

16th November 2020

Dear Parents,

Below I have included some updates and some reminders about key dates for the weeks ahead.

1. Covid Closures

As I shared with you last week, we currently have three groups out of school self-isolating: 7 Boulton 2, Year 12 and Year 13. While having the whole of sixth form out of school is certainly disruptive and something we would want to avoid in the future, in this instance, because we have a number of pupils and colleagues test positive in a short space of time, I am confident that is was the safest approach to take.

Moving forwards, if you have any questions or concerns around the approach we are taking in response to Covid, please do get in touch with Ms Hooper (jayne.hooper@arkstalbans.org) in order to arrange an appointment to speak with me.

2. Training Day (This Week)

School will be closed to pupils on Friday. Teachers will be in school marking and moderating recent assessments and preparing to share back the results with pupils and with parents.

3. Sixth Form Applications

Next Monday (23rd November), the school will be hosting a virtual sixth form open evening at 4pm.

If you have friends of family with children in Year 11 who currently attend other schools, but who may be interested in joining Ark St Alban's Academy for Sixth Form next September, please do encourage them to join.

Those planning to join the virtual open evening need to [register online](#) this week.

4. Training Day (Friday 4th December)

There will be a second teacher training day this half-term, on Friday 4th December. This will be a training day for all schools across the Ark network where teachers will work with their colleagues in other schools to review pupil progress and to plan the curriculum for the year ahead.

5. Assessments and Reporting

A reminder that in addition to the mock exams Year 11 and Year 13 are currently completing, pupils in all year groups will compete assessments over the course of the next few weeks.

All parents can expect to receive a report about their child's progress before the Christmas holidays which begin on Friday 18th December.

6. University Offers

Our Year 13 pupils have started to receive university offers in recent weeks and I wanted to share with you the exciting news that already eleven pupils have received an offer and that our sixth formers are receiving offers from highly selective universities such as the University of Birmingham and Queen Mary University in London.



I look forward to sharing with you further updates about their success.

Kind regards,

Handwritten signature of Mr Guy Rimmer in blue ink.

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