

6th July 2021

Parent Update

Dear Parents,

We are now at the start of the final two weeks of the school year and below I have included updates on important matters to be aware of ahead of the summer holidays.

1. Progress Day

Almost all pupils in all year groups have now completed their end of year assessments. End of Year Reports, including the results of these assessments will be shared with pupils and parents during Progress Day next week.

Pupils and form tutors will be finalising appointment times for Progress Day this week and please do get in touch directly with your child's form tutor or head of year if you are unsure about the time of your appointment.

2. End of Term Arrangements

The final day of school for pupils will be Thursday 15th July, ahead of Progress Day on Friday 16th July.

Pupils will be dismissed from school at 12:15pm on Thursday to allow for some Progress Day appointments to begin that afternoon.

3. Attendance

Given the disruption pupils have faced this year, it is very important that the new school year in September starts very well. Therefore, much of the next two weeks in school will be focussed in getting pupils prepared.

As a result, it is very important that pupils do not miss school unnecessarily before the start of the summer holidays.

Specifically, please do attempt to arrange medical or dental appointments outside of the school day. Where this is not possible, please contact the school *before* the day of the appointment and share evidence of the appointment.

In addition, holidays during term time will not be authorised. It is very likely that any family leaving the country during term time will be subject to a significant financial penalty (fine).

4. Y10 Careers Day

This week on Wednesday, Y10 pupils will be taking day in a full timetable of careers and future readiness planning as the school begins to support them in planning for life after Year 11.

It is very important that all Y10 pupils that have a laptop at home provided by the school, bring it with them, fully charged on this day.

5. Y6 Transition

I have really enjoyed meeting the Year 6 pupils who will be joining the school in Year 7 next year. Earlier today I wrote to them and to their parents with information and updates around preparing for secondary school.

If you have a child in Year 6 who is joining the school year, or if you have friends or family who do so, please make sure that the information included [here](#) is read and understood.

6. Keeping In Touch

I know that the end of term is often a time full of questions about the future. As ever, if you do have any questions, please do get in touch via jayne.hooper@arkstalbans.org and Ms Hooper will arrange a time for you and I to speak.

Kind regards



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