

Wednesday 11th January

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

I hope that the recent holidays were both restful and joyful for you and your families, and that the start of term has gone smoothly. Last week, we visited the church to reflect on the opportunities of a new year and making new year resolutions.

My resolution this year as ever is to make sure that every pupil receives a truly excellent education every day.

Below I have included some briefing information and updates to guide you through the start of term.



1. Key Dates

| Event | Date |
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| School Closed (network training day) | Wednesday 1 st February |
| Mock Examinations for Year 11 and Year 13 begin | Thursday 2 nd February |
| School closing at 12.00 (marking and moderation) | Friday 17 th February |
| Half-term Holiday | Monday 20 th – Friday 24 th February |

2. Mock Exams

Year 11 and Year 13 pupils are currently preparing for their mock exams. Timetables for these examinations will be shared shortly, but if you have any questions, please get in touch with the relevant heads of year: charis.graham@arkstalbans.org (Y11) and harriet.mawdsley@arkstalbans.org (Y13).

3. Progress Day

Thank you for taking the time to attend Progress Day appointments before the Christmas Holidays. If you were not able to attend and have not had a progress report for your child, please get in touch with their head of year ([Contact Us](#)).

4. Sparx!

Well done to the following pupils for earning their place at the top of the Sparx leader board over the Christmas holidays. Each pupil will receive an additional 5 merits this week!

If you would like to find out more about Sparx and the progress your child is making in maths using the platform, please ask them to login and show you on their laptop, or email our Head of Maths (kwesi.patten@arkstalbans.org) who will be able to provide further information and guidance.

| Top Sparx XP Scorers! | |
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| Year 7 | Maryam Idris |
| Year 8 | Ayham Uday |
| Year 9 | Pavlina Malaika |
| Year 10 | Muhammad A Isaac |
| Year 11 | Tasnim Anisa |

5. Useful Links

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