



The Astley Cooper School

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September 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to a new school year. I hope you and your family had a good summer. I hope your child is looking forward to their journey ahead at The Astley Cooper School.

My name is Julie Goodchild and I am Head of Year 7. I am looking forward to working with you and helping your children to thrive and excel at school. My email address is: **julie.goodchild@astleycooper.herts.sch.uk**

Please feel free to contact me if there is anything I can help with. I have an excellent group of form tutors who will be working with me to support the students. Their email addresses are listed below.

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Your child's form tutor should be your first point of contact if you would like to communicate with the school.

You should have received communication from your child's Form Tutor prior to returning to school, please use their contact details in the first instance. They will not be in a position to give you detail about specific subject progress. This will be given at parents' evening.

Please access Go 4 Schools to see your child's attendance, punctuality, house points, attitude to learning points in each lesson and behaviour points. If you need to create an account, please see the school website parent page. As I am sure you have seen in the press, the Education Secretary, Bridget Phillipson, has been talking about the importance of attendance to school, particularly around the parental responsibility regarding attendance and how this should complement the efforts of the school. We want to work with you to ensure that your child has the best experience at The Astley Cooper School and both home and school using the information on Go4Schools allows us to do this.

I have attached a document with this letter that provides a basic overview of the year ahead so you can discuss with your child and encourage them to become involved with the fun activities we have planned to complement their studies. Please be aware this schedule could be altered and developed as we progress through the year.

The Meet the Tutor Evening will take place on 23 October 2025. It will be lovely to see you all there. Nearer the date you will be able to book appointments with your child's form tutor. I will also be there if you would like to see me.

It would be fantastic to see all students get fully involved in the many different aspects of school life we offer.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Goodchild
Head of Year 7



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Year 7 Journey

September

- First day of term - Year 7 and Year 11 only
- House - Boys Futsal
- House - Talent Show
- Activate your Uni Frog account

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October

- Meet the tutor evening
- Open evening/mornings
- House – Girls Basketball
- House – Sculpture competition
- Rewards breakfast

November

- House – Boys Basketball
- House – Christmas card competition

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December

- House – Girls Futsal
- House – Christmas cake decoration competition
- End of term reward for leading House
- Celebration assembly
- Reward trip – bowling
- Progress report – autumn term
- Rewards film

January

- House – Swimming gala
- House – Debating competition

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February

- House – Just Dance competition
- House – Taskmaster
- Rewards breakfast

March

- Pi Day
- Science week challenges
- House – Taskmaster
- Progress report – spring term

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April

- Parents evening
- House – Story writing
- Maths Challenge UK
- End of term reward for leading House
- Celebration assembly
- Rewards film

May

- House - Rounders
- House – Chess
- Rewards breakfast

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June

- Willen Lake trip / Theme Park
- PE rewards trip
- House - Cricket

July

- House – Sports Day
- House – Video games
- End of year reward for winning House
- Celebration assembly
- Top 30 House point reward – Ice cream van
- End of year written report

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