

Newsletter 11 October 2024

Dear Parent/ Carer

This week has been another busy one for the school, but Thursday saw most of the action!

It was great to see everyone at the sixth form open evening on Thursday, as our Year 11 students, and others from neighbouring schools, came along to investigate their options for studying with us. For our current Year 13 students, UCAS applications are starting to be sent. The first two to Cambridge (Engineering and Law) have been sent with loads more planned for the forthcoming week.

We would also like to say a massive thank you to all students and staff who supported Hello Yellow in aid of YoungMinds and World Mental Health Day during the day on Thursday. In particular though, I would like to publicly thank Mrs Brasher for all her hard work in bringing this together and inspiring everyone to go above and beyond in making this day so successful.

Our school looked amazing with many decorations and staff dressing and accessorising in yellow. We added several photos from the day to give you a sense of what it was like. We truly embraced the yellow theme! We managed to raise just over £320 so far, with more to come in over the next week. Thank you for your support with this.

The rest of this week's newsletter cover the flu vaccinations on Wednesday, an introduction to our new careers lead, job opportunities and updates about buying uniform and PE kit in wet and cold weather.

Flu vaccinations

A team from Vaccination UK visited the school on Wednesday to administer flu vaccinations to Years 7, 8 and 9. Unfortunately only three nurses were present for the morning sessions, this did mean that a few Year 7s missed their break time. Senior staff telephoned Vaccination UK to make them aware of the situation and a fourth nurse was sent for the afternoon.

We are aware of a few students in Years 7, 8 and 9 who have consent for the vaccination but did not receive this. In these cases, please let your child know to come to the main hall at the start of period 4 next Wednesday 16 October 2024; Years 10 and 11 will also be vaccinated on this date.



Year 7 singing

We have been impressed with Year 7 and their vocal skills during their singing sessions over the last couple of weeks. We are very pleased with their progress with the song lyrics. Keep up the good work, Year 7!

Careers and work-related learning update

This week our new careers and work-related learning lead started working at the academy. Mrs Parks is very experienced having delivered the role in another school for many years. Over the next few days Mrs Parks will be meeting as many students as possible alongside starting to organise large events such as the careers event for all year groups in January and an opportunity for our Year 11 students to meet representatives from local Post 16 providers on Thursday 17 October. This promises to be a very useful opportunity for these students to widen their understanding of what their options are for Post 16 study, and the range of establishments they could attend.

As well as ensuring St Ivo students have a range of stimulating and useful learning opportunities over the coming months, Mrs Parks will also be conducting careers interviews with Year 11, 12 and 13 students. This will be a great opportunity for these students to gain information and guidance on the 'next steps' available to them so they can make informed decisions. Every student from those year groups will receive one meeting over the academic year, with those that require extra support being offered more as appropriate.

If you have any questions now or at any point in the future, Mrs Parks can be contacted on the following email: helen.parks@astreastivo.org

Job vacancies

We are currently advertising a number of non-teaching vacancies, please see the links below. Please do share these with anyone you believe may be interested.

- Cover Manager <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/137305/EDV-2024-SIA-50803>
- Pastoral Support Officer <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/137305/EDV-2024-SIA-43136>
- Teaching Assistant <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/137305/EDV-2024-SIA-86545>

Data check

A reminder to please log into your My Child at School (MCAS) account if you have not done so already to check your child's details and your own are up to date. If we have not heard from you by Friday 25 October, we will assume all information is correct and up to date. If you have any issues accessing My Child at School or navigating to the data collection page, please contact Eija Hannon, Data Manager by email: eija.hannon@astreastivo.org. Likewise if you have any changes to make, please report these to Miss Hannon.

Price & Buckland uniform

The remaining items of Price & Buckland uniform and PE kit remaining available to purchase on MCAS. Please note that the next window for collections from school will be Monday 18 to Friday 22 November 2024, at breaktimes in P26.

PE uniform and wet weather

As the weather is starting to get wetter and colder, we have reminded students of the option to get changed from their PE uniform into their school uniform after their PE lesson (this might be especially useful for students if they have a rugby lesson on wet grass). Students do not need to get changed after their PE lesson, but if they do want to get changed then PE staff will allow time at the end of the lesson for this to happen.

Any issues, please contact Mr Farr, head of PE by email: dominic.farr@astreastivo.org
Have a wonderful weekend.

Yours faithfully

Tony Meneagh

Principal

Hello Yellow photos











House points update

Points so far this year:

- Bridge 8,538
- Crosier 8,718

- Leger 8,539
- River 8,973
- Wheatsheaf 9,034

Safeguarding update – sextortion

What You Should Know About... Sextortion

What is it?

Sextortion is a 'cyber-enabled crime' in which victims are lured into sharing intimate photos/videos or behaving in a sexual way in front of a camera. Unbeknownst to the victims, their actions have been recorded or saved by criminals who blackmail the victim by threatening to release the image or footage.

Nearly two-thirds of 'gen-z' teens, said they or their friends have been the targets of sextortion.

Come on cutie, we've been flirting all week. You know you wanna

If you send one, I'll send one back

Just for you... don't show anyone

View Photo

PAY ME £500 RIGHT NOW. Or that image is being shared online and all your friends and family will see it.

How to Protect Yourself

There are steps you can take to avoid becoming a victim of sextortion:

- ❌ **DON'T** share intimate photos or videos on an online platform.
- ❌ **DON'T** agree to requests for nude photos/videos or perform intimate acts over a video call.
- ❌ **DON'T** accept friend requests/messages from people you don't know offline.
- ❌ **DON'T** include sensitive and/or personal information on your online profiles.
- ✅ **DO** remember that anyone who truly cares for you will not pressure you to do something uncomfortable.
- ✅ **DO** be mindful of who you accept as friends on social media platforms.
- ✅ **DO** strengthen your social media privacy settings.
- ✅ **DO** question who it is you are really speaking to online.

ANYONE can become a victim of sextortion.

How does it happen?

Victims are usually targeted in online spaces - such as social media platforms or dating apps.

The offender often uses a fake identity to seem more appealing to potential victims. Once a victim has been targeted, offenders quickly befriend them before the blackmail begins.

During the 'friendship', the offender will introduce the topic of sex and begin encouraging the victim to remove items of clothing while on camera or to send them a nude image.

After the victim has done so, the offender reveals they have recorded the entire interaction and threatens to publicly expose the victim if they do not either send a sum of money or more photos/videos.

It is illegal to create, possess or distribute indecent images of children. In situations where a child has taken and shared a nude image of themselves, the law does not unfairly punish that child and will handle their case sensitively.

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Help and Advice

If you or someone you know has become a victim of sextortion, you are not alone. It is important to stay calm and take the following actions:

- 🔥 **IGNORE** their demands and do not pay up.
- ❌ **END** all communication on every channel.
- 📸 **CAPTURE** evidence of blackmail including usernames.
- 🗣️ **TALK** to a trusted friend or family member, even if it's embarrassing.
- 🚓 **CONTACT** the police immediately - time is of the essence!
- 🚫 **BLOCK** the offender on all platforms and change your password.
- 🚩 **REPORT** the individual to the relevant website or app provider.
- 🧠 **CONSIDER** if you or the victim will need a suicide prevention plan.

Never screenshot or capture a copy of material that involves an indecent image of a child.



Remember! Sextortion is a serious crime.

You are not at fault, and it's important to report it promptly to the police to protect yourself and to stop the perpetrator.

The Impact of Sextortion

Once the victim realises what has happened, panic sets in and they are left feeling violated, afraid, embarrassed, ashamed, alone, or even suicidal.

Support

If you are feeling overwhelmed, there are people who can support you through this. **There is always hope and help available.**

