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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 7,

We end the school week with a little more sunshine which many are saying feels somewhat overdue!

It is always a big moment when Year 11 finish their final exams with us and we keep reminding Year 7 how quickly this will be them - school weeks fly by so it is vital they make every lesson count. I wish I could share with you some of the messages of thanks and heartfelt appreciation our teachers receive every year from Year 11 as they take their exciting next steps. This year we asked Y11 pupils what advice they would give to themselves in the Summer Term of Year 7 - here are a few of my favourite responses:

"Get your room or your desk tidy and organised so that when it comes to revision you have a good place to start."

"Do it now. Whatever it is you say you're going to start or get better at: just start. Year 11 comes round ridiculously fast!"

"Spend more time with your mates in real life and less time scrolling."

I could agree with all of these!

World Cup Fever

We spoke to pupils about avoiding any dips in attendance after a potentially later and exciting night on Wednesday in England's World Cup opening match against Croatia. Well done Year 7 on getting in on time - perhaps a little tired but buzzing after a great match and an even better result! It is lovely to see pupils excited to support the national squad and engage in what is shaping up to be a fantastic summer of sport.

Theatre Trip - Wednesday 15th July

Pupils attending the trip to see Summer Holiday at the Crucible Theatre should assemble at the front of the theatre at 6.30pm. Staff will be visible to greet and register them. All pupils are reminded that excellent conduct comes as standard for all Aston Academy visits - especially with our wonderful year group. I always gather feedback from members of the public when we are 'out and about,' and the responses always make me enormously proud to be a part of this school community. A couple of other reminders: buying sweets at the theatre can be quite expensive - and no sweets or snacks with nuts should be brought or purchased please.

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Y7 Consultation Evening - Monday 22nd June

We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to the Y7 consultation evening this Monday. I know that you will find the evening useful and informative and that you will go home very proud of the start the children have made in Year 7. Please take a bit of time if you can to give some feedback on the evening - this informs our planning for future years and helps us to give a real parent/carer insight to those families who are considering Aston Academy for their child.

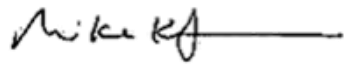
Maintaining the momentum

The pupils hear me say this all the time - this is the best Year 7 we have had in terms of attendance, behaviour and engagement in lessons. It is absolutely vital that we maintain these standards and expectations as we move into Year 8. With this in mind we would like you to attend a Y8 evening early in the next academic year - provisionally calendared for Tuesday 29 September, but a letter will come out at the start of the school year confirming arrangements. Rather like the 'Meet the Tutor' event in Year 7 - but earlier still - this will be a presentation giving an overview of the year with some top learning tips and guidance for getting the very best out of Year 8.

Y7 Rounders

A joy to congratulate our exceptional Y7 Rounders team on securing their place at Rotherham Finals Day. A brilliant group of mutually supportive young women. Absolute lionesses!

Yours faithfully,



Mike Kilgannon
Assistant Vice Principal