



**ASTREA ACADEMY WOODFIELDS**  
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Dear Parent / Carer,

### **Co30 Parents Evening - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

- Welcome Tea & Coffee: 3.30pm – 3.45pm.
- Options Information Talk: 3.45pm – 4.30pm.
- Subject Appointments: 4.30pm – 6.30pm.

**Appointments will be available to book from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.**

### **Assessments**

At the beginning of this half term 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 were fantastic; you could hear a pin drop as they completed their assessments – a sign of scholars thinking and working hard!

Scholars will receive their mid-year assessment results today, and a copy of their report is available on MCAS.

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. As a parent/carer you might wish to use these results to support your child in their options decisions.

### **Parents Evening**

We would like to warmly welcome you into the academy to attend our Co30 Parents Evening on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March from 3.30pm. It is important you attend so that together we can support your child in choosing the subjects they will study in Key Stage 4.

There will be a presentation about the GCSE option process and an opportunity to speak to our teaching staff and support staff about your child's potential choices.

This is the first time since beginning full-time education that students can choose the subjects they want to study. In choosing these subjects it is important that students carefully consider their future career, the subjects where they perform strongly, the advice of their teachers and their interests.

The booking system on MCAS will be live from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, and you will be able to book appointments with your child's subject teachers.



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@astreawoodfields.org](mailto:office@astreawoodfields.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.

<b>Year 9</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Homework Due</b>	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 afterschool every day except Tuesday. Any child is welcome to attend homework support in order to use a computer, 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](#)

We are running two parent homework support drop-in sessions next week. These sessions will provide guidance on how to support your child with completing their homework. Please attend if you need help logging in to Carousel or ClassCharts, or if you would like any additional support related to homework.

- **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 9.40am – 10.30am**
- **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 9.40am – 10.30am**

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 at our Parents Evening and Homework Support Drop In, 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?**

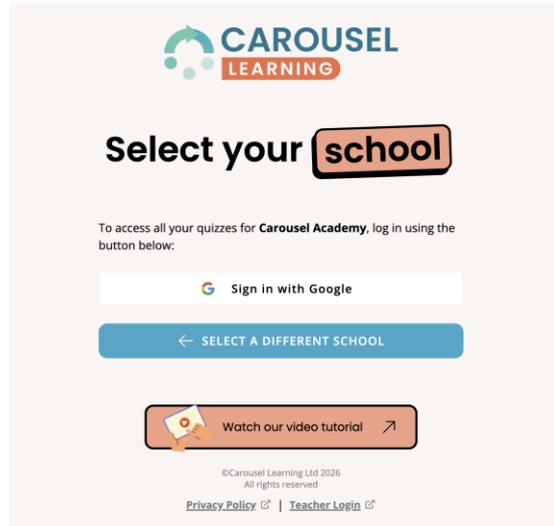
It is common for a child to move stream throughout KS3. It is very common at the end of Year 7 due to the different methodology of streaming. We promote the mantra of those that work hardest make the most progress. This then affects their stream.

## Guidance for Logging In to Carousel

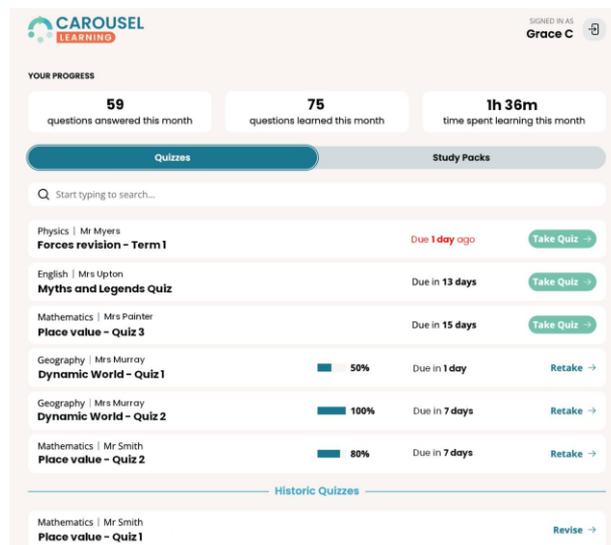
- Scan the QR code or go to [student.carousel-learning.com/login](https://student.carousel-learning.com/login)
- You will be prompted to enter your school's name (Astrea Academy Woodfields). Once you have logged in, this will save on your device making it easier next time.



- You will be asked to enter your **school** Microsoft email and password.



- These details will be stored so if you are using a personal device you won't have to enter them each time. Remember to log out of your Google or Microsoft account if you are using a shared device.
- Your Homepage dashboard has one tab that will display the Quizzes your teachers have set for you, and one that will display all the Study Packs that are available.



- Clicking on the title of the Quiz or Study Pack will open it and you can revise, answer, review and submit as usual. Carousel will remember where you are up to in a quiz if you need to complete it in more than one session.
- When you have submitted the quiz, you will have the option to return to the homepage.