



# King Edward VI Aston School Newsletter

## Recent successes:

Thank you to all who attended the 'Tie Ceremony' for the new Hawley House. Boys in Hawley will soon be bringing home a commemorative photograph.

We hope you have had the opportunity to see our very own Gummy Bear as part of Birmingham's Big Sleuth. Congratulations to Year 8's Saied who designed and painted him.



## Dates for your diary:

Please use the link below for the **school calendar**

<https://www.keaston.bham.sch.uk/events/>

School **open days** for prospective students and parents are Monday 16th October 2017 9.30am – 11.30am and Tuesday 17th October 2017 2.30pm – 4.00pm

Friday 6th October - Fundraising day

## Year Notices

### Year 7

We hope to be able to welcome you to our **Year 7 Information Evening** on 28th September at 6.30pm. Letters have been emailed with details of workshops and presentations.

### Year 10 & 11

Students who are not attending school run activities on week 2, Thursday afternoons are encouraged to seek opportunities for **work experience** or volunteering.

### Year 12

Students were given **reading lists** on enrollment to the Sixth Form. Please remind your son of the importance of reading these recommended texts in order to deepen his learning.

All year 12 students are expected to spend their **afternoon independent study** periods in school. Privileges to leave after lunch may be negotiated after Christmas.

## Reminders

Please use the **Frederick Road gate** for all drop offs/pick ups. The gate is open at 8am and until 4pm after school.

Every student is encouraged to work towards an Aston '**Mastery**' or '**Leadership**' Award as detailed in students' homework planners. Please speak to your son about his plans to work towards an award.

Please be reminded that students can only use **mobile phones** inside the school buildings if invited to do so by a teacher.

A list of **extra-curricular activities** is detailed on the next page.

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## MONDAY

RE Drop-In Yrs 7-9 (DAM Groups)	7 - 9 drop in	1:15pm	E5	Dr McKee
Photography Club	7-9	1:05pm	A1/DR	Mr Healey
Design Technology Drop-in	11	1:05pm	A3	Mr Hodgkinson
German grammar clinic	All	1:15-1:45pm	L6	Frau Ruckgaber
Manga and Anime Club	All	1:15-1:45pm	D4	Mr Mackie

## TUESDAY

Leadership and Mastery Award drop in	All	1pm	WB2	Ms Lewsey
Photography Club	7-13 drop in	1:05pm	A1/DR	Mr Healey
Christian Union	7-13	1:05	E4	Mr Northcott
German film club	Years 9-11	1:00-1:50	L6	Frau Ruckgaber / Frau Kane

## WEDNESDAY

Debate Club	8-10	1:05pm	E5	Dr McKee
RE Drop-In Yrs 7-9 (AHN Groups)	7-9 drop in	1:15pm	E4	Mr Northcott
CADCAM Club	9-11	1:15pm	A3	Mr Hodgkinson
Humanities Film Club	All	1pm	E6	Dr Clitherow
German conversation club	All	1:15-1:45pm	L6	Frau Ruckgaber
Handwriting Club	All	1:15-1:45pm	LS	Mr Dirnhofer

## THURSDAY

RE GCSE Drop In (DAM Groups)	10-11 drop in	1:15pm	E5	Dr McKee
Film Cub	All	Week 1, 1:15pm	W8	
Photography Club	7-13 drop in	1:05pm	A1/DR	Mr Healey
A Novel Idea	10- 11	1:15pm	Careers Room	Mrs Baizon/Mrs Heald
Chess Club	All	1pm	W4	Dr Lardner
GCSE German speaking prep	10+11	1:15-1:45pm	L6	Frau Laventine
KS4 Art	All Y11	Drop in Wk2	B1/A1	Art staff
Community Apprentice	Y10	Week 1, 1-1:45pm	W2	Mrs Smith & T Sagheer

## FRIDAY

Wrestling Club	7-11	1pm	E5	Dr McKee
RE GCSE Drop In (AHN Groups)	10-11 drop in	1:15pm	E4	Mr Northcott
Photography Club	10-13	1:05	A1/DR	Mr Healey
Team Maths Challenge Club	Jr team Y8-9 Sr Team Y12-13	1pm	W6	Miss Meally
Go Club	All	1pm	W1	Mr Russell

## Extra-curricular notices

- Duke of Edinburgh - Year 10 Silver Duke of Edinburgh participants, please confirm your attendance at the upcoming meeting (11/10/2017 at 7pm in the school hall) by emailing [b.concannon@keaston.bham.sch.uk](mailto:b.concannon@keaston.bham.sch.uk).
- Debating - Upcoming debates for Y8-10 include "This House Believes Theresa May Should Not Be Prime Minister" and "This House Believes We Should Allow More Refugees Into Our Country".
- Mandarin - There are limited spaces available for the Mandarin Pre-GCSE Programme. Please get in touch with Mrs. Liu if you are interested in the opportunity to learn the most spoken language in the world. [h.liu@keaston.bham.sch.uk](mailto:h.liu@keaston.bham.sch.uk)





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Lower Brass Group	All	8.30-9.00	B3	Ms Brookes
Percussion Ensemble	Grades 2+	8.30-9.00	Recital Hall	Ms Lee
Jazz Ensemble	10-13	1.10		T. Amann
Dhol Drumming	All	1.50-1.45	B2	Mr Bains
String Orchestra	Grades 3+	12.50-1.25	Recital Hall	Mr Davidson

## TUESDAY

Junior Sax Quartet	By invitation	8.30-9.00	Recital Hall	Ms Naylor
Senior Guitar Ensemble	All	8.30-9.00	B3	Mr Phillips
Clarinet Ensemble	All	1.00-1.30	B3	Ms Harrop
Concert Band	Grades 3+	1.00-1.45	Recital Hall	Mrs Parrans-Smith
Big Band	Grades 5+	3.40-4.45	Recital Hall	Mrs Parrans-Smith

## WEDNESDAY

Flute Ensemble	All	8.30-9.00	B3	Mrs Wilson
Junior String Group	By invitation	8.30-9.00	Paganini	Mr Davidson
Rock Group	By invitation	8.30-9.00	Recital Hall	Mrs Parrans-Smith
Junior Guitar Group	All	1.00-1.30	B3	Mr McBrien
Aston Choir	All	1.00-1.45	Recital Hall	Ms Markgren

## THURSDAY

Mixed Saxophone Ensemble	Grades 3+	8.30-9.00	Recital Hall	Miss Naylor
Senior Sax Quintet	By invitation	1.00-1.45	Recital Hall	Ms Naylor

## FRIDAY

Senior Brass Quintet	10-13	8.30-9.00	B3	Mr Stubbs
Junior Trumpet Ensemble	Grades 1-3	12.50-1.15	B3	Mr Stubbs
Aston Acafellas	10-13	1.00-1.45	B2	Mrs Parrans-Smith
Show Band	By invitation	1.10	RH	Mr Jackson
Senior Trumpet Ensemble	Grades 4+	1.15-1.45	B3	Mr Stubbs

## The SHARP System

A brief reminder to students and parents about the School Help Advice Reporting Page System. There are many reasons why young people decide not to talk about incidents, whether that is due to not wanting to talk face to face, lack of confidence, scared, peer pressure or scared in case someone sees to name just a few.

As a result the school uses the SHARP System which allows young people to report any incidents which occur within the school and local community anonymously and without fear. Aside from the reporting tool SHARP delivers educational content to raise awareness on a wide range of subjects including: Bullying, Health, Community Issues, Weapons and Hate Crime. <http://keaston.thesharpsystem.com/page.php?id=9>

