



**ASTREA ACADEMY WOODFIELDS**  
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**Interim Principal: Mrs V Southall**



Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to you to provide a year 11 update and inform you about the upcoming revision sessions and mock exams.

Firstly, we want to congratulate scholars on what has been an excellent start to the term, with a fantastic attitude and high level of effort shown throughout. One area that we'd like to remind you about is the importance of excellent attendance in Y11, for a variety of reasons:

- All post-16 providers have an expectation that attendance is above 95%. As we approach half term 95% attendance means nearly 10 lessons missed, and by the end of year 11 95% attendance will mean 45 lessons have been missed!
- Last academic year, scholars with attendance above 95% achieved an average grade of 4.5, which was more than two grades higher, on average, than their peers. This level of achievement is also the standard that many post-16 providers expect from students seeking the best next step: to progress onto Level 3 qualifications.

### **November Mock Exams**

We're pleased to share with you an overview of the mock exam schedule on the next page. As you can see, there are whole cohort exams nearly every day for the two weeks after the half-term break, and as such it's crucial every scholar attends every day, so teachers and leaders are as best informed about their current progress as possible.





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| Day                                                       | Morning Meeting                             | AM Paper                                | PM Paper                    | Period 6                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October                          | Apollo Tutor Time                           | Spanish Speaking – Ms Bordieanu’s group |                             | None                       |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October                        | Apollo Tutor Time                           | Spanish Speaking – Ms Ponce’s group     |                             | English 2/3<br>Maths 1/4   |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October                         | Apollo Tutor Time                           | Drama Performance (all day)             |                             |                            |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October                           | INSET Day                                   |                                         |                             |                            |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October | October half-term school – see detail below |                                         |                             |                            |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November                           | INSET Day                                   |                                         |                             |                            |
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November                          | Exam Briefing                               | Maths P1                                | Spanish Writing             | English Language           |
| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November                        | Exam Briefing                               | English Language P1                     | Biology                     | English Literature         |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> November                         | Exam Briefing                               | English Literature                      | History P1                  | Chemistry                  |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November                           | Exam Briefing                               | Chemistry                               | Maths P2                    |                            |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November                           | Exam Briefing                               | English Language P2                     | Computing or Drama          | Physics                    |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November                         | Exam Briefing                               | Physics                                 | Religious Studies           | History                    |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November                       | Exam Briefing                               | History P3                              | Spanish Reading & Listening | Geography                  |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November                        | Exam Briefing                               | Geography                               | Music                       | Maths                      |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November                          | Exam Briefing                               | Maths P3                                | History P2                  |                            |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November                          | Apollo Tutor Time                           | Art (all day)                           |                             | Science 2/3<br>English 1/4 |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November                         | Apollo Tutor Time                           | Normal lessons                          | Drama Evaluation            |                            |

We’d also like to remind you of the importance of scholars arriving at Woodfields by 8am to be ready for early support and the subject exam briefings during the mock exam window; please do check in on your child’s revision and readiness each day.





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### October half-term school

We're delighted to be offering a comprehensive series of revision sessions over the October half-term holiday, and this is a fantastic opportunity for your child to get an extra boost in advance of their mocks. Teachers will be on hand to support them be as best prepared as possible for the mock window and beyond – please encourage them to attend as many sessions as possible.

| Entry and exit to site will be through the Key Stage 4 entrance.<br>Scholars are reminded to arrive 10 minutes before each session to sign in. |                                                                                      |                                |                                      |                                                                                  |                              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Time                                                                                                                                           | Monday                                                                               | Tuesday                        | Wednesday                            | Thursday                                                                         | Friday                       |
| 08:30 – 10:00                                                                                                                                  | Biology<br>VGI<br>Room 105                                                           | English<br>BMA/SJO<br>Room 307 |                                      | Art<br>AKE<br>Room 205                                                           | Physics<br>BAL<br>Room 102   |
| 10:15 – 11:45                                                                                                                                  | History<br>SMI<br>Room 405                                                           | English<br>BMA/SJO<br>Room 307 | Religious Studies<br>KRI<br>Room 414 | History<br>JRO<br>Room 413<br><br>Art<br>(Non-History)<br>AKE<br>Room 205        | Geography<br>PRO<br>Room 415 |
| 12:00 – 13:30                                                                                                                                  | Maths<br>Higher<br>LSE<br>Room 023<br><br>Maths<br>Foundation<br>JSN/EHU<br>Room 031 | Spanish<br>SBU<br>Room 130     |                                      | Maths<br>Higher<br>JBR<br>Room 026<br><br>Maths<br>Foundation<br>MWA<br>Room 022 | Computing<br>PMA<br>Room 033 |

In addition to this offer, we're delighted that many Year 11 scholars will be attending PGL from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>, where they will experience a mixture of team building activities and revision sessions.





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## Post-16 Open Events

As a reminder, below are the confirmed open evening dates for colleges and sixth forms.

| Provider          | Date & Time                             | Event                |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Doncaster College | Tuesday 12th January 2027 4.30pm - 7pm  | Open evening         |
|                   | Tuesday 9th February 2027 4.30pm - 7pm  | Apprenticeship Event |
| New College       | Saturday 17th October 2026 10am - 2pm   | Open day             |
|                   | Tuesday 1st December 2026 4.30 - 7pm    | Open evening         |
|                   | Tuesday 26th January 2027 4.30 - 6.30pm | Open evening         |
| McCauley          | Tuesday 3rd November 2026 Time TBC      | Open evening         |
| Outwood Danum     | Tuesday 3rd November 2026 Time TBC      | Open evening         |
| Outwood Adwick    | Tuesday 13th October 2026 4.30 - 7pm    | Open evening         |
| Hall Cross        | Thursday 26th November 2026 4.30pm      | Open evening         |

In addition, please take note of the following timeline for post-16 applications:

- September – December 2026 – 1:1 Careers Appointments
- November 2026 – February 2027 – Applications
- April 2027 onwards - Apprenticeship Applications
- February – May 2027 – Application Interviews and offers
- August 2027 – Enrolment. Confirm place on results day!

Our careers adviser, Ms Coburn-Lister, is currently completing the first round of careers appointments. If your child would like further support, this can be arranged via Mr McClune, or dropping in Tuesday lunchtime.

If you have any questions about Year 11, exams or the support available from school, please get in touch!

Kind regards

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