



# Aston Manor Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

This month is diabetes awareness month and we would like to raise money for this worthwhile cause as well as raising awareness for our students and families.

**Did you know?**

- **The number of people with diabetes has nearly quadrupled since 1980.**
- **Diabetes can lead to complications in many parts of the body and has an increased risk of dying at an early age.**
- **A large proportion of diabetes and its complications can be prevented by a healthy lifestyle and diet.**

As blue is the colour for diabetes awareness day, students can for one day on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December**, wear a blue top and trainers to school or wear blue accessories e.g. headscarf, hair band etc. for a contribution of £1 towards this worthy cause. **Students will still be expected to wear a school blazer and please note bandanas and baseball caps are not allowed.**

Can I remind you to please park carefully outside the school, ensuring you do not double park or block the road. Student safety is of the upmost priority.

**Please see below some upcoming dates for the rest of this term;**

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| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December  | Diabetes awareness day                                 |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December    | School closed to students for staff training           |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December  | Christmas concert 6.00 -7.00p.m                        |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December | Y11 parents' evening 4.00 -7.00p.m                     |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December | Rewards trips to cinema between 9.00 -12.00p.m         |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December   | School finishes at 12.00p.m for the Christmas holidays |

Due to the darker nights detentions will finish 10 minutes early at 4.00p.m rather than 4.10p.m. Please ensure you are aware of your child's arrangements coming home safely.

One of the biggest factors influencing success at school is attendance. Full attendance ensures that students do not miss work and can be fully supported by their teacher. Attendance and achievement at school are clearly linked. Please support the school by ensuring that your child attends regularly and if they are unwell, please contact the school office before 8.45a.m. We all want our young people to succeed and full attendance (where possible) is the first step.

On a sad note our lunchtime supervisor Doreen Gough, who has worked at the school for 43 years sadly passed away this week. We express our condolences to her family and gratitude for the 43 years that Doreen spent with us at Aston Manor Academy. She will be sadly missed by staff and students.

We welcome comments from parents to help us improve our school, please contact the school office, Mrs Hussain or email [enquiry@astonmanoracademy.com](mailto:enquiry@astonmanoracademy.com) if you would like to volunteer to join the school parent committee group which meets once every half term. Thank you for your continued support, as always please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

