



Parent Newsletter

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OUR VISION:

To provide an exceptional, knowledge-rich educational experience, which ensures all scholars succeed.

Key Dates

- 23rd October – Sixth Form Open Evening
- 24th October – INSET Day – school closed to all scholars
- 3rd November – INSET Day - school closed to all
- 4th December – Y12 & Y13 Scholars Review Evening
- 5th December – INSET Day - school closed to all

Important Updates

Changes to Family Dining

Thank you for your recent feedback regarding family dining at Astrea Sheffield. Family dining is a phrase we use to describe eating lunch in the middle of the day in a similar way to how families eat at home; around a table with good conversation. We're committed to family dining and are committed to making it work. We want it to work for our scholars, their families, and our school kitchen. Your initial feedback has been heard, listened to and is currently being responded to with the following actions.

We as academy will commit to the following:

1. We will improve the food offered as part of family dining. We want our scholars to be excited about the food they have in the middle of the day. We want all of our scholars to look forward to their lunch and the food they will eat. We are currently in the process of revamping the menu, starting with a cross-section of our scholars taking part in a tasting menu on Tuesday 30th September. Once the new menu is decided, this will be published and rolled out as soon as possible. Please watch this space and we'll let you know once this happens but hopefully you'll hear about it when scholars tell you about the new and improved food!
2. We will ensure there is more food for each table of family dining. This is a costly commitment to make as an academy as it means we will need to cook more food per person. However, this will mean that scholars have an easier time sharing the food out equally and will ensure all of our scholars eat enough in the middle of the day. We will do this as soon as possible and we should be able to do this as quickly as the next food order.
3. We will ensure our menus for the following week are published in the newsletter, on our website and to our staff. This means that scholars should be aware of what they are going to eat each day. This will begin next week.
4. We will shorten the amount of time you have to let us know if you want to take part in family dining to one week. This will mean no change for families who want to permanently opt in or out. However, alongside the use of the online menus mentioned above, families will be able to choose if they want change if they are opted in or out. Families will need to let us know on the Wednesday of the week before whether they want their scholars to eat the school food or a packed lunch for the following week. You must let us know if you want to change whether you are opted in or out. If you are opted in and want to stay in, you don't need to do anything - same for if you are opted out and want to stay out. However, if you want to change from opted in to opted out or vice versa, you must let us know by the Wednesday before the week you want to change. This

change will be implemented as soon as possible but is likely to be at October half term whilst we ensure that the systems in place at the academy work as intended.

I sincerely hope that these four changes help to address the issues you have raised. I would also like to wholeheartedly thank you for your feedback. We want to continue to improve Astrea Academy Sheffield together as a community.

Sixth Form Open Evening

Our Sixth Form Open Evening will take place on Thursday 23rd October 4:30pm – 6:30pm. More information will be shared in the upcoming weeks.

Flu Vaccinations

If your child missed their flu vaccination at school, they can still attend one of the community clinics:

14/Oct/2025	16:00/18:00	The Methodist Church Chapeltown S35 1AE
25/Oct/2025	09:30/12:30	Concord Sports Centre S5 6AE
27/Oct/2025	09:30/15:00	Gleadless Scout S12 2LG
28/Oct/2025	09:30/15:00	Totley Methodist Church S17 4DJ
29/Oct/2025	09:30/15:30	St James Church: Norton S8 8JQ
30/Oct/2025	09:30/15:00	Leisure United Woodbourn Road S9 3HL
31/Oct/2025	09:30/15:00	The Burton Street Foundation S6 2HH
11/Nov/2025	16:00/18:00	All Saint Church Ecclesall S11 7PP
29/Nov/2025	09:30/12:30	Concord Sports Centre S5 6AE
09/Dec/2025	16:00/18:00	Hackenthorpe Community Centre S12 4JB
20/Dec/2025	09:30/12:30	Concord Sports Centre S5 6AE

Community Advisory Group

Our vision is 'to provide an exceptional, knowledge rich educational experience to ensure all scholars succeed'. To continue the journey towards fully realising this vision, it is important that the school works closely with parents and the community.

The purpose of the CAG is to reflect on the journey the academy has been on, receive feedback from parents and members of the community and discuss the next steps which can help develop the academy to continue to move forward.

Our CAG dates for this year are:

- Thursday 16th October 2025
- Thursday 18th December 2025
- Thursday 29th January 2026
- Thursday 23rd April 2026
- Thursday 11th June 2026
- Celebration/ thank you- date TBC

If you wish to sign up to the CAG, please email info@astreasheffield.org

Community Sessions

- Women's wellness on Monday mornings
- ESOL on Wednesday mornings

- Computer skills - Wednesday Mornings – sign up required!

Extra-Curricular Clubs

25-26 Half term 1 - Week 1					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Club	Chess Club 3pm-4pm	Book Club 3pm-4pm	Chess Club 3pm-4pm	Chess Club 3pm-4pm	RE Club 3pm-4pm
Time					
Club	Drama club 3pm-4pm	KS4 Art 3pm-4pm	Library 3pm-4pm	Library 3pm-4pm	Y11 Boys Football 3pm-4pm
Time					
Club	Y8 Boys Football 3pm-4pm	Library 3pm-4pm	Y10 History Club 3pm-4pm	KS3 Arts & Crafts 3pm-4pm	BTEC Intervention 3pm-4pm
Time					
Club	Y9 Boys Football 3pm-4pm		Choir 3pm-4pm	Creative Writing 3pm-4pm	
Time					
Club	Girls Only Gym 3pm-4pm		KS3 Geography Club 3pm-4pm	GCSE Drama Rehearsal 3pm-4pm	
Time					
Club	Library 3pm-4pm		DofE (Y9) 3pm-4pm	Tech Explorers 3pm-4pm	
Time					
Club	Rock Climbing 3pm-5pm		Spanish Homework 3pm-4pm	Y7&8 Cooking Club 3pm-4pm	
Time					
Club			Latin American Culture 3pm-4pm	Y7 Numbers Club 3pm-4pm	
Time					
Club			Y7 Boys Football 3pm-4pm	Axiom Maths 3pm-4pm	
Time					
Club			Y10 Boys Football 3pm-4pm	Year 9 Algebra 3pm-4pm	
Time					
Club			Gym 3pm-4pm	Badminton 3pm-4pm	
Time					
Club				Girls Get Active 3pm-4pm	
Time					