



**KING EDWARD VI
ASTON SCHOOL**

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Dear Parent(s),

As we come to the end of another very busy term and academic year I should like to make you aware of the following.

Staffing changes

At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Miss Lexy (Mathematics) after forty years at the school, Mrs Downing (Subject Leader for Art and Design Technology), Mr Gameson (Teacher of Mathematics), Mrs Orchard (Teacher of French and Mandarin), Mrs Smith (Sports Partnership Manager), Mr Aslam (Sixth Form Independent Study Supervisor) and Ms Bonnet (French Language Assistant). We wish them all well for the future.

From September we will welcome Mr Wright (Teacher of Mathematics), Ms Wilkinson (Teacher of Mathematics), Mr Smith (Teacher of English), Ms He (Teacher of Mandarin), Mrs Huang (Teacher of Mandarin), Mrs Rowe (Teacher of Art and Design Technology for the first half of the 2019 autumn term) and Ms Moore (Teacher of Art and Design Technology from November 2019). Also joining the school will be Ms Tonks (Sports Partnership Manager) and Mrs Connor (Finance Assistant).

From September Mr Hodgkinson has been appointed Subject Leader for Design and Technology, Mrs Devaney Assistant Subject Leader for Mathematics and Mr Wright-Smith Head of Temperley House. Mrs Cresswell has returned as Subject Leader for History following her maternity leave.

Following the summer holiday Mrs Devaney will return as Miss Bréchon-Smith.

Building Work

The long awaited work to build a catering facility up from the sports hall is scheduled to commence during the summer holiday. Parents should assume that entrance to the school site during the summer holiday will be via the gate in Frederick Road. E-mails will be sent to parents during the holiday to update on access on to the school site.

Authorised absence

Please can I remind all parents that the school should be notified at the very earliest opportunity, ideally by e-mail to c.parker@keaston.bham.sch.uk should they require authorised absence from school for their son. This includes dental and medical appointments which ideally should be arranged to take place during the school holidays and if this is not possible on an alternate Thursday afternoon. Safety issues can arise if the school is simply notified an hour or two in advance.

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Parent contact details

Please can I remind parents of the importance of the school holding their correct contact details, especially mobile telephone numbers and e-mail addresses. The school should be notified of any changes at the earliest opportunity ideally by sending an e-mail to Mrs Piper in Student Services at b.piper@keaston.bham.sch.uk

Pupil Safety

Please can I remind all parents to keep emphasising to their sons the need for them to follow the guidance offered by the school when travelling to and from school. In addition, please can I encourage parents who at the end of the day come to the school to collect their son to use the mosque car park on the corner of Upper Sutton Street and not on the Park Circus roundabout or in the streets nearest the school where congestion is already an issue.

Pupil Property

Please can I remind all parents that items of clothing, discarded bags etc. left on the site at the end of term will be collected up and sent to a local charity. In addition, all pupil lockers must be emptied before the end of term. **For the start of the new term please can parents make every effort to put identifying tags or marks on coats, jumpers, sports kit and bags.**

Parents' Association

At the end of the year the Parents Association would like to say thank you to all the Aston parents who have helped with football parking and refreshments. We raised over £25,000 for your boys, over the 25 matches played, how amazing is that !!

The big projects funded by the PA this year were a full class of new computers and an "on line reading scheme" to promote reading for pleasure, as well as all the annual commitments such as buying all the speech day prizes and funding towards the Year 13 trip to Alton Towers; the PA also fund the mosque carpark. In one way or another all the boys at school benefit from the money raised.

The Villa Home Match Parking Scheme uses the school playgrounds to park over 200 cars on Aston Villa home match days and has run smoothly, thanks particularly to the Team Leaders who run the shifts and Kate who has organised the annual PA parking permit scheme.

There have been matches however when very few people have been available to help out so we always need to recruit and retain parent volunteers and Team Leaders; maybe now your family is a little older you would consider helping out again on a Saturday afternoon ?

Please see PA tab www.keaston.bham.sch.uk/parents/parents-association/ on the school website to see all the thousands and thousands of pounds worth of equipment the PA have provided for the boys each year and advice re. the parking scheme. Also our contact details and event dates too.

The PA contact you by e mail, which is very ignorable we know but please look out for requests for help and please please reply and try and make time to help out. Contact us at PAchair@keaston.bham.sch.uk for more information or to volunteer. Thank you.

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Key dates for the 2019 autumn term

2 nd September	Staff training day-no students in school
3 rd September	Staff training day-no students in school
4 th September	Only students in Years 7 and 12 required to be in school. Year 7 must bring their PE kit with them.
5 th September	All students required to be in school Year 10 information evening
12 th September	Year 12 information evening
26 th September	Year 7 welcome evening
24 th October	Staff training day-no students in school
25 th October	Staff training day-no students in school
Half term holiday	Monday, 28 th October-Friday, 1 st November
5 th November	Sixth form open evening for September 2020 entry
14 th November	Year 11 Parents' Evening
21 st November	Year 12 Open Evening
22 nd November	Speech Night. School finishes for all students at 12.30pm
28 th November	Year 13 Parents' Evening
16 th December	Music and Mince Pies Christmas Concert
20 th December	School closes at 12.30pm for the Christmas holiday

All that remains is for me to thank you for your support during the year and to wish you all a peaceful and relaxing summer.

Yours sincerely,



C. Parker
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