



King Edward VI Aston School Newsletter

Lickey Hills Trip

Year 7 braved the wilds of the Lickey Hills this week, capitalising on some curiously persistent summer sun. To the immense relief, we're sure, of the lone café vendor, the trip ran over two days – even so, we had a staggering queue for ice cream and cold drinks on both outings! Naturally, there are perils in traipsing a coachload of students through a small visitor centre; however, the boys comported themselves with a great deal of maturity and the trips ran very smoothly. After a guided tour of the reserve - charting the history of the hills, from the bedrock's 570-million-year odyssey across the globe to the protected state of the heathland today – the boys took to exploring the area themselves in a series of orienteering challenges. Barring the occasional wild goose chase for an elusive (apparently non-existent!) clue, the teams made short work of the tasks. Finally, the classes had their teamwork and survival skills put to the test with a den building competition; a few savvy students managed to salvage the scaffolding from a previous group's attempt, with terrific results. Overall, the boys enjoyed a successful and stimulating inaugural trip as 'Aston men'.

Mr Shotton

Year 12 have started with enthusiasm and interest. There are many new boys joining us and they are now part of the school. All of year 12 enjoyed a team building morning at Trinity Road in early September which has set them up well to work together for the next two years.



Dates for your diary:

Please use this [link](#) for the school calendar.

Friday 12th October

Year 7 KEVI Foundation Ceremony

Monday 15th October

Open Morning - 9.30am - 11.00am

Tuesday 16th October

Open Afternoon - 1.30pm - 3.00pm

Friday 19th October

Fundraising Day

Thursday 25th & Friday 26th October

INSET Day

29th October – 2nd November

Half term

Congratulations to Year 8 boys awarded for their superb behaviour and excellent attitude towards staff on their residential. Only the 5th school this year to be given this award by Whitmoor Lakes activity centre.





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Student Council Elections



Democracy continued to thrive at Aston this September as the school held its second ever whole school election for Chair and Deputy Chair of the Student Council; the only leadership position in the school determined entirely by pupil vote. With our inaugural Chair and Deputy now off studying their respective degrees at Cambridge, and the Deputy Chair of last year's first democratically elected team now enjoying his role as School Vice-Captain, it is already clear that the role of Chair and Deputy of the Student Council is an important proving ground for our most able and inspired leaders of tomorrow, and this led to fierce competition between the candidates for who would win the right to lead the Council into 2019. This year's new "2% Rule" (named in honour of the 2% of students who protested last year's vote by writing in the names of candidates unable to run) opened the field beyond those Year 12 students

elected Council Representative, and allowed Year 12 students not voted in as Form Reps to team with elected Representatives so long as they had a proven track record of Council service in the last few years, either at Aston or at their previous schools.

Growing from three sets of candidates running in 2017 to five sets of candidates running this year, the field was an impressive array of year 12 students old and new, each vying for the coveted positions. Alongside the manifestos produced by each team, innovative campaigning strategies included masses of free cookies, promotional posters, promises both dubious and plausible, and a potpourri of pledges to improve the life of Aston students.

In the end, with students lining up to vote across recess and lunchtime on Friday September 21st (and during recess on Monday 24th for those absent on the Friday), 477 students had their say (over a hundred more voting than last year), with a majority vote of 39.4% going to the winning candidates Aaron Smith and Jonathan Riley. Runners up Aaron Chahal and Umair Mahmood got 21.4% of the vote, followed by a close competition for third and fourth place, with Syed Raza and Naib Sadik beating Abdullah Riaz and Jonathan Briggs by a single vote. Rayyaan Hector and Hasnain Muhammad came in fifth with 7.5% of the vote, and despite the implementation of the new 2% rule, mysterious rebels once again made their protest known by spoiling 3.4% of the vote with a variety of anarchy signs and scribbles - perhaps an oblique reference to the Student Council's successful stationery shop, Scribbles, re-opening this October?

All in all the school was abuzz with election fever, and we wish the new Chair and Deputy Team of Aaron and Jonathan the best of luck with the year ahead!

Dr McKee





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CERN 2018 visit

This year's CERN trip was an excellent experience as an aspiring physicist.

Throughout our 5 day visit, we had the opportunity to visit the CMS (compact muon solenoid) and learn about how new particles are detected at CERN. Although we didn't get the opportunity to see the actual detector, we were taught about it first hand by a technician who maintained the machine. Here we learnt about what is tried to detect particles and how the existence of these particles may be of significance

We also got our own chance to create a particle detector known as a cloud chamber. During this practical we had the opportunity to create a simplistic particle detector which used dry ice, alcohol and metal. Within the chamber particles were ionised which resulted in them creating precipitation trails which we could detect and record. By looking at the trails we could determine the nature of the particles which could've created the trail.

We also had a brief talk on how the technologies which were created and pioneered at CERN could be applied to medicine. Common examples of such technologies can be found in MRI and PET scanners.

We also had a chance to experience Switzerland in all of its beauty by having opportunities to visit various popular Swiss locations. One of the locations we visited was the small town known as Interlaken which is known for its surrounding mountain range.

We also had an opportunity to visit the busy centre of Geneva. While there we had an opportunity to do some shopping and roam the city by tram or boat.

We enjoyed our last night at in Switzerland by going out for an evening of bowling which allowed us to unwind and enjoy our last night.

For our final day, we visited mount Saleve and had the opportunity to see it up close from inside a cable car.

Overall, the trip was very enjoyable and gave me a good insight into the importance of the research conducted at CERN.

Idnaan Altaf





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Safer Travel

1. The police do not staff any "safe route" from the school and are unable to provide daily police presence in Aston Park. Where boys walk home from school they are advised to walk in groups and not to wear earphones. They should also avoid Aston Park and Upper Sutton Street shops.

2. Green Bus service to and from Aston railway station

The 843 Green Bus Service will stop at Aston railway station. In the morning the bus will pick up on Grosvenor Road (at the side of the station but opposite it) at around 7.55am. In the evening the bus will leave the school at 4.00pm reaching the station at 4.10pm dropping off in Grosvenor Road next to the station. There is a fare of £1.00 single between the station and the school.

AFTER SCHOOL CAR PARKING

3.20pm - 4.10pm, (week days, term time only)



3. Car parking

Parents who come to collect their son at the end of school are able to use the Mosque car park on the corner of Albert Road and Upper Sutton Street free of charge. The car park is open for use from 3.20pm-4.10pm.

Year 7 Notice

Please ensure you are registered with the **SIMS parentapp**. An email was sent to all Year 7 parents on 17th September with a personal link so that you can log on and check your son's details.

Log on, check and submit your details, even if they are correct and no changes are necessary. Thank you.



Mastery Award

How did your son do with his summer reading challenge? Reading recommended books and sharing a review with a peer can contribute towards the boys' Mastery Award. Examples below:



Bronze- Read

Read a book recommended by a teacher and share your review of the book with a peer.

Silver - Read and review

Write a list of books (minimum of 3) that you'd recommend to a Year 7, share the recommendations with a form group and on the school VLE or newsletter.



Gold - Read

Read a book recommended for A level study, in a subject of your choice. Write a reflection or detailed review of the book and share (500 words)





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Our Swire Mandarin Centre is thriving and this September we are pleased to have Mrs Orchard join Mrs Yang and Mrs Liu in the Mandarin Department.

As well as teaching Mandarin to our Year 7 pupils and to Years 10-13 in Enrichment at Aston, we are also teaching Mandarin at Anglesey Primary, Aston Tower Primary, Prince Albert Community Primary School, Heathfield Primary, Aston Manor Academy, King Edward VI Handsworth Grammar School for Girls, King Edward VI Grammar School for Boys and Handsworth Wood Girls' Academy.

Friday 19th September was the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival also known as The Moon Festival.



中秋节

Zhōng qiū jié



Senior Hockey

Aston's senior hockey teams roared into September like lions, but ended it more like lambs! A Y11 team opened with a 2 - 1 victory over KES, with a brace from Amin Syed, and this was followed by the 2nd XI easing to a 3 - 0 win over Solihull School, thanks to goals from Taha Alam and Zaka Ahmed. KES gained their revenge, however, thumping Aston's 3rd XI 5 - 0, whilst our 1st XI will be disappointed at losing to a single and very late goal.

A. M. Smith

Introducing our new German Assistant



Hallo!

Ich heiße Selina Padinger, bin 23 Jahre alt und komme aus Österreich. Meine Hobbies sind Sport wie zum Beispiel Laufen, Tanzen und Klettern. Ich reise sehr gerne und unternehme viel mit meinen Freunden.

In Österreich habe ich Englisch und Biologie studiert und 2 Jahre als Lehrerin gearbeitet. Ich freue mich sehr auf das Jahr als Deutsch-Sprachassistentin an eurer Schule!

Wir sehen uns





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United Kingdom
Mathematics Trust

Enjoy Mathematics Challenge Questions? Practice on www.drfrostmaths.com and come along to Maths Challenge Club on Friday lunchtimes in W6.

Junior: (Individual Challenge Tuesday 30th April)

[JMC 2002 Q20] Sally has 72 small wooden cubes, each measuring $1\text{cm} \times 1\text{cm} \times 1\text{cm}$. She arranges them all so that they form a cuboid. Given that the perimeter of the base of the cuboid is 16cm, what is its height?

Intermediate: (Individual Challenge Thursday 7th February)

[IMC 1998 Q21] A piece of thin card in the shape of an equilateral triangle with side 3cm and a circular piece of thin card of radius 1cm are glued together so that their centres coincide.

What is the exact length of the outer perimeter of the resulting 2-dimensional shape (in cm)?

Senior: (Individual Challenge Tuesday 6th November)

[SMC 2009 Q25] Four positive integers a, b, c and d are such that $abcd+abc+bcd+cda+dab+ab+bc+cd+da+ac+bd+a+b+c+d=2009$

What is the value of $a+b+c+d$?

Ritangle

2018

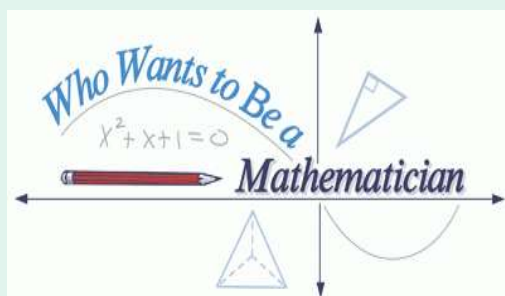
An integral maths competition sponsored by

25 questions. One final challenge. One winning team

- **Ritangle** is a competition for teams of students of A level Mathematics, the International Baccalaureate, or Scottish Highers. No knowledge of maths beyond **A level Mathematics** is required.
- The first five questions will be released weekly on:
1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th October 2018.
- One question will then be released daily for 20 consecutive weekdays, starting on **7th November 2018**
- Each correct answer reveals information for the final challenge.
- A **maths hamper and trophy** for the winning team, including prizes for team members and their school or college.

Ready for the challenge?
Speak to our team captain – Morgan Treasure

integralmaths.org @Integral_Maths



Mathematics students in the Sixth Form have been working hard over the past weeks in preparation for the Who Wants to Be a Mathematician Competition; completing practice rounds and doing their research before taking the qualifying round. Over 2000 students in the UK participated, with an equal number in the US and Canada vying for a place in this prestigious competition. A huge congratulations to the following nine students on their qualifying score in round one, we wish them the best of luck in round two: Zaka Ahmed, Morgan Treasure, Sunvir Sahota, Silas Goshawk, Sanjith Hegde, Muhammad Saif, Minhaz-ul Hoque, George Hynes all Y13 and Arjun Sokhal Y12. After round two has been completed, four students will be selected nationally to compete in the UK final, with the winner of this round earning themselves an all expenses paid trip to the US to compete in the final!





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Extra Curricular Clubs (Monday – Wednesday)

| Club/Activity | Year Group | Day | Time | Location | Staff |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Percussion Ensemble | All Years (Grades 2+) | Monday | Before School | Recital Hall | Miss Lee |
| Lower Brass Group | All Years | Monday | Recess | B3 | Mrs Brookes |
| KS3 Art Club | Yrs 7 - 9 (Drop in) | Monday | Lunchtime (12.50pm) | B1 | Art Staff |
| String Orchestra | All Years (Grades 3+) | Monday | Lunchtime (12.50pm) | Recital Hall | Mr Davidson |
| Touch Rugby | Yr 7 | Monday | Lunchtime (1:00pm) | Sports Hall | Mr Ibbetson |
| IT Club | All Years (Drop in) | Monday | Lunchtime (1:00pm) | E2 | Various |
| Fitness | Yrs 12 -13 | Monday | Lunchtime (1:00pm) | Fitness Room | Mr Ibbetson |
| Design Technology | Yr 11 (Drop in) | Monday | Lunchtime (1:05pm) | A3 | Mr Hodgkinson |
| Photography Club | Yrs 7 - 9 (Drop in) | Monday | Lunchtime (1:05pm) | A1/DR | Mr Healey |
| Jazz Ensemble | Yrs 10 -13 | Monday | Lunchtime (1:10pm) | B3 | Mr Amann |
| Manga and Anime Club | All | Monday | Lunchtime (1:15pm) | D4 | Mr Mackie |
| RE (DAM Groups) | Yrs 7 - 9 (Drop in) | Monday | Lunchtime (1:15pm) | E5 | Dr McKee |
| Senior Rugby | Yrs 11 - 13 | Monday | After School | Trinity Rd | PE Staff |
| Senior Hockey | Yrs 11 - 13 | Monday | After School | Astro | Mr Loveridge |
| Football | Yr 9 | Monday | After School | Astro | Mr Hall |
| Guitar Ensemble | All Years | Tuesday | Before School | B3 | Mr Phillips |
| Leadership and Mastery Award | All Years (Drop in) | Tuesday | Lunchtime (1:00pm) | WB2 | Ms Lewsey |
| Concert Orchestra | All Years (Grades 3+) | Tuesday | Lunchtime (1:00pm) | Recital Hall | Mrs Parrans-Smith |
| Touch Rugby | Yr 8 | Tuesday | Lunchtime (1:00pm) | Sports Hall | Mr Wright-Smith |
| Fitness | Yr 11 | Tuesday | Lunchtime (1:00pm) | Fitness Room | Mr Ibbetson |
| IT Club | All Years (Drop in) | Tuesday | Lunchtime (1:00pm) | E2 | Various |
| Mathematics Help Club | All Years (Drop in) | Tuesday | Lunchtime (1:00pm) | W6 | Mrs Boyce |
| Photography Club | Yrs 10-13 drop in | Tuesday | Lunchtime (1:05pm) | A1/DR | Mr Healey |
| GCSE Geography | Yr 10 -11 (Drop in) | Tuesday (Wk2) | Lunchtime (1:00pm) | E7 | Miss Walsh |
| Christian Union | All Years | Tuesday | Lunchtime (1:05pm) | E4 | Mr Northcott |
| German Grammar clinic | All Years | Tuesday | Lunchtime (1:15pm) | L6 | Frau Padinger |
| RE (AHN Groups) | Yrs 7 - 9 (Drop in) | Tuesday | Lunchtime (1:15pm) | E4 | Mr Northcott |
| Junior Rugby | Yrs 7 - 10 | Tuesday | After School | Sports Hall | PE Staff |
| Junior Hockey | Yrs 7 - 10 | Tuesday | After School | Astro | Mr Loveridge |
| Football | Yrs 11 - 13 | Tuesday | After School | Astro | Mr Hall |
| Big Band | All Years (Grades 5+) | Tuesday | After School | Recital Hall | Mrs Parrans-Smith |
| Flute Ensemble | All Years | Wednesday | Before School | B3 | Mrs Wilson |
| Rock Group | By invitation | Wednesday | Before School | Recital Hall | Mrs Parrans-Smith |
| Clarinet Ensemble | All Years | Wednesday | Recess | B3 | Ms Harrop |
| Aston Choir | All Years | Wednesday | Lunchtime (1:00pm) | Recital Hall | Ms Markgren |
| Junior Guitar Group | All Years | Wednesday | Lunchtime (1:00pm) | B3 | Mr McBrien |
| Touch Rugby | Yrs 9 - 10 | Wednesday | Lunchtime (1:00pm) | Sports Hall | Mr Davis |
| Fitness | Yrs 12 -13 | Wednesday | Lunchtime (1:00pm) | Fitness Room | Mr Ibbetson |
| IT Club | All Years (Drop in) | Wednesday | Lunchtime (1:00pm) | E2 | Various |
| Debate Club | Yrs 8 - 10 | Wednesday | Lunchtime (1:05pm) | E5 | Dr McKee |
| Junior String Group | Yrs 7 - 8 | Wednesday | Lunchtime (1:10pm) | Paganini | Mr Davidson |
| Handwriting Club | All Years | Wednesday | Lunchtime (1:15pm) | WB2 | Mr Dirnhofer |
| German Conversation Club | All Years | Wednesday (Wk2) | Lunchtime (1:15pm) | L6 | Frau Padinger |
| Table Tennis | Yrs 10 -13 | Wednesday | After School | Main Hall | Mr Inglis |
| Football | Yr 8 | Wednesday | After School | Astro | Mr Hall |



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Extra Curricular Clubs (Thursday, Friday)

| Club/Activity | Year Group | Day | Time | Location | Staff |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Mixed Saxophone Ensemble | All Years (Grades 3+) | Thursday | Before School | Recital Hall | Miss Naylor |
| Chess Club | All Years | Thursday | Lunchtime (1:00pm) | W4 | Mr Gameson |
| Basketball | Yrs 10 -14 | Thursday | Lunchtime (1:00pm) | Sports Hall | Mr Downing |
| Fitness | Yr 11 | Thursday | Lunchtime (1:00pm) | Fitness Room | Mr Ibbetson |
| IT Club | All Years (Drop in) | Thursday | Lunchtime (1:00pm) | ES | Various |
| Dhol Drumming | All Years | Thursday | Lunchtime (1:00pm) | B2 | Mr Singh |
| Humanities Film Club | All Years | Thursday | Lunchtime (1:00pm) | L4 | Mrs Moy |
| GCSE Geography | Yr 10 -11 (Drop in) | Thursday (Wk1) | Lunchtime (1:00pm) | E6 | Dr Clitherow |
| Community Apprentice | Yr 10 (By invitation) | Thursday (Wk1) | Lunchtime (1:00pm) | W2 | T Sagheer |
| German Film Club | Yrs 9 -11 | Thursday | Lunchtime (1:05pm) | L6 | Frau Padinger |
| GCSE RE (DAM Groups) | Yrs 10-11 (Drop in) | Thursday | Lunchtime (1:15pm) | E5 | Dr McKee |
| GCSE RE (AHN Groups) | Yrs 10-11 (Drop in) | Thursday | Lunchtime (1:15pm) | E4 | Mr Northcott |
| GCSE German Speaking | Yrs 10 -11 (Drop In) | Thursday | Lunchtime (1:15pm) | L6 | Frau Laventine |
| Reading Group (A Novel Idea) | Yrs 10 -11 | Thursday | Lunchtime (1:15pm) | W8 | Mrs Baizon |
| Rugby Clinic | By invitation | Thursday (Wk1) | After School | Sports Hall | Mr Davis |
| Football | Yr 10 | Thursday (Wk1) | After School | Astro | Mr Hall |
| Training Band | All Years | Friday | Before School | Recital Hall | Mrs Parrans-Smith |
| Intermediate Trumpet Ensemble | Yrs 7 -11 | Friday | Recess | B3 | Mr Stubbs |
| KS4 Art Club | Yrs 10 -11 (Drop in) | Friday | Lunchtime (12.50pm) | B1 | Art Staff |
| Go Club | All Years | Friday | Lunchtime (1:00pm) | W1 | Mr Russell |
| Rugby (Set Piece) | Yrs 11 - 13 | Friday | Lunchtime (1:00pm) | Sports Hall | Mr Wright-Smith |
| Fitness | Yrs 12 -13 | Friday | Lunchtime (1:00pm) | Fitness Room | Mr Ibbetson |
| Wrestling Club | Yrs 7 -11 | Friday | Lunchtime (1:00pm) | E5 | Dr McKee |
| IT Club | All Years (Drop in) | Friday | Lunchtime (1:00pm) | E2 | Various |
| French Cinema Club | All Years | Friday | Lunchtime (1:05pm) | L9 | Ms Bonnet |
| Photography Club | Yrs 10 -13 | Friday | Lunchtime (1:05pm) | A1/DR | Mr Healey |
| Show Band | By invitation | Friday | Lunchtime (1:10pm) | RH | Mr Jackson |
| English Film Club | All Years | Friday | Lunchtime (1:10pm) | W8 | Mrs Searles |
| Chinese Club | All Years | Friday | Lunchtime (1:10pm) | E9 | Mrs Liu |
| Senior Trumpet Ensemble | All Years (Grades 4+) | Friday | Lunchtime (1:15pm) | B3 | Mr Stubbs |
| German Conversation Club | All Years | Friday (Wk1) | Lunchtime (1:15pm) | L6 | Frau Padinger |
| Maths Challenge Club | Yrs 8 - 9 | Friday | Lunchtime (1:15pm) | W6 | Mrs Boyce |
| Maths Challenge Club | Yrs 12 -13 | Friday | Lunchtime (1:15pm) | W6 | Mrs Boyce |
| Student Council | All Years | Various | Lunchtime (1:05pm) | E5 | Dr McKee |



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Please give us your feedback on our school newsletter, complete the survey [here](#).





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ASTON EDWARDIAN ASSOCIATION 85th COMMEMORATION & REUNION DINNER

Saturday 10th November 2018 at 7.00 for 7.30pm at the School Dress: Black tie or Lounge Suit
This year's Dinner will be held on 10th November. The School will be open at 6pm for anyone wishing to see all of the developments and improvements to the site. (Please indicate on the reply if you wish to tour the school)

The single toast to 'The School, Foundation and Association' is to be proposed by David Trick, a former Bath and England International rugby player. He is currently President of Bath RFC and a noted after dinner speaker. We were delighted when he accepted our invitation to propose this toast. The response will be given by Colin Parker (Headteacher, KE Aston) who will be taking the opportunity to bring everyone up to date with all that has been happening at Aston and how he sees the future developing.

If you would like to join in this social evening and renew old friendships, or build new ones, please complete the reply slip (link below) and return it by Friday 2 November to Andy Hart.

<https://www.keaston.bham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/ASTON-EDWARDIAN-ASSOCIATION-85th-COMMEMORATION.pdf>

House Competitions

| Date | Event | Year | Organising dept | Staff | Competition |
|--|---------------------|---------|-----------------|-------|-------------|
| Tues 25th Sept | Cross Country | 9 | PE | PE | Hawkesford |
| Thurs 27th Sept | Cross Country | 11 | PE | PE | Hawkesford |
| Thurs 4th Oct | Cross Country | Sen | PE | PE | Hawkesford |
| Mon 8th Oct | Cross Country | 8 | PE | PE | Hawkesford |
| Fri 12th Oct | Cross Country | 7 | PE | PE | Hawkesford |
| Mon 15th Oct | Cross Country | 10 | PE | PE | Hawkesford |
| House Cross Country - C.J.S Maughan Trophy | | | | | Hawkesford |
| Thurs 18th Oct | Indoor Football | 11 | PE | NSI | Hawkesford |
| Thurs 8th Nov | Indoor Football | 13 | PE | NSI | Hawkesford |
| Thurs 15th Nov | Indoor Football | 10 | PE | NSI | Hawkesford |
| Thurs 22nd Nov | Indoor Football | 12 | PE | NSI | Hawkesford |
| Thurs 29th Nov | Indoor Football | 9 | PE | NSI | Hawkesford |
| Thurs 6th Dec | Indoor Football | 8 | PE | NSI | Hawkesford |
| Thurs 13th Dec | Indoor Football | 8 | PE | NSI | Hawkesford |
| Mon 17th Dec | Indoor Football | 7 | PE | NSI | Hawkesford |
| Thurs 20th Dec | Indoor Football | 7 | PE | NSI | Hawkesford |
| House Indoor Football | | | | | Hawkesford |
| October | House Chess | All | Maths | ? | Tuck |
| Wed 19th Dec | Strongest Boy (1/2) | Sen | PE | NSI | Hawkesford |
| Tues 6th Nov | Sen Maths Challenge | 12 & 13 | Maths | AML | Tuck |
| Mon 17th Dec | Christmas Song | 7 | Music | TPS | Tuck |





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Muhammad Ishaq (2001 – 2018)

It is with much sadness that the school reports the death of Muhammad Ishaq, who was at Aston between 2012 – 2017. Mohammad, who was in Brandon House, left Aston at the end of Year 11. He sadly passed away on 21st August 2018.

Muhammad's Form Tutor in Year 10 & 11 Mr Hodgkinson paid tribute to him saying

“Muhammad was one of the nicest, most genuine students that I have ever had the pleasure to have in my form. There was always a subtle smile on his face and he brought with him a sense of calm whenever he entered the room, even during Year 11's most stressful periods. He will be sorely missed by all.”



KE Aston Old Eds

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|---------------------|---|
| Name: | Robert Lycett |
| Current role: | Technology Lead for The M-Wek Company |
| Years at Aston | 1992 - 99 |
| A level subjects: | English, History and Geography |
| House: | Manton (House Captain 1998 -99) |
| Favourite teachers: | Paul Mullan, Stephen Hifle, Tim Amann, Colin Parker and John Smith |
| University: | University of Manchester – BA in History with English & American Literature |



Currently living in North Chingford with partner Emma, daughter Isla (3) and baby Nathan (1 month). Graduated with a 2:1 in History in 2002 from the University of Manchester, where I played Rugby for the First XV for 3 years, (received a half-Maroon to go with school full colours!) Sale Sharks U21 and Lancashire U21s. Played for another 8 years in the London leagues then retired at 29 due to another knee injury so now complete obstacle races and when time allows other pursue other interests such as music, politics, food, literature and supporting Tottenham Hotspur. Have worked as a Financial Headhunter for over fifteen years, the majority of time spent in the Square Mile, and have recently started a new role as the Head of Technology for The M-Wek Company

