



Dear Parent / Carer / Year 11 Scholar

We are writing to you to inform you of some important upcoming events and to reiterate the importance of attendance in year 11.

Introduction to Year 11 and Post-16 Evening, Thursday October 9th

On Thursday 9th October we would like to invite you to our Introduction to Year 11 and Post-16 Evening. We will share with you our GCSE strategy and how you as a parent can support your child through the difficult, challenging and exciting months ahead. We will discuss the post-16 options available to your child, the application process, how to prepare for the November mock exams. Our Curriculum Leaders will outline how you can support your child to succeed in the core subjects – Maths, English and Science. In addition to this, there will also be a Post-16 Fair providing the opportunity to speak to representatives from external providers such as Doncaster College, New College Doncaster, UTC and Hall Cross Sixth Form and work-based training providers.

Details are as follows:

Thursday 9th October

Arrival and sign in from 3.30pm

3.30pm – 4.15pm Careers Fair: Join your year 11 child to speak to different providers.

4.30pm – 5.30pm Talk: Year 11 Mock Exams and Post 16 Support with Victoria Southall and Paul Roberts.

We strongly encourage attendance in the talk from 4.30pm – 5.30pm.

Year 11 Attendance

Attendance continues to be one of the most important determining factors in the exam success of our year 11 scholars. Last year, if a scholar had attendance below 95% the average grade attained was significantly lower than their peers with attendance above 95%.

Year 11 Attendance	Average Grade in Each Subject
Above 95%	4.3
80 – 95%	2.9
Below 80%	1.5



The broader impact of low attendance in year 11 is obvious, for example, reduced number of post-16 options available and less opportunity to take advantage of the very many activities that the school runs.

It is extremely likely that your child currently has 100% attendance. Please talk to your child about the importance of maintaining a high attendance both for their education but as a crucial life skill. As a school, we are committed to having honest conversations with scholars and parents/carers in order that we can boost attendance. Thank you for your help with this.

Homework

Year 11 scholars should be completing approximately 2 hours of homework per evening. The deadlines for homework are here to help you keep your child on track.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homework Due	Music Geography History	Maths Science	Spanish	English	Business Health & Social

*Art homework deadline varies dependent on coursework completion level.

All homework is paper based homework except the following two subjects, which are a mixture of paper homework and online homework.

Maths - [Sparx Maths Login](#)

Spanish - [Seneca](#)

Careers Appointments:

All year 11 scholars will have a careers appointment with our independent careers advisor, Lindsey Tugby-Andrew. Scholars are able to request an additional appointment by speaking to Mr Simon Harper. Lindsey will then schedule an appointment for a scholar the following week. Parents are able to request support or guidance from Lindsey by emailing Lindsey. Please be aware that Lindsey only works on a Thursday and Friday and will reply during working hours on these days.

Lindsey Tugby-Andrews Email: Lindsey.Tugby-Andrew@astreaacademytrust.org

Additional dates to be aware of this term:

Monday 6th October: Geography Field Trip

Thursday 9th October: Careers Day & Y11 Parent Information Evening

Friday 10th October: Historical Environments Drop Down

Friday 17th October: History Field Trip



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Weekend 25th/26th October: PGL Trip
Tuesday 4th November – Tuesday 18th November: Year 11 Mock 2
Thursday 4th December: Year 11 Mock Results Day & Year 11 Parents Evening

If you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to email us
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Yours sincerely,

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