



Aston Manor Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Friday 20th December is 'Christmas Jumper' day or 'wear something cultural' day for a contribution of £1 towards one of our chosen charities.

Please see below some important dates for your calendar and next term;

Thursday 19 th December	Sixth form break up for Christmas holiday
Friday 20 th December	School finishes at 12.00p.m for the Christmas holidays
Monday 6 th January 2020	Staff Training Day, school closed for all pupils
Tuesday 7 th January 2020	School re-opens for all pupils at 8.45a.m

Attendance

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.

Free School Meals

The eligibility criteria for free school meals have been changed. We are asking **all** parents to complete the online free school meals application form through the free school meals checking website www.link2ict.org/fsm even if you **DO NOT** currently receive free school meals. Students who have been eligible for free school meals previously may still be entitled to free school meals until 2022. The benefits for applying for free school meals is that students receive a balanced hot meal, 50% off school trips and the school receives extra funding. If you need any further information, please speak to a member of school staff or the local authority. You can also visit the free school meal website: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Safety and Car Parking

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 utmost priority.

Parent Pay

Is an online service available to parents whereby all monies for lunches and trips can be paid online. There is also the option to load money onto the parent pay account in some shops. The advantages of parent pay are that you are able to view upcoming trips, complete consent forms and view what your child has for lunch. We will be hopefully move to this system in the new year. If you would be unable to use parent pay for any reason please could you contact Mrs Kaila. Further information will be available in the new year.

Parent Group feedback

We welcome comments from parents to help us improve our school, please contact the school office, Mrs Coleman or email 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. Can I take this opportunity to wish you a safe and happy holiday, and a happy new year to you all!

Yours sincerely

J Sweeney
Headteacher

