



Dear Parent / Carer,

**Parents Evening - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January from 3.45pm – 6.30pm. Please book an appointment.**

### **Assessments and Parents Evening**

Last week your child completed mid-year assessments in English, maths, science, history, geography and PSHE. I would like to congratulate your child on their effort, attendance and conduct during these exams. Scholars in year 7 and 8 were fantastic; you could hear a pin drop as they completed their assessments – a sign of scholars thinking and working hard!

The results of these assessments will be used to celebrate your child's success, identify any emerging gaps in knowledge, and help coordinate your child's stream for the remainder of the academic year.

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January your child will receive their mid-year assessment results.

We would like to warmly welcome you into the academy to speak to your child's tutor on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January from 3.45pm – 6.30pm following their results. Please note that these appointments will be 5 minutes long. There will be further opportunity to speak to any of the homework team, senior team, pastoral year team or our SENDCO, Miss Andrews.

The booking system on MCAS is live and you can book these appointments from now until Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 3pm.

This link gives guidance on how to book parents evening appointments: [How to book Parents Evening appointments](#)

If you need any additional support with MCAS or booking appointments, please contact [office@astreewoodfields.org](mailto:office@astreewoodfields.org) and the office team will connect you to the right person.

### **Homework**

KS3 scholars should be completing approximately 1 hour of homework per evening. The deadlines for homework are here to help you keep your child on track.

As a parent you can also see the homework timetable, and access links to the homework, via classcharts. If you have not already downloaded the classcharts app, we strongly encourage you to do this. Please contact the academy if you encounter any problems.

Year 8	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homework Due	Maths		Knowledge Organiser Quiz	English	Knowledge Organiser Quiz

Year 7	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homework Due	Knowledge Organiser Quiz		Maths	English	Knowledge Organiser Quiz

The majority of KS3 homework is online. The exceptions are music and art, which are completed fortnightly, and have deadlines according to your child's lesson timetable.

Please note that the Sparx Maths deadline is always 2 days before the deadline stated on the Sparx Math platform. This is so that your child benefits from any support needed before the Astrea Trust deadline.

We offer homework support before school and after school every day except Tuesday. Any child is welcome to attend homework support in order to use a computer or get help. Scholars will be asked to attend homework support if their homework is incomplete on the deadline in the table.

Maths - [Sparx Maths Login](#)

English – [Sparx Reader Login](#)

Knowledge Organiser – [Carousel Login](#)

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January we will be available to walk you through each of the homework platforms and provide any technical support that you might require.

At the beginning of next half term, we will be launching the scholar classcharts app, so that scholars can view their timetables, merits, demerits, and homework. Scholars will have the ability to tick their homework as complete, allowing you to monitor their completion and remind them of any deadlines.

We really look forward to seeing you, and if you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor, Pastoral Year Lead or myself.

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Yours sincerely,



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## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **My child is really disappointed with their results/stream. What can I do?**

We all want the same thing – for your child to make as much progress as possible. Streams allow this to happen by providing additional support where it is needed. Streams are temporary. Your child will sit their next assessments in June. Encourage hard work to move to where they want to be.

### **Will my child's tutor stay the same?**

The streams are for lessons only, so your child will still have the same tutor for morning line up, Astrea Reads, and tutor time.

### **What if my child missed an assessment?**

They will sit a catch-up assessment wherever possible. If they end up not sitting the assessment, that subject is removed from their ranking.

### **My child has moved stream. Is this unusual?**

It is common for a child to move stream throughout KS3. It is very common at the end of Year 7 due to the different methodology of streaming. We promote the mantra of those that work hardest make the most progress. This then affects their stream.