



Monday 17th October

Dear parents,

This is the final week of the half-term. Pupils have been out on many different trips in recent weeks. Take a look at the [latest news](#) stories on our website to see some photos and to find out more.

Below I have included some information and updates to guide you through the weeks ahead.

1. Parent Events

Thank you for coming to the parent information events this half-term. Our final parent information event will take place on Wednesday afternoon (between 4-5pm) for the parents of pupils in Year 8.

2. Key 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 (21st October) for a teacher training day and that the following week is the half-term holiday.

3. Year 6 Applications

A final reminder that Birmingham City Council's application window for secondary school places in September 2023 closes on Friday 28th 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. Sixth Form Applications

Applications for places in Year 12 next September are now open. 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 apply.

More information is available on our [website](#).

5. Mock Examinations

A reminder that in the first week back after half-term, pupils in Year 11 and Year 13 will sit their mock exams. Pupils will have a copy of their timetable and revision materials to take with them over the half-term holiday.

For more information please get in touch with charis.graham@arkstalbans.org (Year 11) or harriet.mawdsley@arkstalbans.org (Year 13).

6. Mobile Phones

A reminder that after half-term we will continue with our current policy.

Phones must not be seen or heard on the school grounds and that if they are, they will be confiscated with a parent needing to attend to collect the phone for it to be returned.

7. Parent Consultation Committee

A reminder that our next meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 24th November between 4.30 and 6.00pm.

8. Useful Links

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

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Guy Rimmer', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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