



# 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.

My name is Mr Hardy and I am Head of Year 11. I am looking forward to working with you and helping your children to thrive and excel at school. My email address is: **[c.hardy@astleycooper.herts.sch.uk](mailto:c.hardy@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 the academic review day.

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 activities we have planned to complement their studies. Please be aware this schedule could be altered and developed as we progress through the year.

Parents' Academic Review Day will take place on 24 October. It will be lovely to see you all there. Nearer the date you will be able to book appointments with your child's teachers. 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,

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Head of Year 11



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## Year 11 Journey

### September

- First day of term – Year 7 and Year 11 only
- House - Boys Futsal
- House - Talent Show
- Careers Fayre @ Shendish Manor

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### October

- Open evening/mornings
- Academic Review Day
- House – Girls Basketball
- House – Sculpture competition
- Rewards breakfast

### November

- House – Boys Basketball
- House – Christmas card competition

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### December

- Mock Exams
- House – Girls Futsal
- House – Christmas cake decoration competition
- End of term reward for leading House
- Celebration assembly

### January

- Mock results day
- Sixth Form open evening
- Sixth Form taster day
- House – Swimming gala
- House – Debating competition

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### February

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

### March

- Pi Day
- Positively You – Exam support
- Science week challenges
- House - Taskmaster

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### April

- Easter revision sessions
- PGL booster weekend
- House – Story writing
- End of term reward for leading House
- Celebration assembly

### May

- GCSE exams start
- House - Rounders
- House - Chess
- Rewards breakfast

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### June

- GCSE exams finish
- Leavers assembly
- Prom

### July

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