



ASTREA ACADEMY WOODFIELDS
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Dear Parent / Carer / Year 11 Scholar

I am writing to provide a year 11 update. We are very proud of the sustained effort that scholars are showing this year! They have entered exams feeling prepared and have left exams feeling positive. They are extremely close to their final exam and need one last effort push to get there! Please continue to champion your child, your ongoing support has been appreciated by scholars and staff alike.

Period 6

Period 6 will be optional on Thursday 11th June (Chemistry 2) and Friday 12th June (Physics 2 and Spanish). We encourage scholars to attend but also acknowledge that they have at least three hours of targeted revision each day.

Leavers Assembly

All scholars must wear full school uniform, including their academy blazer and smart black shoes during the Physics exam and during the Leavers Assembly on Monday 15th June. Scholars may bring a spare shirt to the Leavers Assembly to be signed if they wish.

The assembly and shirt signing will finish by 12.30pm on Monday and scholars are expected to leave the academy at this time unless they are attending Spanish or Extended Maths revision. We strongly encourage scholars to attend the Spanish and Extended Maths revision as this will hugely benefit their GCSE outcome.

There are a minority of scholars who will not be able to attend the leavers assembly or prom due to significant and sustained poor behaviour in year 11. These scholars and parents/carers will be informed of this decision by Mr Roberts or Miss Harvey.

Tuesday 16th June

If your child has an exam on Tuesday 16th June, they are able to attend the academy in their own clothes. All scholars must be appropriately dressed. No low cut or crop tops and any skirts and shorts must be an appropriate length. Any scholar arriving in inappropriate clothes will have to borrow academy uniform. Jewellery must be kept to one pair of plain ear studs. Any scholar with excessive jewellery will have this stored securely until they leave the academy.

Uniform Donations

After the leavers assembly, scholars will have the opportunity to donate their blazer and tie as they leave the academy site.

On Tuesday 14th July, 9.30am – 10.30am, we will welcome scholars back to donate their uniform and enjoy a coffee morning and prom photo preview! This is an informal catch up and scholars do not have to attend.

We will be accepting uniform donations throughout the remainder of the academic year, and scholars and/or their family are welcome to drop any uniform donations into reception at any time.

It is exceptionally helpful when scholars donate old uniform to our uniform store so that they can be washed and passed on to families in need. Please only donate items that are in good condition.

Rewards and Prom

This year Prom will take place at the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. Miss Harvey and the prom committee have organised a brilliant Prom, and scholars are continuing to fund raise for the final prom activities that they want to have. We are very excited to celebrate with the scholars.

Scholars rewarded with a free ticket received these on Friday 22nd May. All other scholars invited to prom can purchase a ticket via MCAS.

All tickets will be non-refundable, entry to the Prom can be revoked at any time at the discretion of Mr Scales.

Results Day – Thursday 20th August

If your child does not intend to collect their GCSE results in person, and wishes for someone else to collect their results on their behalf, they must write and sign a letter giving the person collecting their results permission. This letter must be handed to Mrs Southall. Parents, family members or friends will not be allowed to collect results without a written letter signed by the scholar.

In order to secure their chosen College or Post-16 place, all scholars must confirm their place with their chosen College or post-16 provider on results day. This might be via a portal, an email or in person depending on the College's own requirements. Please ensure that your child knows how they will need to confirm their place and is able to confirm their place on results day.

We will write to you with more information regarding results nearer the time.

College and Careers Appointments:

All year 11 scholars are still entitled to careers support with either of our independent careers advisors, Rhiannon Lister-Coburn or Lindsey Tugby-Andrew. Scholars are able to request an additional appointment by speaking to the careers advisors, Mrs Hollingdrake, or Mr Harper. Parents are able to request support or guidance from by emailing either of our careers advisors. A meeting or phone call can be arranged. Please be aware that Lindsey only works on a Thursday and will reply during working hours on a Thursday.

Rhiannon Lister-Coburn Email: Rhiannon.Lister-Coburn@astreawoodfields.org

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

Additional dates to be aware of:



Monday 15th June – Y11 Leavers Event and Shirt Signing

Tues 16th June – GCSE exams finish

Wednesday 24th June – Contingency Exam Date (All scholars must be available if needed).

Thurs 25th June – Prom Date

Tues 14th July – Uniform Donation Coffee Morning

Thurs 20th August – GCSE Results Day

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

Victoria.Southall@astreawoodfields.org or Paul.Roberts@astreawoodfields.org

Yours sincerely,



Mrs V Southall
Vice Principal – Quality of Education

Mr P Roberts
Key Stage 4 Lead

Exam Timetable

WEEK 2	MONDAY 4 th May	TUESDAY 5 th May	WEDNESDAY 6 th May	THURSDAY 7 th May	FRIDAY 8 th May
AM		Health & Social Care		Sport Turkish L&R	
PM				German L&R	

WEEK 1	MONDAY 11 th May	TUESDAY 12 th May	WEDNESDAY 13 th May	THURSDAY 14 th May	FRIDAY 15 th May
AM	English Lit Paper 1		Geography Paper 1	Maths Paper 1 Non-Calculator	History Paper 1
PM	Business P1 Mandarin L&R	Biology Paper 1		German W	

WEEK 2	MONDAY 18 th May	TUESDAY 19 th May	WEDNESDAY 20 th May	THURSDAY 21 st May	FRIDAY 22 nd May
AM	Chemistry Paper 1	English Lit Paper 2	French L&R	English Lang Paper 1	Arabic L&R Turkish W
PM	Mandarin Writing			Business P2	

WEEK 1	MONDAY 1 st June	TUESDAY 2 nd June	WEDNESDAY 3 rd June	THURSDAY 4 th June	FRIDAY 5 th June
AM		Physics Paper 1	Maths Paper 2 Calculator	History Paper 2	English Lang Paper 2
PM		Polish, Portuguese, Persian L&R Arabic W	Geography Paper 2 Bengali L&R	French W	Music

WEEK 2	MONDAY 8 th June	TUESDAY 9 th June	WEDNESDAY 10 th June	THURSDAY 11 th June	FRIDAY 12 th June
AM	Biology Paper 2	Spanish L&R	Maths Paper 3 Calculator	Geography Paper 3 Bengali W	Chemistry Paper 2
PM				Ext. Maths Paper 1	Polish, Portuguese, Persian W

WEEK 1	MONDAY 15 th June	TUESDAY 16 th June	WEDNESDAY 17 th June	THURSDAY 18 th June	FRIDAY 19 th June
AM	Physics Paper 2	Spanish Writing			
PM		Ext. Maths Paper 2			

7 steps to success.

Step 1: Have a plan. Create a realistic revision timetable, and use the revision booklet as a checklist of revision tasks. A good revision timetable should include 4 x 25 minute revision per subject. Scholars remember more when they study a range of topics in smaller chunks.

Step 2: Create a calm study space. Remove distractions from their revision environment. Have boxes or folders for each subject (we can provide this).

Step 3: Regular brain breaks. Cognitive overload makes scholars less likely to remember and recall the information they are trying to learn.

Step 4: Find the revision technique that works for them. Reading and highlighting is not very effective. Try:

- Brain dumps of all the information they can remember
- Mind maps. Use words and images but keep the drawing simple.
- Make flashcards with quotes and formulae. Self test.
- Team up with a partner to keep themselves honest. 20 minutes to make notes, 10 minutes to test each other.
- Use past exam papers. Practice in timed conditions. Train themselves to focus.
- Use suggested videos. Scholars need to do something with the information, they can't just watch!

Step 5: Reflect. Go back to the plan. Tick of completed tasks. Highlight areas that they have struggled with and ask for help.

Step 6: Sleep. At least 8 hours. Remove distractions from their bedroom. Get an old fashioned alarm clock.

Step 7: Get a balance. Plan things that they will enjoy. Revision habits need to be sustainable. All scholars need breaks where they are not thinking about revision.