

Dear Parents/ Carers

Tomorrow is the last day of the academic year, and this week has seen an awful lot happen, so let's drive straight into all the events and updates.

Charity day

Despite a surprising bit of rain over lunch threatening to dampen the fun, students raised £1,943 (selling 532 charity cards and 347 raffle tickets), and had a lot of fun engaging in events over the extended lunchtime with a few staff, including me, getting drenched in the wet sponge throwing and Ice Bucket challenges. Here's the full list of activities: *Guess the Teacher (baby photo's), Draw Mr Meneagh, Ice Bucket Challenge, Sponge the Teacher, Beat the Goalie, Basketball Free Throw Challenge, NFL Quarterback Challenge, Dance-a-thon, Rowing, Poetry, Cake Stall, Homemade Lemonade Stand.*

I am particularly grateful to Cllr Julie Kerr, Mayor of St Ives, who came along to see the fun and games as well.

All the proceeds from today will go to **Dreamdrops** (<https://dreamdropschildrenscharity.org/>), a wonderful charity that works alongside the NHS to provide children with additional items that help make hospital visits more comfortable — items that the NHS is unable to fund.









As part of the charity day, sixth form students and the whole staff body dressed up in fancy dress for the day, with themes such as the 80s (PE), Barbie and Ken (SLT), famous people and royalty (Sixth form team), Where's Wally? (Pastoral team), fruit (Science) and video games (Mathematics and IT) to name but a few.





Celebrations!

There have been lots of reasons to celebrate student success, in many different ways, over the last week and a bit. Here's an overview of all the positivity shared:

Principal Commendations

We were delighted to celebrate the Principal Commendations last week. This award sees two students nominated by their tutors, recognising many of the following elements: attitude to learning, kindness, progress, for representing the school, being a wonderful ambassador to the tutor group or school and numbers of house points to name but a few. Year 7, 8 and 9 have received their commendations, Year 10 will get theirs when we return (delayed due to Work Experience and the Iceland trip).





Zero heroes

On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week we brought together the “Zero heroes” in years 7-10 from the last half term to congratulate them on being so amazing. These are the students who received two or fewer negative points over the course of the term – the students who almost always get it right, and very rarely get anything wrong, day in, day out. We don’t insist on exactly zero negatives, as we not insisting on perfection for everything – even the best students are human, and can make the odd mistake.

Students received a certificate to take home, a doughnut (or other allergy-free alternative) and a badge to recognise their success. It was brilliant to see how packed the canteen was from each year group:

- Year 7: 195 students
- Year 8: 231 students
- Year 9: 200 students
- Year 10: 194 students

Students who achieved the award for second time this year received a silver Zero Hero badge, whilst those who attend for the first time received a Bronze badge.

In addition, 294 students have gone all year without any negatives: 73 in Year 7, 83 in Year 8, 66 in Year 9 and 72 in Year 10. Well done to all of these fabulous young people.

Celebration assembly

This week has also seen the return this year of the Certificate of Excellence subject awards in the final celebration assembly. Teachers were asked to nominate students from their subjects who have demonstrated excellence in their subject, and students were able to be nominated for as many subjects as appropriate – a few students had nine subject nominations! In addition to the subject awards, the assemblies were a brilliant opportunity for students to look back on their year, remembering the events they have undertaken. Finally, we awarded certificates and badges for students achieving house point badges – for example the student below who has achieved the gold badge this year for over 500 house points.



Golden ticket

Today we have also undertaken our final Golden Ticket draw for the year; students have the opportunity when they earn a golden ticket to place it into a draw at the end of each half term.

Winners receive a £20 Amazon voucher to recognise their efforts and attitude to learning.



House winner 2024-25

Congratulations to River House, who win the House Cup this year with 63,715 points (quite an increase on Bridge House's win last year of 55,276 points).

Well done to everyone for earning so many house points this year:

- 2nd Wheatsheaf 62,428
- 3rd Crosier 62,362
- 4th Bridge 61,873
- 5th Leger 58,551

Celebrating a fantastic year of careers and looking forward to next year

As we come to the end of an action packed academic year, we're excited to share just some of the highlights from our Careers programme here at St Ivo.

This year has seen a wide range of engaging and inspiring activities for students across year groups – including our Careers and Aspirations Fair, Shaping Futures, Mock Interviews, NHS Healthcare Expo, Employer and Industry visits, talks and presentations and Work Experience. These events have played a key role in helping our students explore their options, build confidence, and take important steps toward their future pathways.

We've been fortunate to work with a wide range of employers and organisations who've generously given their time and support – and the feedback from students, staff, and families has been incredibly positive.

It's been a real pleasure to see how enthusiastic and engaged our students are when it comes to thinking about their futures – and we're already looking forward to what's ahead.

We're busy planning next year's programme, and it's shaping up to be just as exciting. Key dates for our Careers calendar include:

- Careers & Aspirations Fair – 20 January 2026
- Year 10 Mock Interviews – 29 April 2026
- Year 10 Work Experience – Week commencing 29 June 2026
- Year 12 Work Shadowing – Week commencing 6 July 2026

These are just a few of our planned events and further details will be shared nearer the time, but we wanted to keep you in the loop as we continue to support our students in making informed, ambitious choices about their futures.

A couple of photos from students on work experience below – thank you for your ongoing support with this.



Results day information

Sixth form results day is on **Thursday 14 August 2025**, and Year 13 students will be able to collect their results from 8.00 am in the sixth form common room. Year 11 results day (including any resit results for Year 12 and 13) is a week later on **Thursday 21 August 2025**, and will also begin at 8.00 am in the sixth form common room. Senior leaders will be

available on both days for advice and support. Fingers-crossed for everyone eagerly awaiting these exam results.

School and community

We now have a dedicated email address which is monitored by our new Marketing and Communications Officer, Lauren Tomlinson: community@astreastivo.org. This will allow us to stay in touch with parents and carers during the school holidays and beyond. We'd love to hear about the amazing things your children are doing and celebrating their achievements. With your permission, we may share photos of these moments on our social media channels to showcase the wonderful accomplishments of our students. This email is also open to the wider community. If you're aware of great things happening locally or have seen our students doing something brilliant outside of school, please let us know. We want to celebrate and champion our students and community members alike.

Additionally, starting in September, we will be launching a **Community News** page on our school website. This will serve as a hub for sharing exciting events and news from across our fantastic town.

Consultation details

Face-to-face parents' evenings

Linked below are the full details submitted for the face-to-face parents' evening consultation. The numbers will be slightly different to those reported last week, as I have chosen to include late submissions to give a fuller picture, but the overall pattern is still the same – continue with the trial, and continue with the four-minute meeting slots.

I think the question about why we are only trialling this next year is a really important one. It is clear from your feedback that parents and carers value the opportunity to build relationships with staff in a more personal way by talking face-to-face, but due to the possibly logistical issues a return to face-to-face parents' evenings not necessarily welcomed by everyone, and there are legitimate concerns (some of which were also shared by staff in their consultation) which will need to be successfully addressed before a further rollout can be considered.

Whilst I was slightly surprised by the preference for the trial starting with Year 7 (I suggested Year 8, and the PAC suggested Year 9 then 10), we will honour the feedback from the wider parent/ carer voice and trial with the new Year 7 students first next year.

<https://www.astreastivo.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Face-to-face-Parents-Evenings-Analysis.pdf>

Year 11 Period 6 interventions

Whilst we will still be going ahead with the Year 11 Period 6 interventions next year on a Voluntary/ Targeted (home and school in agreement) basis, we will be delaying its introduction for the first three weeks to enable us to properly address all of the queries raised, and properly brief staff on this new initiative following on from the collation of the Year 10 mock results earlier this week. We will publish the full consultation details at the start of September, with the full implementation plan, when we are ready to proceed.

September return

Finally, a note about the arrangements for the start of next term:

- Year 7 will start at 8.30am on Tuesday 2 September 2025, and should meet on the basketball courts.
- Year 12 will start at 8.30am on Tuesday 2 September 2025, meeting in the common room for assembly and signing on. Once the signing on process has completed (around 10am), students will not be required in school until Wednesday 3 September 2025.

- All other year groups start at 8.30am on Thursday 4 September 2025. Students should go straight to morning welcome: Year 8 (between craft and science blocks), Year 9 (Resource Centre playground), Year 10 and Year 11 (basketball courts) and Year 13 (common room).

Please have a safe, restful and well-deserved summer break, and we'll see you in September!

Yours faithfully

Tony Meneagh
Principal

Safeguarding over the summer

Our safeguarding team work 52 weeks, so can be contacted during the summer holidays if required via the dedicated safeguarding@astreastivo.org email address. A copy of the Student Support Services booklet is also provided below for reference as well.

[Student Support Services Booklet](#)