

20th December 2019

End of Term Letter to Parents

This term has brought many wonderful opportunities to our academy. Pupils have witnessed the installation of a dragon sculpture, participated in Higher Education workshops and supported mental health awareness day. Opportunities such as these will continue to be available to our fantastic pupils throughout the year. Please encourage your child to make the most of their time at Astrea Academy Sheffield and get involved with as many clubs, trips and experiences as possible.



Astrea academy Sheffield PE department have had a successful first term. Extra-curricular opportunities that are available include: basketball, football and dodgeball. We now have two netball teams and a cross-country team that are regularly participating in competitive opportunities. Both netball teams have won all of their games this year and the cross-country team saw a huge increase in numbers with over 23 pupils attending the Saturday morning events. After Christmas, competitive fixtures will take place for basketball, football and indoor athletics. A sports Leaders program will also be launched within PE and pupils selected to be a sports leader will be involved in the delivery of our first Astrea Trust primary schools competition.

This half term we attended a Manchester United Europa League game at Old Trafford which was a fantastic event and pupils who attended represented the academy brilliantly. There was lots of interest in this trip and more opportunities to attend trips like this will be available in the new year...watch this space.



Our pupils continue to strive for excellence and this been demonstrated by the number of astras pupils have achieved this term. Year 7 and 8 have amassed a huge 137,410 astras. Behaviour in the academy is good but it is important that we continue to improve and educate our pupils on the key skills needed to develop into the leaders of tomorrow. Some of these key skills were demonstrated in the 50 applications received for the role of Head Pupil. 7 candidates were fortunate to progress to the next stage of the process and presented to all staff and pupils as well as being interviewed by Mrs Wilson.

We are delighted to announce that our first ever Head Pupils are **Zara Hussain** and **Mahmood Said**. We have also appointed **Melak Saeed** and **Fares Awadh** as Deputy Head pupils as a result of the high caliber and quality of applications received.1408



May I take this opportunity to thank all parents, carers and pupils that supported the Christmas Fayre. This was a fantastic community and whole school event. We raised **£609.83** which will go Sheffield Children's Hospital. We will continue to raise funds for the Children's Hospital and other worthwhile causes throughout the academic year.

New Behaviour Policy

From the first day back, 6th January 2020, there will be an updated behaviour policy in place. A full policy on our website will follow in the coming weeks, but we wanted to ensure parents and pupils have all the necessary information straight away and clearly understand the high expectations that are set for pupils of Astrea Academy Sheffield. Pupils have been briefed on the updates during a special assembly on Thursday 19th December.

Class Charts

We continue to use the online system of Class Charts to monitor your child's rewards and behaviour. If you not have yet logged into the system, you can do so by following the steps below:

LOG IN GUIDE FOR PARENTS

1. Open www.classcharts.com/parent/login
2. Enter your email address
3. Choose 'I don't have an account yet'
4. Enter your parent access code and name
5. Choose a password
6. Click Log-in

All live information about the rewards and behaviour points for your child, can be accessed at any time using Class Charts. We would urge you to ensure they are able to access this information, as this is a very useful tool for monitoring behaviour, home learning and for having meaningful discussions with your child. If you do not have a login code, please send your child to see Mr Butler, the academy digital support technician.

Rewards – Positive Astras

Positive Astras will be awarded by subject teachers and form tutors for demonstrations of positive behaviour.

1 / 2 / 3 Astras	Awarded by subject teachers for positive performance.
5 Astras	100% attendance for the week
5 Astras	Subject Star of the Week and rewards afternoon with the Principal

Many reward events have already taken place and will continue across the year – further information will follow.

Negative Behaviour Points

Negative Behaviour points will be given during lessons for **Disruptive Learning** (DL) occurrences:

DL1 - This is a verbal warning to pupils to make the right choice, to adhere to the classroom expectations and follow the teacher's instructions.

No points or logging of this will take place on Class Charts

DL2 - Pupils will receive 2 negative points on Class Charts

DL3 - Pupils will receive an additional 3 negative points on Class Charts

DL4 - Pupils will be sent to the Referral Space (RS) for that lesson and receive an additional 5 negative points on Class Charts (pupils will leave the classroom with a DL4 slip that must be handed to the staff in the referral space)

If pupils make the wrong choices around the academy further points can be added as below:

Points	Reason
1	Uniform infringement
2	Poor manners/answering back to a member of staff
2	Not following instructions from a member of staff
2	Unsuitable conduct in/around the academy
2	Late to lessons
2	Running in the corridor
5	Mobile Phone seen
5	Swearing
5	Unkind behaviour towards another pupil
10	Walking away from a member of staff
10	Chewing gum
20	Intentional damage to property
20	Refusal to hand over a banned item
20	Truancy

For more serious events, higher level behaviour points will be issued by senior leaders.

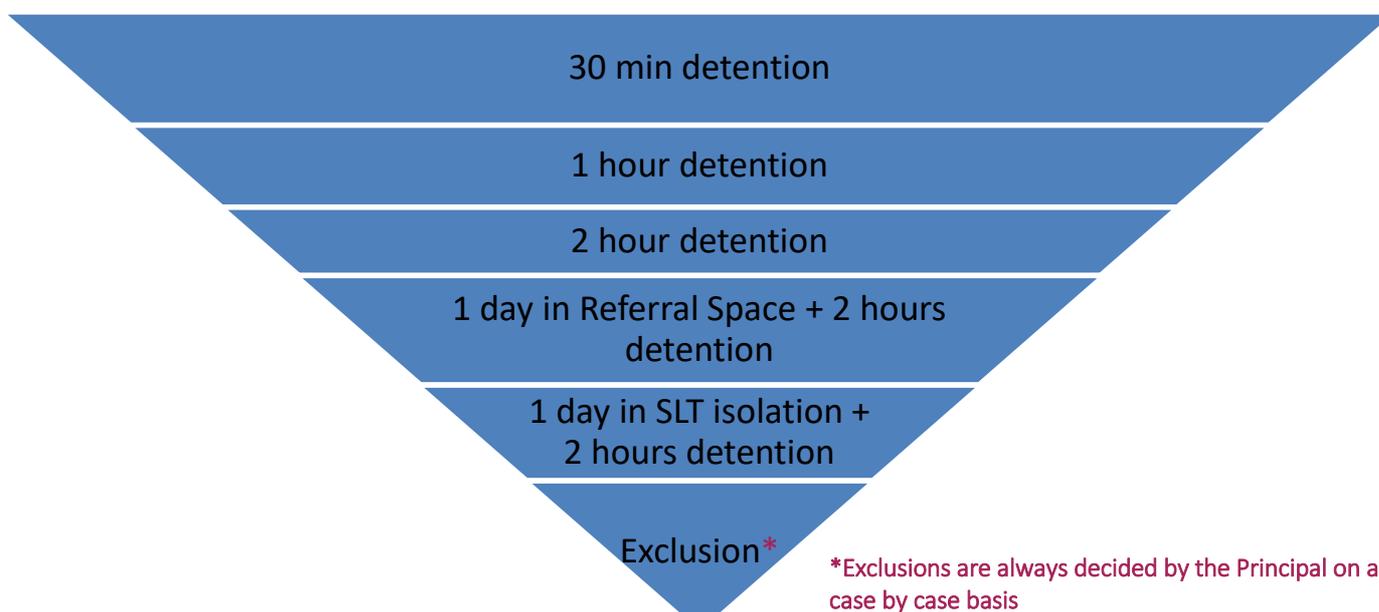
Sanctions

At the end of each day, behaviour points will be tracked and monitored. The following sanction thresholds have been set, and should a pupil reach a threshold, a text message will be sent home to you to advise. If a pupil is ill or not in school, the sanction will be moved to when the pupil returns to school.

Negative points	Sanction
-5 negative points in a day	30 minute detention
-10 negative points in a day	1 hour detention
-15 negative points in a day	2 hour detention
-20 negative points in a day	1 day in Referral Space + 2 hour detention

Sanctions Flow Chart

If a pupil 'fails' a sanction, either by failing to attend (by pupil choice, not illness) or is displaying further poor behaviour during the sanction, the next tier of sanction will occur. Again, should a pupil's sanction be escalated due to poor behaviour choices, a further text message will be sent home to parents to alert them.



Punctuality to school

Senior pupils need be in tutor rooms for an 08:40 start.

- ★ Pupils who are late between 08:40-09:05 will receive a 5 negatives.
- ★ Pupils are late beyond 09:05, will receive 10 negatives.

Equipment

All pupils will be issued (6th January 2020) with the following equipment to prepare them in advance of the academic year ahead;

- ★ Pupil planner
- ★ Reading book
- ★ 1 x pencil case with the following contents:
- ★ 2 x black or blue writing pens
- ★ 1 x red pen
- ★ 1 x pencil
- ★ 1x highlighter
- ★ A ruler

It is an expectation that pupils look after this equipment and use it to support their learning. Failure to bring this equipment will result in negative points issued by tutors during morning tutor time. Pupils will then be given equipment from their tutor (which they are to return) so they are prepared for the day.

The **Pupil Planner** is very important and is a pupil's passport into lessons. If pupils arrives without their planner, they will remain in the Referral Space (RS) until a family member can bring it in or they will remain there until the end of the academy day (15:40 Monday to Thursday and 14:00 on Friday).

Uniform

Uniform must be worn by all pupils. If a pupil arrives at the academy without a tie or a blazer, they will be given this item to wear and will be issued with negative points. If a pupil refuses to wear the borrowed uniform or has chosen to wear trainers, the incorrect skirt, trousers or shirt then pupils will stay in the Referral Space (RS) until a parent or carer can bring in the correct uniform. This may mean they remain in RS until the end of the academy day (15:40 Monday to Thursday and 14:00 on Friday).

Boys	Girls
ACADEMY dark blue blazer	
White long or short sleeved shirt	
ACADEMY tie	
Black shoes (not boots or trainers)	
Grey trousers or grey shorts	Grey trousers or grey knee or ankle length pleated skirt
Dark grey or black socks	Dark grey or black socks or tights
Optional Items 	ACADEMY burgundy V Neck tank top or ACADEMY burgundy V Neck jumper All religious headwear should be black, navy blue, grey or burgundy.

If there is a problem which prevents you from ensuring that your child wears the correct full academy uniform, please contact the academy urgently using the contact details at the top of this letter.

Mobile phones and personal property

Mobile phone use is not permitted on the academy site at any time. Mobile phones should not be seen or heard until pupils are beyond the academy gate. It is understood that parents may wish their pupil to have a phone with them, in this case they should be turned off and remain in the pupil's bag at all times. If a mobile phone is seen or heard, the phone will immediately be confiscated from the pupil and can only be collected by a parent or carer. This decision has been taken to ensure focus on studies and also to safeguard all pupils.

Academy advice would be that parents do not provide pupils with a smart phone until they are 16 years of age.

Assessment Week

As previously advised, all pupils will be sitting examinations in all subjects during the first week back. The schedule of the week is as below.

		Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
Monday 6 th January	Y7 Main Hall	9.15am Assembly (Assessment & Behaviour Launch) 9.45 – 10.45am – Tutor Groups		Spanish Revision Mr Perez	Maths Revision Mr Razaq	In Tutor Groups Independent Revision Y8 Reading Assessment B	
	Y8 Lecture Theatre			Maths Revision Mr Razaq	Spanish Revision Mr Perez		
Tuesday 7 th January	Y7 Main Hall	Humanities Revision Mr Harrop / Miss Dyer	PE / STARS Revision Miss Naylor	Art Revision Mr Birch	Science Revision Mr Nicholson	In Tutor Groups Independent Revision Y7 Reading Assessment B	
	Y8 Lecture Theatre	PE / STARS Revision Miss Naylor	Humanities Revision Mr Harrop / Miss Dyer	Science Revision Mr Nicholson	Art Revision Mr Birch		
Wednesday 8 th January	Y7	History Assessment (80 minutes)		Mathematics Assessment (90 minutes)		PE Assessment (40 minutes)	STARS Assessment (40 minutes)
	Y8						
Thursday 9 th January	Y7	Science Assessment (75 minutes)		Geography Assessment (80 minutes)		Art Assessment (80 minutes)	
	Y8						
Friday 10 th January	Y7	Spanish Assessment (80 minutes)		End of Assessment Reward			
	Y8						

In preparation for the assessments, all teachers have shared with pupils the knowledge they need to be revising to be prepared for and be successful in the assessment.

Result for these assessments will be published on the 7th February 2020, once teacher have had change to mark and moderate the assessments.

All that remains to be said is that we hope you all have a restful and happy Christmas breaks, and that we are already looking forward to warmly welcoming your child back to the academy on Monday 6th January 2020, at 8.40am.

With warmest wishes,

Mr David Boyd | Assistant Principal & Mrs Emma Glover | Vice Principal