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23rd October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

HAPPY, SAFE HALLOWEEN/BONFIRE NIGHT – REMINDER FROM WEST MIDLANDS POLICE



With the darker nights fast approaching, it is important that students are reminded what we, as a school community, expect of them in terms of behaviour. Whilst we hope they will enjoy socialising with friends and family during the half-term break and the upcoming Halloween/Bonfire Night activities, we also want to ensure they feel confident to keep themselves safe and away from danger, crime and anti-social behaviour.

Parents/carers and students should already be aware that as part of our safeguarding arrangements, the school has a two-way information sharing agreement in place with West Midlands Police, and we are active members of the local Police & Schools Panel. This joint-approach helps us to intervene early to prevent and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour involving our students, and provide support and up-to-date safety messages.

In partnership with the police, we would like to remind our students about the following:-

- **Anti-social behaviour:** Halloween can be a scary time for people who don't like surprises or callers at their door. Think about how your actions and behaviour affect others; elderly and vulnerable people may be frightened by 'trick or treat' so look out for signs in windows that people do not want callers at their door.
- **Personal Safety:**
 - Be aware of your surroundings, take care of friends and family members and keep valuables such as phones out of public view whenever possible.
 - Don't drink alcohol, take illegal drugs or unknown substances; they can have a big impact on your health and safety, behaviour and your ability to do well at school and enjoy other interests and activities. They can also be addictive and have unpredictable side effects, including sudden death!
 - West Midlands Fire Service recommends that you go to an organised display; it's the smart way to stay safe. You'll see a lot more fireworks and it's a lot cheaper. Information about firework safety is available at www.saferfireworks.com
- **Weapons in public places:** carrying a knife will get you a criminal record which can have life-long effects on travel and job prospects. Those who carry knives are also much more likely to be injured by them.
- **Off-road bikes:** These can only be ridden on private land with the landowner's permission. Don't risk your life and future prospects by illegally riding these on the road.
- **Remember the company you keep:** if your friend breaks the law, you may also be held responsible for that crime – even if you weren't the one directly responsible.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We thought at this time of year it would be useful to send out a reminder of key date for the rest of the year. These are below:

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| Friday 25 th October | School closed to students for staff training |
| Monday 4 th November | School opens 8.45a.m for all students. Y11 PPE exams as well as English and Maths resists |
| Thursday 7 th November | Sixth Form Open Evening 4.00 -7.00pm |
| Tuesday 12 th November | Parent group ,meeting 9.30 -10.30a.m |
| Thursday 21 st November | GCSE Awards Evening |
| Thursday 28 th November | Christmas Concert 6.00 -7.00p.m |
| Thursday 5 th December | Parent group meeting 9.30 -10.30a.m |
| Friday 6 th December | School closed to students for staff training |
| Thursday 12 th December | Year 11 Parents' Evening 4.00 -6.30p.m |
| Friday 20 th December | School finishes at 12.00p.m for the Christmas holidays |

Year 11 PPE exams take place after the half term break and all students will have revision to take home for the holidays.

Please can I remind all children to stay safe over this holiday and be careful around fireworks. All students have been spoken to about this in school assemblies.

Can I remind you of our policy on school uniform, in particular students should not have facial piercings or false eyelashes and nails. Make up is not allowed in school and students will be asked to remove this. Please refer to Page 10 of the student planner.

If you're an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, you and your family can apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 30 June 2021. This is the website with all information for anyone wishing to remain in Britain after Brexit.

<https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>.

A letter explaining changes to the eligibility criteria for free school meals will be sent out this week which explains how the changes might affect you. A copy of all letters and the online application form for free school meals is available on the school website.

We welcome comments from parents to help us improve our school, please contact the school office or email enquiry@astonmanoracademy.com with any comments or suggestions.

Once again I would like to thank you for your continued support and hope you have a lovely half term break.

Yours sincerely

Jill Sweeney
Headteacher

