

11 January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 11 Commemorative Items

We have continued to be impressed by the mature and sensible attitude that Year 11 have shown, not only towards their mock exams in November but also since their return to the Academy in January. We thank you for the support you have provided to facilitate this, along with helping to ensure that all students have a face mask.

We would like to invite students wishing to mark the occasion of finishing their GCSE study to purchase a 'Class of 2022 Leavers' hoodie and a commemorative yearbook. We are also still very much planning to host a Prom however, we will update you if there are any changes to this, in line with Covid guidance. The cost of commemorative items will be:

Hoodie (includes personalisation): £20.50

Yearbook: £17.10

We understand that asking for payment of these at the end of the school year can be financially difficult for some families to support. In order to help you be prepared and plan for these expenses we have outlined the costings above and wish to advise that payment for these items can now be made in full, or by instalments, using ParentPay. **Please make sure all payments are completed by 28 February 2022** as after this date, it will not be possible to purchase commemorative items through the Academy. If you have any difficulty accessing your ParentPay account, please contact the Finance Department on 01480 223337.

When you are ordering your hoodie, [please use this link](#) (or scan the QR code shown below) to record your child/ren's chosen colour and size. Personalisation can include your child's first name or surname.

If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding, you may be able to access financial support for this purchase. Pupil Premium funding is available for students who have been eligible for free school meals in the last 6 years, are looked after or have parents in the armed forces. Further advice on eligibility for Pupil Premium funding is available on our website. If you are not eligible for Pupil Premium but are currently experiencing financial hardship, the Academy may still be able to support you. If you wish to apply for Pupil Premium or discuss current financial hardship, please contact Mrs K Hawkins via finance@astrea-longsands.org. If you are applying for financial support, please pay a £5 deposit via ParentPay to indicate the purchase of an item, thank you.

Thank you for your continued support, understanding and patience during these uncertain times and for working with us to support your child/ren to maximise their outcomes in Year 11.

Yours sincerely



Mr J T Milne
Head of Year 11

