Astrea Academy Sheffield - Secondary Phase

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 5th November 2021

Welcome back!

It's been wonderful to welcome all our scholars back to school after the half term holiday and I hope that you all had chance to enjoy some quality family time together during the break. We want to improve communication with our families and share our scholar's achievements in this new weekly newsletter.

Last Week's Attendance %

90.2%

Our Academy target is 96%

Last Week's Behaviour Points

Positives	Negatives
48,976	-9,352

Upcoming events

- 5th November – Rewards Breakfast
- 11th November – Remembrance Day
- 15th November – Y10 Mock Exam Week begins
- 26th November – **INSET day**
- 17th December - Rewards Day

Assemblies Taking Place Next Week:

As it is Remembrance Day next week, Mr Harrop (Head of Humanities) will lead assemblies for Y7 & Y8 on the importance of this day.

Y9 & Y10 will have an assembly lead by a member of the community who works as a lawyer in London, he will be telling our scholars about his journey from Burngreave to working in the Capital

Accelerated reader is back!

We are pleased to announce that Accelerated Reader is open. All scholars are expected to quiz regularly on the books that they are reading on the Accelerated Reader website – this can be accessed through the 'scholars' tab on the school website. Please talk to your young people about what they are reading and encourage them to take their quizzes at home or at school.

Scholars will receive points every time they quiz. The tutor group with the most point by the end of this term will win an hour-long pizza party. Also, one lucky scholar will win a 7-inch tablet when we run a raffle for any scholars who have scored 100% on an Accelerated Reader quiz.

Positive Playgrounds

This week, our scholars were excited to return to some new additions to their playground. Over the half term break; table tennis, table football and chess sets have been installed in the playground. We have also purchased some footballs, netballs and cricket sets which will all be available for scholars to use. They have already been seen engaging with these activities and it has been great to see so much healthy competition and smiles during their break times.

My History

As part of our development of enrichment opportunities at Astrea Academy Sheffield, we are in the process of establishing a 'My History' elective option for the spring term in which scholars will have the opportunity to develop their sense of identity and confidence.

As part of this elective we plan for scholars to research their ancestry and heritage to create their own personal presentation – this could be an assembly, display, poem, art work, film, article, interview or performance to share with the school and wider community. Through these activities we hope to strengthen our relationships with our scholars and their families.

Upcoming Sports Fixtures

Date	Year Group	Sport	Home or Away	Location
8th November	Y7 & Y8	Netball	Home	Astrea
9th November	Y10	Netball	Away	Hinde House
9th November	Y9	Mixed Basketball	Home	King Edwards
11th November	Y9	Football	Away	Hinde House

Winter Clothing

As we enter the colder months we would like to remind scholars to bring a waterproof/warm coat into school.

Y10 Mock Week – 15th November

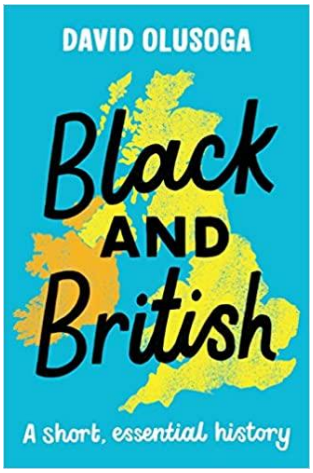
Please avoid booking appointments during this week to minimise disruption.

Rewards Breakfast

We would like to congratulate our scholars whose behaviour was outstanding last term and they managed to ensure they received zero negatives. This is an amazing achievement and their efforts have not gone unnoticed. To reward these scholars, they have been invited to a special 'Rewards Breakfast' on Friday 5th November at 8.15am, where they will be treated to a range of breakfast treats from a traditional fry up to fluffy pancakes. We hope they all enjoy their rewards!

Mrs Pogson's Book of the Month:

During October's Black History Month assemblies, scholars recommended 'Black and British: A short, essential history' by David Olusoga. For readers aged 12+, the book asks some thought-provoking questions and answers them in a smart and thorough style. It's a brilliant, essential, accessible introduction to Black British history. We have multiple copies in the academy library which is always open at break, lunch and after school.



Breakfast Club

A reminder to all our parents and scholars that Breakfast Club is now open every morning from 7:45am – 8.15am. Please use the scholar entrance on Andover Street

ParentPay Account

Please ensure your ParentPay account is kept in credit to cover the cost of breakfast club, school dinners & snacks.

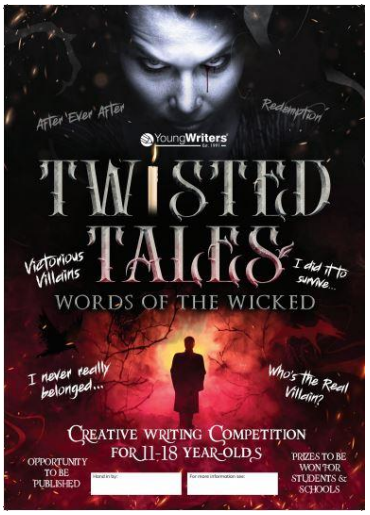
Creative Writing Club

Miss Partridge and Miss Ahmed will be running a Creative Writing Club every Tuesday, starting next **Tuesday 9th November.**

In the workshops you will have chance to:

- Create your own imaginative stories with the support of your experienced English teachers
- Enter into a national story-writing competition with the chance to have your work published in a book and win prizes!!!

This half-term's competition is called 'Twisted Tales' where you can write 100 words from the point of view of a wicked villain.



Maths Curriculum Catch up Sessions

The maths department are running after school curriculum catch-up sessions **3.00-3.45pm on Tuesdays** for key stage 3 scholars. These sessions are by invite only and parents/carers will be contacted if their child is required to attend. Your support in ensuring they attend would be much appreciated. The sessions are designed to provide targeted intervention for children in specific areas of the curriculum that they require support with. If you have any queries, please contact Mr O'Shea.

Uniform Swap Shop

To support our families, we are setting up a uniform swap shop. This is an opportunity for our parents to get rid of uniform that has been out grown and acquire more for our ever growing scholars. More information on this will follow.

Reporting Absences

If your child is unwell and is unable to come into school, then please call our Main Office on 0114 553 9110 and **select option 3** between 8am-8:30am. If you are unable to reach our Attendance Officer, then please leave a voicemail and they will pick this up.

COVID – 19 Updates

Like the rest of the country, Sheffield is seeing higher case rates in secondary age scholars. We want to ensure we do all we can to manage transmission of the virus whilst ensuring scholars have a 'normal' school experience.

There are a few updates to share:

1. **If someone in your household tests positive for COVID-19,** please ensure that ALL household members have a PCR test (whether they have symptoms or not). You can access a PCR test via: https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test
   Young people living in the household who are of secondary school age should now also take daily Lateral Flow Tests (LFDs) until the PCR result is returned. This is a new measure that we are asking you to undertake to help us reduce transmission.

2. Please continue within your household to regularly use Lateral Flow (LFD) tests twice-weekly at home.

3. If anyone in your household is symptomatic (has a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste) they should have a PCR test and if your child is unwell, they should not go into school. Please access a COVID-19 test via: https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

4. We are now encouraging the use of face coverings in communal areas of school (corridors), though this is not mandatory.

5. We must remind you that everyone in your household should frequently wash their hands and use hand sanitizer.

6. We will ensure that classroom windows are open to facilitate good ventilation.

7. We may have to cancel at short notice any events or meetings involving large numbers of scholars, parents/carers and staff. This means that future scholar review evenings may run virtually.

8. Public Health and the NHS advises that getting vaccinated is the most important thing you and your family can do to help us stop the virus. You can book an appointment or find walk-in clinics near you by calling 119 or by visiting: www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination 3