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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 7,

A lovely start to the day with pupils chatting over a free breakfast choice from our catering team today. As always, we were so impressed with the gratitude and manners on display from our wonderful year group - our lunchtime teams always comment on this too.

Equipment Pack for Y8 - £2

A reminder that the payment of £2 is now available on Gateway - this will ensure that your child is provided with a sturdy A4 wallet that will last the school year, containing their new mini whiteboard and whiteboard pen. This is a simple and good value way to source these items which are required in all subject areas.

Yorkshire Wildlife Park Trip - July 2026

We hope that as many Year 7 as possible will be able to enjoy the science-faculty trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park. Members of the Year 7 team will attend the trip on both days, and we really look forward to spending a really fun day learning in an out-of-classroom context. Please see the separate communications from Ms Durkin for further information.

Maintaining momentum and motivation - the step up into Y8

We said when you visited us on the Y6-7 transition evening that Year 7 would fly by - and this seems truer every year. We are so delighted with how Year 7 have responded to rigorous organisation, high standards and a 'get the basics right' approach. We have never been in a better position - please help us to ensure that these high standards are maintained right through to the end of the summer term, and especially into Year 8. A few reminders below:

- all pupils should be completing their Mastery Booklet homework to the very best of their ability every week. Some look/cover/write/check learning will ensure that pupils are developing memory and revision skills.
- Aston pupils are expected to wear their full, correct uniform with pride. This supports our mutual sense of belonging. Please check the uniform policy very carefully before making any purchases, and if in doubt just check with the year team. See also Mr Graham's mention of footwear in today's Principal's letter.
- Jewellery beyond small, plain stud earrings are not allowed in school and will be confiscated. Ideally, these items should not be worn to or from school - some pupils assure parents/carers that they will take them out before reaching the gate but then forget. This also increases the chances of valuable items being lost on the journey between home and school. Simple works best - leave all such items at home for wearing at evenings and weekends.
- Linked to the above - if pupils have any additional piercings planned during the summer holiday, then it is important that these are healed and out in good time for the start of Year 8.

Year 7 Consultation Evening

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Year 7 consultation evening next week. Look out for some postcards which will give us valuable feedback and help us to further shape the Year 7 into Year 8 experience and accelerate progress for all our pupils. A reminder that we also gather your feedback via the - [LINK](#)

Yours faithfully,

Mike Kilgannon

Assistant Vice Principal

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