



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another successful academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to the continued success of our academy.

Thank you to our parents and carers for your unwavering support, encouragement and partnership throughout the year. Your commitment to your children's education makes a tremendous difference and is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank parents and carers for their support with the introduction of mobile phone pouches. This initiative has been a huge success, and we have already seen a significant reduction in incidents linked to mobile phones across the academy. The positive impact on our learning environment has been clear, and I am grateful for your support in helping us create a calm, focused and disruption-free culture where scholars can thrive.

I would also like to thank our dedicated staff, hardworking scholars, members of the Community Advisory Group (CAG), our Local Governing Committee (LGC), and the many external providers and partners who have worked alongside us throughout the year. Together, your support, expertise and commitment have helped create the opportunities and experiences that enable our young people to thrive and succeed.

Since becoming Principal, one of my key aims has been to strengthen the partnership between the academy, parents and the wider community. I am delighted to say that this has been a great success. Thank you to everyone who has participated in our coffee mornings, ESOL classes, women's wellness classes and parent digital IT classes. Your engagement and support play a vital role in our community. If you would like to join any of these programmes or find out more information, please contact Mrs Edwards at info@astreasheffield.org

Looking ahead, I am excited to announce that we will also be launching parenting classes, parent fitness classes and parent cooking classes, providing even more opportunities for learning, wellbeing and community engagement. We look forward to welcoming many more families to these sessions in the coming year.

Today, all scholars will be bringing home their assessment report. I would encourage you to take the time to review the report with your child, celebrating their successes and recognising the progress they have made over the year. The report also provides an opportunity to discuss areas for further development and how, together, we can continue to support them in achieving their full potential.

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As we continue our journey of improvement, your feedback remains invaluable. I would be grateful if parents and carers could take a few moments to complete our stakeholder feedback survey using the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/ZAVJedpEkn?origin=lprLink>

Your views help shape the future direction of the academy and allow us to celebrate what is working well whilst identifying areas for further development.

As we look ahead to the new academic year, we remain committed to reflecting on our practice and continually raising standards, ensuring that every scholar grows into an excellent member of our community. Our ambition is for every young person to climb the mountain of excellence, fulfil their potential and ultimately become the leaders of tomorrow.

To support this continued improvement, we will be making some amendments to a number of academy policies. We will write to parents in September with full details of any changes, publish updates in our newsletter and ensure that scholars are fully informed and supported as these changes are implemented.

By working together, we can continue to build on the significant progress made this year and provide the very best education and opportunities for all of our scholars.
Key Dates for the Start of the New Academic Year

As we prepare for the new academic year, please note the key dates and arrangements below. You will also find term dates and key events for the next academic year on the final page of this letter. This is subject to change.

Date	Arrangement
Thursday 13 th August	Year 13 Results Day – Scholars and families are welcome from 7:45am.
Thursday 20 th August	Year 11 Results Day – Scholars and families are welcome from 9:00am.
Wednesday 2 nd September	Year 7 Induction Day – Year 7 scholars only.
Thursday 3 rd September	Years 7, 11 and 13 return to the Academy. Year 11 and Year 13 scholars should arrive for an 8:30am start.
Friday 4 th September	All year groups return to the Academy. Academy gates will open at 8:30am for scholars in Years 8, 9, 10 and 12.

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Please note that all scholars must be through the academy gates by 8:17am each morning (unless otherwise stated above for their first day back at the Academy). Scholars should arrive in full academy uniform and bring their academy bag. Year 7 scholars will receive their first academy blazer from the Academy. To ensure every scholar is fully equipped for learning from day one, we will be issuing all scholars with new equipment packs at the start of term.

We know that, by working together as one team, we have made significant strides this year. Our academy is a safe and calm environment where scholars can learn and thrive, attendance has improved, and this strong foundation is having a positive impact on academic outcomes. We achieved some outstanding results last year, and I have no doubt that we will be celebrating even greater successes this year. We are very much looking forward to celebrating the achievements of our examination year groups this summer. Their hard work, determination and resilience throughout their studies have been remarkable, and I have every confidence that they will achieve results of which they can be incredibly proud. Their commitment, perseverance and hard work have been exceptional, and I am confident that their results will reflect the dedication they have shown throughout their studies.

We also remain committed to ensuring that every scholar is supported in taking their next steps. Following Results Day, our staff will be available to provide guidance and support to help scholars secure their chosen destination, whether that be university, college, an apprenticeship or employment with training. We are determined that every young person leaves Astrea Academy Sheffield with a clear pathway for their future and the support they need to achieve their ambitions.

Thank you once again for your continued support throughout the year. The strength of the partnership between home and school is one of the key reasons why our academy continues to go from strength to strength. As a result, we are now the school of choice for many families in the local area. We are full in every year group and currently operate waiting lists across the academy. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the confidence that our community has in the education, care and opportunities we provide for our scholars.

We are also excited to continue growing our wider enrichment offer. Information regarding our after-school clubs programme will be shared over the summer ahead of the new academic year. We encourage all scholars to take advantage of the opportunities available and become fully involved in academy life beyond the classroom.

I wish all of our scholars, families, staff and wider community a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break.

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Should you require any assistance during the summer holiday, please do not hesitate to contact us via info@astreasheffield.org

We look forward to welcoming scholars back in September and continuing our journey together as we strive for excellence in everything we do.

Yours faithfully,

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