

ASTON FIELDS MIDDLE **SCHOOL** ***STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE:*** ***LEARNING FOR LIFE***

YEAR 8
Autumn
2026

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Friday 23rd October – pupils break up for half term.

Monday 2nd November – TE Day.

Tuesday 3rd November – pupils return to school.

Friday 18th December – pupils break up for the Christmas holidays.

Monday 4th January 2027 – TE Day.

Tuesday 5th January 2027 – pupils return to school.

Please Remember:

Pupils must hand their mobile phones to their class teacher at the start of each day. Please ensure that all phones are clearly named.

No other internet enabled devices are allowed in school e.g. smart watches.

Welcome to Year 8.

What a delight it has been to welcome back our pupils as they begin their final year at Aston Fields Middle School. They made an excellent start with a fabulous day participating in 'Forces Fitness' - it was a great opportunity to develop character virtues and to bond as a class. If you have yet to pay for this event, then we have left a payment option open on ParentPay. We fully appreciate that the start of the new term brings a lot to consider and manage; however, we are hopeful that, by covering costs of events such as this, we will be able to continue to provide further exciting opportunities throughout the year. It has been fantastic to see the pupil's enthusiasm and focus in their lessons and we are excited for the months ahead. We look forward to their success stories as they continue to thrive during their time in Year 8.

The Year 8 form teachers this year are: Mr Garwood (8LG), Mrs Collins (8JC), Mr Pavlovs and Mrs. Jasper (8PJ), Mrs Hopton (8VH) and Ms Winch and Ms Philip (8WP).

The pupils are a credit to you, and we are grateful for the support and consistency provided by yourselves. Together, we will strive to ensure that all pupils continue to achieve the best possible outcomes and also continue to demonstrate the best version of themselves.

CHARACTER MATTERS.

As a school of character, we want our Year 8 pupils to take pride in all of the opportunities that they have. To that end, we will encourage all pupils:

- **To act as ambassadors for our school and to be role models for our younger pupils.**
- **To be kind, courteous and respectful.**
- **To develop new skills and work with others to bring out the best in one another.**
- **To take on responsibilities and gain independence through a range of tasks, activities and extra-curricular opportunities.**

The school planner is a tool for pupils to record homework, set targets and plan their time effectively. In addition, the planner is often used as a means for teachers and parents/carers to communicate with each other. It would be appreciated if you could check your child's planner regularly. This will ensure we are working collaboratively to support your child to be successful. Your support in encouraging your child to make the best use of their planner is essential. Please encourage them to bring it into school each day.

Please note that high school applications are now live - the deadline for submitting these applications is **Saturday 31st October 2026**. This is a digital document, and any questions/concerns should be dealt with directly with the admissions department at Worcestershire County Council.

We wish you all good health and happiness through the year ahead and thank you so much for your continued support.

Ms. Philip and the Year 8 Team.