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Dear Parents/Carers



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### **Aston University Open Day: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

As we begin the final term, the focus on your child's career pathway will be in focus. We have planned a series of events to help support students through their next steps. This will include guidance sessions in school, where students will begin their UCAS applications, learn more about the apprenticeship pathway and start to perfect their personal statements and CVs.

As part of this focus on their futures, all Year 12 students will be granted a day's authorised absence on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July** to attend the **Aston University Open Day**. In order to gain entry to the Open Day, students will be asked to book their place online [here](#). Students can choose which sessions they attend during the day. We would recommend a campus tour, accommodation tour and a subject talk. Parents can accompany their children if you are available.

As developing their independence is important for their futures, students will make their own way to and from this event. Getting to the university is easy by public transport. All students will need to **arrive between 9.00am-9.30am**, where they will register with Mrs Osborne and Miss Killick by the fountain next to the Main Building (number 1 on the map on page 2 of this [Open Day Guide](#)). Staff will then depart the university and students will go to enjoy their chosen sessions. Students will not need to return to school in the afternoon and they can wear casual dress for this event.

**Please complete the permission slip on this short [Consent Form](#).**

We are encouraging students to attend more Open Days at the universities they are interested in attending. Students can explore the universities and courses available through their UCAS Hub account or the [UCAS Search Tool](#). If your child is considering apprenticeships, the [Not Going to Uni](#) website is highly recommended.

Please also **save the date** for our **Year 12 Parents and Carers Virtual Careers Evening** on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July, starting at 6.00pm. More information will follow soon.

A reminder that Work Experience Week runs from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July. After strong qualifications, relevant work experience has been identified by the Top 100 Graduate Employers as the most essential attribute in applicants.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have given to your child in their first year of post-16 study.

Yours sincerely

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