

20<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of the summer term at Ark St Alban's Academy.

With the national lockdown beginning to ease and number of recent or current religious festivals, I hope that you and your family have been able to have a peaceful and enjoyable holiday.

Below you will find useful information and updates to guide you through the start of a busy term.

## 1. Live Event

On Wednesday afternoons I will continue to host weekly information events via Microsoft Teams, now at the slightly later time of 5.30pm.

This week I will be able to share more information and to answer your questions about all of the below.

Please [click here](#) shortly before 5.30pm on Wednesday afternoon to join me.

## 2. Key Dates

A reminder that all pupils are due to return to school on Wednesday morning. They should arrive at their usual time and continue to use the entrances that their year group has used all of this school year.

Date	Event
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Pupils return to school
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Ark Teacher Training Day (school closed)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Final day of the half-term (start of one-week, half-term holiday)

## 3. Staying Safe

Our approach to reducing the risk of Covid entering and spreading within the school remain the same:

- Pupils and staff will be expected to wear face-coverings in classrooms and corridors
- Separate spaces for each year group at lunch and break times will continue
- Please continue to test-at-home and to submit all results

## 4. Centre-assessed Grades

Pupils in [Year 11](#) and [Year 13](#) received detailed guidance before the holidays on how to prepare for their assessments.

I know that many pupils will be nervous about the months ahead. I want to reassure you that everything is being done to support them to be as successful as possible in their GCSE, A-Level and BTEC courses and that pupils can be confident in seeking to achieve excellent grades.

Mr Cole and I will be speaking more to pupils about this on Wednesday morning and I will provide an update to parents during the Live Event on Wednesday evening.

## **5. Homework**

Pupils in all year groups had homework for each subject to complete on MS Teams or Hegarty Maths; it was encouraging to see that so many pupils had completed all their homework when teachers checked yesterday. The final deadline for all work is 3.00pm today and homework intervention will begin after-school on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April for pupils with incomplete work.

Pupils will continue to receive English and maths homework this week and next week. I will share more details of a more comprehensive homework timetable in next week's bulletin and parent event.

## **6. Keeping in Touch**

In addition to the Live Events on Wednesday evenings, please do get in touch directly if you have any questions or concerns. You can email Ms Hooper ([jayne.hooper@arkstalbens.org](mailto:jayne.hooper@arkstalbens.org)) who will be able to arrange a time for you and I to speak on the phone.

Kind regards,



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