

Dear Parents,

Last week I enjoyed visiting our first science experiments of the year as all pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 get ready to learn more about practical science each week this half-term.

We are now in Week 3 of the half-term and below I have included some information and updates for this week and the weeks ahead.

As ever, if you have any specific questions, please get in touch via info@arkstalbens.org or contact your child's head of year using the contact details on the [Contact Us](#) page of our website.



1. Useful Links

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

2. Sports Clubs

After-school sports clubs are back up and running. They take place between 3pm and 4.10pm. All pupils are welcome to take part.

In the next couple of weeks, further clubs will also resume.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Y7/8 Boys Football ▪ Girls Football 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Y12 Football ▪ Climbing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Y13 Football ▪ Boys and Girls Cricket ▪ Girls Basketball 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Boys Basketball ▪ Y9 Boys Football ▪ Boys and Girls Table Tennis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Y10/11 Boys Football

3. Parent Consultation Committee (Wednesday 28th September)

A reminder that our first committee meeting of the year is taking place on Wednesday afternoon between 4.30 and 6.00pm. There is no need to sign up in advance and all parents are welcome.

Agenda:

- Reviewing the summer exam results
- Reducing term time holidays
- Online safety
- Our approach to mobile phones
- Future parent events

4. Sixth Form Open Evening

On Thursday 3rd October between 4-5pm, we will be hosting Y11 pupils and their families from schools across the city to share information with them about joining our sixth form next September.

If you know of families with children in Year 11 at other school who may be interested in joining our sixth form, please do encourage them to attend.

5. Parent Events

A reminder of the remaining dates for the parent information event for each year group:

Year Group	Date & Time
Year 8	Wednesday 19 th October
Year 9	Wednesday 12 th October
Year 10	Thursday 29 th September
Year 12	Thursday 6 th October
Year 13	Thursday 6 th October

Kind regards,



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