



Aston Manor Academy

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19th September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is my first letter as Headteacher and I would like to welcome back all Aston Manor students, especially our new Year 7's and sixth formers! Our sixth form is growing year by year and we have our largest cohort ever this year. We have many new students who have joined us from other schools in the local area, and they have all made a really positive start.

We were very proud of all students who sat their GCSE exams this summer, and we had some amazing results with a few students gaining the new top grade 9 in English and Maths. Our sixth form results were excellent again this year, the average grade being a C+, with our academic courses improving on last year's results and the average grade for vocational courses was a distinction*. This is all testament to the hard work of both students and staff, and we wish those who have moved onto their University destinations and apprenticeships the very best of luck for the future.

Attendance is a key priority for the school this year as we know that students with the best attendance make the most progress. Please ensure your child is in school every day. Where this is not possible please notify the school reception between 8.00a.m and 8.30a.m. If there are issues relating to attendance then please make an appointment with your child's head of year.

Year 7	Mrs B Oubhie	boubhie@astonmanoracademy.com
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Year 12/13	Mrs H Kaur	hkaur@astonmanoracademy.com

Parent involvement

We are always looking for feedback as to how we can improve our school and would welcome any input from parents. Mrs Hussain will be setting up parent forum meetings throughout the year and we encourage parents to come along to discuss ways of improving the school. A letter will be sent out shortly with regards to dates for the first meeting.

Safety

Please help to keep our students safe by not parking on the yellow lines outside the front of the school when dropping off and collecting your child. Obstructing the road can be dangerous for pedestrians and other road users.

We work together with the local police in a number of ways in order to keep our students safe. We have offered West Midlands Police the opportunity to use the school as a training environment for police sniffer dogs. This will be taking place in the next two weeks and will take place when there are no children in school. We also receive support from our neighbourhood policing team with regards to links with our local community to ensure the safety of our pupils and staff.





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Uniform

It is always a pleasure to greet our students in the morning, looking very smart in their uniform. However I would like to remind you of the school rules regarding hair-colour, make-up and piercings. Hair colour should be natural colour, make-up is not allowed in school and any other piercings other than small ear-rings, should be removed. Headscarves should be plain black and only plain black formal shoes should be worn. Please refer to our uniform policy or list in your child's planners.

After school activities

There are many opportunities for students at the end of the school day, and a large number of students remain in the building after 3.30pm. Please can you ensure that you are aware when your child is attending an after school club to avoid problems collecting children at the end of the day.

Free School Meals

If you think you are entitled to Free School Meals, please contact the school office to check if you are eligible or you can check yourself on the following website www.link2ict.org/fsm. Students who have free school meals are also entitled to 50% off school trips and 10% off school uniform.

Key Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 26 th September	Teacher training session, school opens at 10.00am for students
Thursday 12 th October	Year 7 Interim parents evening 4.00 – 6.30pm
Thursday 19 th October	Students finish for half term at 3.10p.m
Friday 20 th October	School closed to students for staff training
Monday 30 th October	School opens 8.45a.m for all students

Any comments from parents are welcome, please contact the school office or email enquiry@astonmanoracademy.com. Thank you for your continued support, as always please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jill Sweeney
Headteacher

