



# Parent Newsletter

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W/C 9<sup>th</sup> February is a WEEK 1

## OUR VISION:

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

## Key Dates

- Y9 Scholar Review Evening – 12<sup>th</sup> February
- INSET Day – 13<sup>th</sup> February
- All scholar return after half term – 23<sup>rd</sup> February
- Y7 University Trip – 25<sup>th</sup> February
- Y9 Options Evening – 26<sup>th</sup> February
- Y11 Scholar Review Evening – 26<sup>th</sup> March
- Last Day of Half Term 3 – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

## Important Updates

### Y9 Scholar Review Evening

The Y9 scholar review evening will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February. There is still time for you to book your in-person appointments with your child's subject teachers.

Click the following link to book: <https://astreasheffield.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

### Y9 Building My Skills Session

This year, year 9 are completing a Building my Skills programme focused on their career and skill development. On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, all of year 9 will be taking part in their third session during period 1.

### Y11 Leavers Celebration Event – Parental Contribution

We are planning a Year 11 Leavers event after Y11 GCSE's to celebrate scholars journey at Astrea Academy Sheffield! We are exploring external venues where Food, Music, Awards, Venue Security and a Car park drop off area would all be included as a part of this cos.

We are trying to gauge interest and support from parents at this point. To arrange an evening such as this we would like to gather parental voice and understand whether parents/carers would be willing to contribute £35 per student towards the cost of the event.

Thank you in advance for your completion!

[Year 11 Leavers Celebration Event – Fill out form](#)

### Message from South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue

South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue would like to bring to your attention the dangers of young people playing on frozen water as well as entering icy open water.

Our key messages for children across the county are:

- **Frozen water:** Do not go on to frozen lakes, ponds, canals and reservoirs under any circumstances. Children and pets are particularly at risk when tempted to play on the ice formed on open water during cold weather. Do not walk or climb onto the ice to attempt a rescue and certainly don't get into the water. You may become the next casualty.
- **Cold water shock:** The UK is a cold water country which means no open water is above 15 degrees. A public swimming pool is between 26-28 degrees. Many fatalities are caused by the cold temperature and how it affects someone when they enter the water. Firstly, it causes a deep intake of breath, during which dirty water will usually be mixed with the air breathed in. Blood will be directed to the core to protect major organs, restricting supply to their arms and legs which are needed for swimming. This makes it very difficult for someone to swim and is often how lives are lost.

Don't give in to peer pressure from your friends, the ice may look solid from the surface but will not hold your weight and could crack when stood on. It could be the last thing you do.

### **What to do if you or your friends get into trouble in the water**

- If someone can't climb out of the water, it is not advisable, as many people think, to move about in the water to keep warm while waiting for help. Instead, they should conserve their energy by keeping as still as possible.
- If you see someone fall through ice or in trouble in the water call 999 and ask for the fire service. Keep your eyes on them until we arrive. Do not walk or climb onto the ice to attempt a rescue.
- If you fall into the ice keep calm and shout for help. Spread your arms across the surface of the ice in front of you. If the ice is strong enough, kick your legs to slide onto the ice. Lie flat and pull yourself towards the bank. If the ice breaks, work your way to the bank by breaking the ice in front of you away. If you cannot climb out, wait for help and keep as still as possible. Press your arms by your side and keep your legs together. Keep your head clear of the water. Once you are safe, go to hospital immediately for a check-up.
- What3Words: Please make all young people aware of this location app. Download it to their smartphone so that if they do get into difficulty we can locate them efficiently, even if they are in a remote area.

### **SEND Information for Term 2**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Y9 SEND Review Day	Monday 2nd March (all day)
Y10 SEND Review Day	Monday 16th March (all day)
Y11 SEND Review Day	Monday 9th February (all day)

\*We will write to you nearer the time to let you know who your SEND review will be with and what time. If you are unable to attend the meeting date and time give, please get in contact with the admin team so another meeting opportunity can be arranged.

Refreshments will be available on arrival. Please arrive to your meeting promptly giving you enough time to sign in and grab a drink if you'd like one.

Next SEND Coffee Morning is Friday 8th May We look forward to seeing you then!

### **Family Dining Lunch Menu's**

Please click the following link to view the menus for family dining.

[AAS Secondary Phase Lunch Menu's](#)

Don't forget you will need to let us know on the Wednesday of the week before whether you want your child 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.

If you do not let us know that you would like to opt out of family dining, then you will still be charged.

Please also remind your child that if they are bringing in a pack lunch from home then they must not have a school dinner. Unfortunately, we are seeing scholars who have chosen to opt out of family dining but are still eating the school lunch which means they will still be charged.

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026
- Celebration/ thank you- date TBC

If you wish to sign up to the CAG, please email [info@astreasheffield.org](mailto:info@astreasheffield.org)

Take a look at the CAG member profiles on our website: <https://www.astreasheffield.org/get-involved/parent-community/>

## Community Sessions

- Women's wellness on Monday mornings
- ESOL on Wednesday mornings
- Computer skills - Wednesday Mornings – sign up required!