

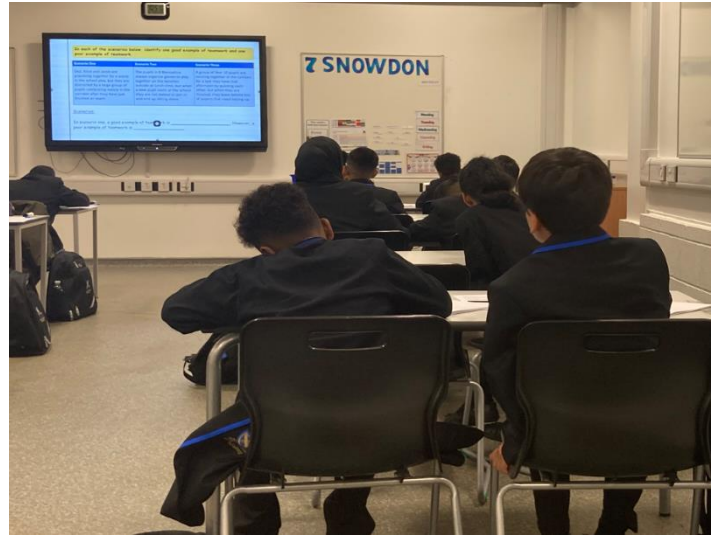
Dear Parents,

Last week we reached the half-way point of this first half-term of the year.

I enjoyed visiting classrooms in every year group to see pupils working hard and making progress in the topics they have been learning about this half-term.

We are now in Week 4 of the half-term and below I have included some information and updates for this week and the weeks ahead.

As ever, if you have any specific questions, please get in touch via [info@arkstalbens.org](mailto:info@arkstalbens.org) or contact your child's head of year using the contact details on the [Contact Us](#) page of our website.



### 1. Parent Events

Thank you to everyone who has attended one of our parent events so far this half-term. Below is a reminder of the events still to come:

Year Group	Date
Year 8	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October (4-5pm)
Year 9	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October (4-5pm)
Year 12	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October (4-5pm)
Year 13	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October (4-5pm)

### 2. Sixth Form Open Evening

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October between 4-5pm, we will be hosting Year 11 pupils and their families from schools across the city to share information with them about joining our sixth form next September. If you know of any families with children in Year 11 at another school who may be interested in joining our sixth form, please do encourage them to attend the open evening. More information is available on our [website](#).

### 3. Year 6 Applications

A reminder that Birmingham City Council's application window for secondary school places in September 2023 closes on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October. If you know of any families with a child in Year 6, please do let them know. More information is available on our [website](#).

### 4. Term Dates

A reminder that the [term dates](#) page on our website provides an overview of the year ahead. In particular, please remember that the school will be closed to pupils on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October for a teacher training day and that the following week is the half-term holiday.

The new half-term term will then begin on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

## 5. Useful Links

- [Term Dates](#)
- [Exam Boards](#)
- [Latest News](#)

## 6. Sports Clubs

After-school sports clubs are back up and running. They take place between 3pm and 4.10pm. All pupils are welcome to take part.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Y7/8 Boys Football</li><li>▪ Girls Football</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Y12 Football</li><li>▪ Climbing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Y13 Football</li><li>▪ Boys and Girls Cricket</li><li>▪ Girls Basketball</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Boys Basketball</li><li>▪ Y9 Boys Football</li><li>▪ Boys and Girls Table Tennis</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Y10/11 Boys Football</li></ul>

Kind regards,



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