfully,

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