



## Principal's Message



Welcome to our 2<sup>nd</sup> newsletter for Astrea Academy Sheffield.

There has been a real increase in pace of activities whilst we prepare to open in September 2018. The true highlight of the past couple of months has been meeting the parents of our new cohort of Reception and Year 7 pupils.

We held two wonderful events where I was able to share my vision for our school - 'a relentless commitment to excellence - every day'. I also shared the academy's core values as well as our exciting uniform designs and the enriched academy day that will be tailored specially to children's needs and desires.

Whilst speaking to many of our wonderful parents at these events, what is clear, is that the commitment for conversation, collaboration and communication is incredibly strong amongst the local community, and something we will strive to continue to build upon.

The events also saw the launch of a virtual walk through and tour of both amazing buildings - truly breath-taking and now available on our website for you to see.

The Astrea Academy Sheffield team is almost complete, and it has been a privilege to appoint such high calibre subject specific teaching and support staff, many of whom you will be introduced to via our newsletter.

The dream is certainly becoming a reality and I am overjoyed that the children of Burngreave will receive outstanding, quality teaching and learning at our academy.

Kim Walton,  
Principal



### KEY DATES



#### Sign the Steel

**17 May 2018, 4.30-5.30pm**

A fantastic opportunity to see Astrea Academy Sheffield being built. This event is open to the local community, parents and pupils and is being held to mark the completion of the steel work before it is covered up by brickwork and cladding. Come along to Andover Street for 4.30pm and children will be invited to 'Sign the Steel' frames of our new school.

#### Parents Evening

**10 July 2018, 4.30-7pm**

An event for parents and guardians of our first cohort of pupils to meet the teaching and support staff of Astrea Academy Sheffield. Year 7 parents will also be able to find out more about our exciting programme of transition activities which will be taking place between 12-16 July.

#### Become a School Governor

**Closing date 22 May 2018**

If you are interested in becoming a school governor, we would love to hear from you. Applications can be downloaded from our website and the closing date will be 22 May, with interviews being held in June.

## WHO HAS JOINED THE TEAM?



**Leanne Muscroft**  
*Head of Languages*

Leanne has over 6 years' experience of teaching modern foreign languages, mainly in Sheffield, a city that she loves! She is delighted to be working in her local community and is looking forward to teaching the pupils of Astrea Academy Sheffield, Spanish in their first year.



**George Lane**  
*Head of Humanities*

George has previously worked across schools in Doncaster and Barnsley. As well as being an experienced humanities teacher, he is a proud ambassador of the education charity, *Teach First*, and a governor at a local special school.



**Charlie Pritchard-Brennan**  
*Head of English*

Charlie is joining the school having spent 6 years working as an English teacher in Sheffield. She's looking forward to sharing her passions for reading, debating and creative writing with the Astrea community from September.



## WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON AT ASTREA ACADEMY SHEFFIELD?...

## Nursery Opening in September 2018!

Astrea Academy Sheffield is introducing a nursery provision for three year olds. Sign up now on our website to guarantee your place...

The aim of our nursery is to provide children with a safe and happy environment where they can grow in confidence and independence, preparing them not only for school, but for life.

[www.astreasheffield.org](http://www.astreasheffield.org)



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## Our 52 place Nursery is opening in September 2018

We will shortly be advertising several 'drop in' events which will provide a wonderful opportunity for prospective parents to meet nursery staff and find out what a fantastic start we can offer to your child's education. If you are a parent potentially interested in securing a nursery place for your child, you should sign up on our website now to guarantee your place in September.

## Funding Agreement Signed

We are delighted to announce that our Education Funding Agreement has been signed by the Secretary of State for Education. This marks significant progress in the pre-opening phase prior to the start of school in September.

## Site Tours Available

Further information about site tours that will be open to the local community, will shortly be available. In the meantime, you can find a virtual tour of the refurbished and new buildings on our website.

## Apply for Support Staff Vacancies

We will be advertising for a Campus Manager, Data Manager, School Cleaners, Head of Front of House, and an IT/Digital Support role.

Keep an eye out for these vacancies as they are advertised on our website, or, if you are interested in one of these roles, being a volunteer or governor, email [info@astreasheffield.org](mailto:info@astreasheffield.org) to find out more.

## WHAT THE NEXT EDITION WILL COVER

- Introduction to more new members of our staffing team.
- Highlights from the Sign the Steel event on 17 May 2018.
- How the site and building construction is progressing.
- Images of the Astrea Academy Sheffield uniform.