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3rd September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers



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Aston University - Year 12 Transition Day
Thursday 10th September 2026

To help our Year 12 students with the transition into Sixth Form and the step up to Key Stage 5 level study, Aston University have organised a special event. The Year 12 Transition Day, based at Aston University campus, will help students begin their next steps with confidence. The day combines a mix of interactive workshops, practical study skills development, and team-building activities to boost confidence and independence. Students will also have the opportunity to explore a range of future options, including higher education, apprenticeships, and career pathways, helping them make informed decisions about their next steps.

As developing their independence is important for their futures, **students will make their own way to and from this event**. Staff will meet the students on campus and accompany students during the event. All students are expected to attend the visit. If you foresee any difficulties with this, please contact the school.

Students will need to arrive at the university by no later than 9.30am. Staff will meet students outside the Main Building (number 1 on the enclosed map). Getting to the university is easy by public transport: <https://www.aston.ac.uk/about/visit>, but students must carefully plan their journey to ensure they arrive on time. If your child receives the 16-19 Bursary or Free School Meals, we will reimburse the cost of public transport if students keep their receipts.

Students will need to bring a **packed lunch**. An optional packed lunch from the school bistro will be provided for any student who is eligible for Free School Meals. Students should also wear their smart suits as usual.

The session will finish at 2.00pm. Students will then need to make their own way home from the university.

As Year 12 students play an important part in our Open Evening, they will need to return to school on the evening to support with tours for our guests. A free dinner will be provided from 4.30pm in the Bistro. This is optional; students can eat at home if they wish but they will then need to come to the Bistro at 5.00pm to sign in please.

Please complete this Consent Form by Monday 7th September:
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/LpKZPS81U4>

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Hibbs
Headteacher

**Year 12 Aston University Transition
Day Consent Form**



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Aston University buildings

- 1 Main Building and reception
- 2 South Wing (Main Building)
- 3 North Wing (Main Building)
- 4 Students' Union
- 5 Aston Business School and Conference Centre
- 6 Aston Library
- 7 Aston University Day Hospital
 - Optegra
 - BCH Cochlear
 - Life & Health Sciences
- 8 Aston Brain Centre
- 9 Vision Sciences
 - Aston Eye Clinic and Aston Optometry School
 - Aston Medical School
 - Audiology department and Audiology clinics
- 10 Sir Doug Ellis Woodcock Sports Centre and pool
- 11 Gosta Green five-a-side sports pitch
- 12 Sports pitch
- 13 Aston University Nursery and Pre-school
- 14 Energy & Bioproducts Research Institute (EBRI)
- 15 Martin Luther King Multi-Faith Centre
- 16 Aston University Engineering Academy

Student accommodation

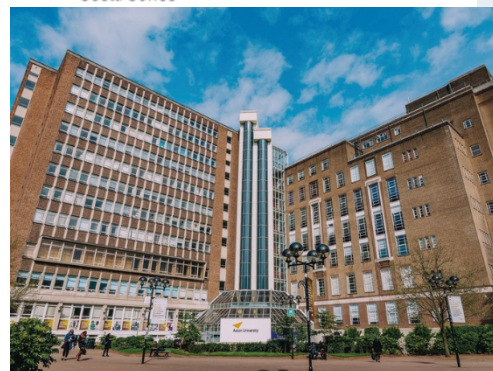
- 17 Residences reception
- 18 Harriet Martineau Residences
- 19 Mary Sturge Residences
- 20 James Watt Residences
- 21 William Murdoch Residences
- 22 Lakeside Residences

Campus car parking

- 23 Car Park 1
- 24 Car Park 2
- 25 Car Park 3 (unloading)
- 26 Car Park 4
- 27 Car Park 5 (accessed from Holt St)
- 28 Car Park 7 (permit holders only)
- 29 Car Park 6 (evenings and weekends)
- 30 Car Park 12 (underground car park)
- 31 Car Park (Millennium Point pay parking)

Other buildings

- 32 Sacks of Potatoes pub
- 33 Gosta Green pub
- 34 Innovation Birmingham Campus
- 35 Birmingham City Council offices
- 36 The Eastside Rooms
- 37 Birmingham Metropolitan College
- 38 The Old Fire Station
- 39 Shops on campus
 - Tesco Express
 - Costa Coffee



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