



# The Astley Cooper School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It gives me great pleasure to write to you as the new Headteacher of The Astley Cooper School, and to welcome you to what I am sure will be a very busy and exciting year.

I am joining the school having spent the last two-and-a-half years working at Herts for Learning as a School Effectiveness Adviser, supporting school leaders in Hertfordshire and beyond. Previously I worked as a teacher and senior leader in schools in Essex and North London.

When I first visited, I was immediately impressed by the staff and students at The Astley Cooper School. There is a real sense of community at the school, and the passion the staff have for wanting the best for the students at this school is inspiring, as is the commitment of the students to their studies and their school. That said, there is even more that we can do to develop the educational provision and make this school a great school. It is my intention to work closely with you, the students, staff and governors to achieve this.

This is an exciting time for the school and community with the commencement of the works for the new building. When complete, students and staff will all benefit from a fresh, new learning environment with state-of-the-art facilities. The build will also provide new sports and swimming facilities that will be available for use by the community.

The last 18 months have been incredibly challenging for everyone and, as we prepare to return to a more normal way of life, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of good attendance. It is essential that students arrive punctually at school every day; are fully equipped and prepared for the day ahead and have the correct uniform. Parents make an important contribution to their children's education, and I ask for your support in ensuring this happens.

We are confident that our open evening will be held in person this year, and I would like to extend a special invitation to all parents and carers, especially to any of you who have not been able to visit the school before due to the Pandemic.

I look forward to meeting you all over the course of the coming year, and to working in partnership with you to secure the best possible outcomes for your children.

Yours sincerely

Sam Orsborne  
Headteacher



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