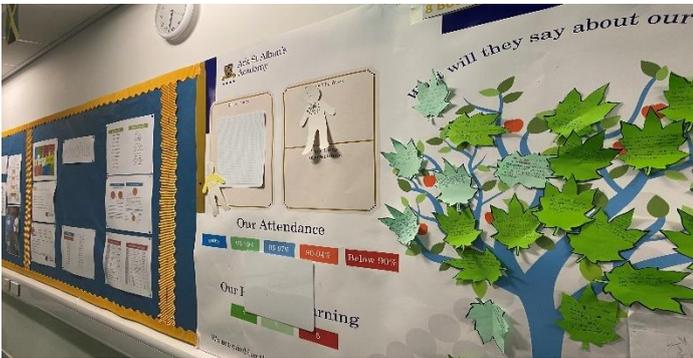
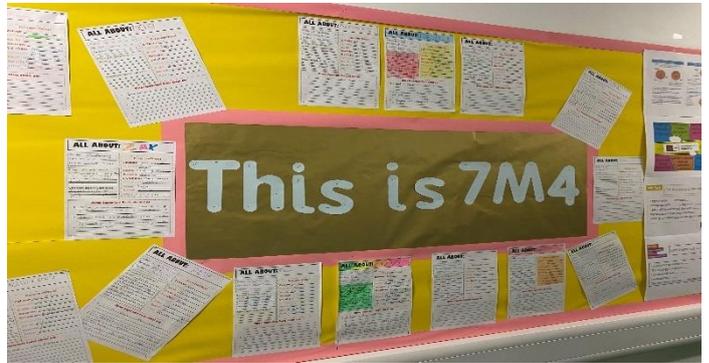
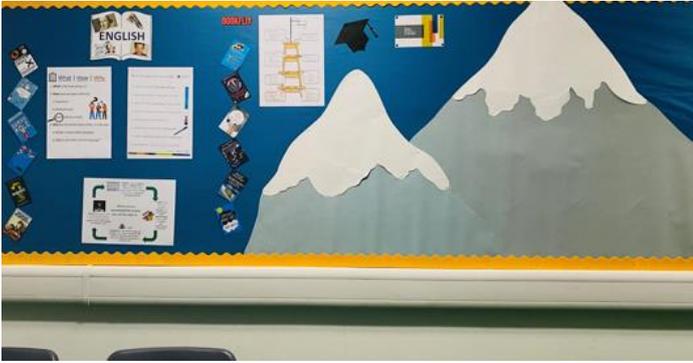


Dear Parents,

I am very pleased to be welcoming pupils back into school this week. The whole staff team having been making sure the school is safe and prepared for all pupils to return.



1. Schedule

A reminder that you can find out the exact timings for the return to school of each year group by reading the [re-opening update](#) for each year group online.

2. Covid Testing

Thank you to those parents who have already provided consent for Covid testing to take place. A reminder that there are three methods available to you for providing consent before your child returns to school:

- [Clicking here](#) and completing this online form
- You will receive a paper version of the consent form in the post which you can complete and return to the school
- You can email info@arkstalban.org to request a phone call where you can provide consent on the phone

3. Face Coverings

Pupils will be expected to wear face coverings at all times when inside the school, including in lessons. Please make sure your child has a face covering with them when they arrive to school each day. I would recommend purchasing a pack of washable face-coverings which can be used each day.

4. Live Event

I will continue to host pupil and parent information events each Wednesday at 5pm. Please [click here](#) shortly before 5pm this Wednesday to join me this week to find out more about the re-opening of the school, plans for assessment in Years 11 and 13 and plans for homework.

5. Homework

Pupils in Years 7-11 will be set homework every day from now on, starting on the day they first return for their ninety-minute session for testing and practice lessons.

They will receive English and maths homework each day and it should take them around forty-five minutes to complete each night on their computer. Any instance of homework being incomplete for any reason will result in the pupil staying behind at the end of school the next day to complete it with the support and supervision of one of their teachers. Parents will get a text message earlier in the day if this is required.

6. Uniform

I want to make sure that all pupils are in the correct uniform all of the time.

I appreciate the efforts that parents make to ensure that pupils are dressed smartly and appropriately for school and I want to make sure that expectations are consistent and applied fairly to all pupils.

▪ Outdoor clothes

- As ever, I continue to recommend that all pupils have a warm, water-proof coat to wear over their school uniform when they are travelling to and from school, and at lunch and break times.
- Previously, some pupils were wearing hooded-tops and sweatshirts instead of a coat. From now on, if worn indoors, items like those below will be confiscated and pupils will be issued with a detention



▪ PE Kit

- Pupils will continue to be allowed to come to school in their PE kit on the days in which their class has a PE lesson, however pupils must wear the PE tops available from Clive Marks [here](#) and [here](#).
- Pupils must also wear plain dark bottoms (shorts, skirts or trousers), and these must not have large, obvious logos on them.
- Pupils wearing the incorrect PE kit will not be able to attend lessons and parents will be called and asked to bring in either the correct items or the full normal school uniform.
- On days where the weather is cold, pupils may need to wear more clothes in addition to their PE kit to keep themselves warm. On these days, pupils can wear a plain, long-sleeved vest underneath their PE t-shirt and they can wear their normal school jumper and blazer over the top of their PE kit to keep themselves warm.

7. Keeping In Touch

If you have any urgent questions or concerns, you can always email your child's Head of Year or my PA, Ms Hooper (jayne.hooper@arkstalbans.org) to arrange a time to talk.

Kind regards,



Guy Rimmer
Principal