



21<sup>st</sup> June 2022

Dear Parent / Carer

We look forward to welcoming your child to Astrea Academy Woodfields as a Year 7 student on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022 but in the meantime I'd like to take this opportunity to provide further information on our Induction Days which will be taking place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Initial School Dates for the Autumn Term**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September: INSET Day

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September: First day of autumn term for **Year 7** only. 8.15am arrival, lessons start at 8.30am prompt.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September: All students in **Years 7 -13** in the academy

### **Induction Days for all Year 6 students allocated a place at Astrea Academy Woodfields for September 2022**

On the Induction Days, current Year 6 students are asked to arrive at the academy's Main Entrance (nearest to Main Reception on Weston Road) for 8.45am where they will be welcomed by staff. Please note, there is no parking available on the academy site at the beginning and end of the academy day hence where possible, we encourage all students to travel to from school on foot or by bicycle.

Whilst being registered in our recently refurbished dining hall, students will then be able to enjoy free bagels as a taster of our current Breakfast Club offer.

Throughout the Induction Day, your child will participate in a number of lessons in order to give them a taste of the student experience at Astrea Academy Woodfields. Furthermore, intertwined with activities to support students in navigating their way around the school and beginning to building relationships with key teaching and support staff, all will complete a short 40-minute paper-based numeracy test to assess your child's initial starting point in Maths. This does not require any revision or preparation. The results will guide us in setting and supporting your child with their Maths in September.

I ask that you support your child on this day by ensuring they come to the academy prepared in their current school uniform and pencil case along with a packed lunch and a bottle of water or cash to purchase food from the academy's dining hall (£2.20 covers the cost of a meal deal that includes a main meal, dessert and drink). If your child is entitled to a free school meal, this will be provided. Year 7 students have 30 minutes for lunch in their own dedicated slot in the academy day and this will be replicated on the Induction Days.

The day will finish at 2.30pm with Year 6 students departing from the same Main Entrance through which they will have arrived in the morning.

### **Doncaster Council Transition Team and Astrea Academy Woodfields Google Classroom**

Alongside our planned face to face activities, working in collaboration with the Doncaster Council Transition Team we are pleased to confirm our package of virtual resources designed to support Y6 students and their parents and carers with the transition from Year 6 to Year 7. In the Summer Term teachers of current Year 6 students will be using Google Classroom to access much useful material including video introductions from key Astrea Academy Woodfields staff, transition learning tasks across a range of curriculum areas, a Flying Start booklet containing tasks such as planning journeys to and from the student's new school as well as getting organised with equipment in preparation of secondary school. Our Google Classroom also includes a series of Mindfulness sessions designed to support students and their parents / carers with managing any concerns or worries they may have about making the move from primary school to secondary school.

## Year 6 Parent Information Evening Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 5-6:30pm

On the evening of Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July we expect all parents and carers of Year 6 students allocated a place at Astrea Academy Woodfields for September 2022 to attend an **essential information evening**. This session will include presentations from key Astrea Academy Woodfields staff who will also be available to answer any further questions you may have about our academy.

### Tutor Groups

The construction of tutor groups involves the consideration of much information and can be a lengthy process. Students join us from many different primary schools and it is important that we group students appropriately in order to create a strong year group identity from the beginning. We take into consideration advice and information from primary schools when grouping students as well as information gained from the Induction Days. Students will be placed into tutor groups on joining us in September. We hope parents and carers will have the opportunity to meet their child's form tutor at our Year 7 Settling In Evening scheduled to take place in the early part the autumn term.

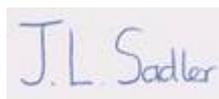
### Uniform

Our uniform expectations will be fully enforced from September. Please ensure you purchase uniform in plenty of time so your child can wear the full correct uniform from the first day of term. Sanctions will be enforced for non-compliance. Purchases can now be made on-line from [www.logoleisurewear.com](http://www.logoleisurewear.com) or by attending the face to face session 3.30pm – 5pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Full expectations and examples of correct uniform are shown on this website under the parent information tab or by following this link: <https://www.astreawoodfields.org/parent-information/uniform/>

Lastly, we do hope that your association with Astrea Academy Woodfields will be a positive one and that your child will find secondary school an enjoyable, rewarding and successful experience.

We look forward to meeting you and your child soon but if in the meantime if you have any questions regarding any of the above, please don't hesitate to contact the school and ask for me personally.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Sadler

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