

Tuesday 8th June 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of half-term six. I hope you and your family had a restful and peaceful week during the half-term holiday. Below I have included some information and updates to guide you through the first few weeks of this half-term.

1. Live Event

Join me tomorrow afternoon at 5.30pm for our first information event of the half-term.

During this event, more information will be provided around plans for End of Year Exams and reporting to parents this summer and further updates will also be provided around plans for homework this half-term.

[Click here](#) shortly before 5.30pm tomorrow to join the event.

2. Key Dates

Below I have summarised the key dates and activities to be aware of this half-term.

Key Dates	Activities
Monday 14 th June	End of Year Exams begin for Years 10 and 12
Monday 21 st June	End of Year Exams begin for Years 7,8 and 9 Y11 Transition Meetings begin
Friday 2 nd July	Ark Schools Teacher Training Day (school closed to pupils)
Thursday 15 th July	Final day of term (early finish at 1215)
Friday 16 th July	Progress Day (all parents invited to attend meetings to receive and review the end of year report for their child)

3. Year 6 Transition

Last week I had the pleasure of meeting over fifty of the pupils (and their parents) who will be joining Ark St Alban's Academy in September.

I will be hosting further meetings in the weeks ahead. If you know of any family due to join us in September but who have not yet been in touch to arrange their meeting, please do remind them to do so.

4. Covid Safety

Thank you to all parents who used their home testing kits to test their children before they returned to school this week. We have been made aware that home testing in this way led to three pupils not attending school who had tested positive.

Moving forwards, we need to continue to be careful to avoid the spread of the virus.

Please do use the remaining test kits that you have. I am asking that all families test their children on Sunday evenings before the start of the school week. New test kits will be provided to pupils on Friday this week, and if you ever run out or need more, please do contact the school.

We are continuing to expect pupils to wear face coverings when inside the building. Please do make sure your child arrives to school each day with their own face-mask.

5. Parent Consultation Group

Before the half-term holiday, I shared with you my intention to establish a parent consultation group. Thank you to those of you who have registered interest so far. I will be in touch with next steps later this week.

This group will work directly with me on a regular basis, providing feedback on the running of the school and a parent perspective on planned activities.

If you haven't yet registered your interest and you would like to, please [click here](#).

6. Summer Camp

Similarly, there is still time to register your interest in your child taking part in our Summer Camp.

7. Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who continued to the success of our non-uniform day and bake sale on the final day of the last half-term. All of the proceeds will be donated to Islamic Relief this week.

8. Keeping In Touch

The final half-term of the school year is always a busy time. Please do get in touch if you have any questions or concerns. You can contact jayne.hooper@arkstalbans.org (PA to the Principal) who will be able to arrange a time for you and I to meet either in person or on the phone.

Kind regards,



Mr Guy Rimmer
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