

Summer Newsletter



Belonging, Thriving, Achieving

A look back at our school community this academic year and what's ahead.

At Aston Academy, our commitment to ensuring every student can **Belong, Thrive** and **Achieve** continues to be at the heart of all we do. We are incredibly proud of the positive culture growing throughout our school community, supported by the strong partnership between home and school.

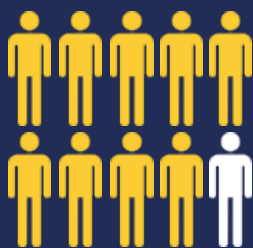
This year, students have demonstrated excellent attendance, consistently positive attitudes to learning, and a determination to make the most of every opportunity available to them. It has been lovely to see so many students take pride in their achievements, both inside and outside the classroom.

These successes reflect the dedication of our staff, the support of our families, and the hard work of our students. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making Aston Academy a place where all young people truly **belong, thrive** and **achieve**.



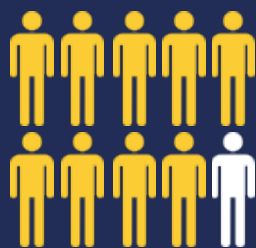
What our students told us:

April student survey



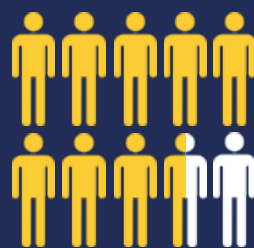
90%

Feel safe
in school
everyday



90%

Say teachers
help them do
their best
every lesson



85%

Say pupils
behave well in
every lesson



75%

Enjoy school
in every lesson

Students at Aston Academy tell us they feel safe and known. Our Ofsted visitors described the school as **welcoming**, **calm** and **orderly**, and noted that pupils are increasingly proud to call Aston Academy their school.

Belong

Behaviour, attendance and inclusion sit at the centre of our school culture, and this year that culture has gone from strength to strength.

- Students say Aston Academy is increasingly a better place to be.
- Typically, students at Aston Academy achieve at a similar level to pupils nationally, and they work hard in their lessons.
- A strong safeguarding culture means students feel safe and able to identify a trusted adult.
- Students feel known. Staff work exceptionally hard to develop a knowledge about our students.
- Attendance is above Rotherham and Yorkshire levels and in line with national attendance, each day students regularly attend, behave and make a difference.



Thrive

Safeguarding, personal development and wellbeing remain central to school life, and this year has seen real growth in opportunity and participation.

- Extra-curricular clubs and the number of students taking part have grown, with a wonderfully diverse range of students attending. It's a brilliant way to meet new people, make friends and feel a real sense of accomplishment.
- Clubs now range from cheerleading, STEM and orchestra to board games, coding and Dungeons & Dragons.
- Students have had further opportunities through curriculum trips and global experiences.
- We ran our first Parent Forums this year.
- Wider opportunities have included engagement with our local MP and council, Sheffield Children's Hospital, student leadership, sports leadership, and Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver awards, as well as student admin roles.
- Rewards are now bigger and more frequent, involving many more students.



Achieve

Academic progress continues to improve, and our students are increasingly able to compete nationally.

- More specific pathways through education: our Thrive pathway supports Year 7 students who need a little more transition support, extending into Year 8 from September.
- Booster pathways in Year 10 and Year 11 support literacy and numeracy, alongside reading pathways and growing access to phonics.
- Destinations after Y11 and Y13 for our students are strong and ambitious, with the lowest NEET figure in the district. A genuine range of next steps. A levels, apprenticeships, university, T levels and employment.
- Work experience opportunities for Year 8 and Year 10.
- The Academy has achieved both the Careers Mark and the Sports Mark.

Parents and Carers

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all parents and carers for your unwavering support, patience and collaboration throughout this academic year. Your partnership has played a vital role in helping our students to belong, thrive and achieve, and we are truly grateful for your continued commitment to the Aston Academy community.

Thank You

- for the highest attendance we have seen at consultation evenings and Academy events.
- for your support of our performances, sporting fixtures, drama productions, showcases and more.
- for your feedback, which continues to shape how we improve.
- for supporting attendance, effort, uniform and equipment at home. It makes a real difference.

Looking Ahead

Continuing to Progress

- A stronger support base to allow more personalised learning for students with identified SEND.
- A warm welcome to our new Year 7 cohort, following in the footsteps of a hugely successful Year 7 this year.
- Launching our plans for Wave One provision, equipping every teacher to support student needs in every lesson.
- Continuing to work with the Football Association on funding to secure an Astro pitch for our school and community.

Our Goals 2026/27

- Increase the number of children joining Aston Academy.
- Continue at pace with the areas Ofsted has identified as needing attention.
- Ensure our students continue to enjoy the opportunities on offer to them.
- Give our community every reason to be proud.
- Support our staff to continue making a difference.



The combination of home, school
and student will make a difference

BELONG, THRIVE
and **ACHIEVE** *together.*



Our safeguarding emails will be monitored over the summer break. If families need support please contact aa-safeguarding@astonacademy.org

From all the staff at Aston Academy, have a wonderful, safe and enjoyable summer with those most important to you.