

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of half-term four. I hope you enjoyed a restful half-term holiday. Below I have included some information and updates to help you prepare for the half-term ahead.

1. Pupil and Parent Information Event

I will host a Live Event at 5pm on Wednesday this week. You can click on the link below shortly before 5pm on Wednesday to join the event. I hope to be able to share more information about plans for the school to re-open and about plans for examinations this summer.

[Click here](#) to join the Pupil and Parent Information Event at 5pm on Wednesday.

2. School Re-opening

I am expecting a national announcement later this afternoon about plans for schools in England to reopen.

So far, we know that Monday 8th March is the date from which schools will likely start to reopen. As soon as we have more information, I will begin planning with colleagues in school what reopening will look like for pupils, parents and staff at Ark St Alban's Academy. It is likely that our return to school will be staggered, with different year groups returning on different days. I hope to be able to provide an update about our plans on Wednesday.

3. Exams and Assessment

We are also expecting a national announcement this week about how the process for awarding grades to pupils in Years 11 and 13 will work this summer. Again, as soon as the plans are published, I will share with you how it will work at Ark St Alban's Academy.

4. Remote Learning

Thank you for your support in making the assessment week before the half-term holidays a success. Pupils scored incredibly high scores and we will spend time in the weeks ahead celebrating their achievements. Tomorrow morning, the remote learning schedule will resume with Heads of Year emailing all pupils and parents at 8.30am with a reminder of the timetable and the assignment deadlines. The timetable is largely unchanged from the schedule that was in place in the week before half-term.

5. Keeping In Touch

Every Monday, I will continue to write to all parents with an update like this one and every Wednesday, I will continue to host a Live Event at 5pm. In addition, while the Remote Learning curriculum continues, I will continue to send to you the weekly report cards on a Friday afternoon.

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). Also, If you haven't been receiving the weekly report cards for your child or other email updates from the school, then please do email info@arkstalbans.org to provide the school with an updated email address.

Kind regards,



Guy Rimmer
Principal