

18th May 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope that for those of you celebrating Eid, last week was a joyous and peaceful time and I hope that the further easing of lockdown restrictions is a source of optimism for all families.

There are two weeks remaining until the next half-term holiday and below I have included some information and updates to help guide you through them.

1. Live Event

Please do join me for an important Live Event this week where there will be important updates for families with pupils in all year groups around the curriculum and plans for assessment both for next half-term and for next year.

Please [click here](#) shortly before 5.30pm on Wednesday evening.

2. Clubs!

It was a real joy to see clubs get up-and-running this week.

Our aim is to provide all pupils with a wide-range of enriching activities which largely take place after school and allow pupils to develop their character and university preparatory competencies.

The table below contains details of our initial enrichment offer that pupils can sign up to.

Pupils need to complete this short [Microsoft Form](#) to sign up.

Please encourage pupils to sign-up for at least one of these activities. Please also note that if a pupil receives a detention on the day of the enrichment activity, or if they need to attend homework intervention, then they will not be able to take part in the Enrichment activity that day.

Key Stage/Year Group	Enrichment Activity	Day	Time
Y7	Boys Football	Monday	3-4pm
KS3/KS4	Girls Football	Tuesday	3-4pm
KS3/KS4	Climbing Club	Tuesday	3-4pm
KS3/KS4	Table Tennis	Tuesday	3-4pm
KS3/KS4	Girls Basketball	Wednesday	3-4pm
KS3/KS4	Cricket	Thursday	3-4pm
KS3/KS4	Boys Basketball	Friday	2.20-3.20pm
KS3	Choir (music)	Tuesday	3-4pm
KS3	Djembe drumming (music)	Friday	2.20-3.20pm
KS3	Guitar	Thursday	3-4pm
Y8/Y9	Boys Football	Wednesday	3-4pm
Y10	Boys Football	Thursday	3-4pm
KS5	6th Form Football	Friday	2.20-3.20pm

We are looking forward to sharing further opportunities for enrichment with you over the next few weeks including a robotics club for Y7-9, chess club for all pupils, drama club for Y7-Y9 and a journal club for Y12-Y13.

3. Covid-Safety

Although national lockdown rules are easing, our existing approach to stopping the spread of the virus will remain in place, including the use of face-coverings when pupils and staff are inside.

Our approach to managing this risk will be reviewed again before the half-term holiday.

4. Key Dates

Please note the following:

- Monday 24th May (next Monday) school will be closed for an Ark Schools Regional Moderation Day
- Friday 28th May (next Friday) is the final day of the half-term and the start of the half-term holiday
- Monday 7th June is a teacher training day and the school will be closed to pupils
- Tuesday 8th June is when pupils will return for the first day of next half-term

5. Fusion App

Last month, all families successfully created and used iPay Impact accounts.

Today, pupils will bring home a letter with their login details for a new app which needs to be downloaded onto a smartphone or tablet.

This app is called Fusion and in the future, it will allow pupils to order school meals and to pay for them using the funds in their iPay Impact accounts.

6. Summer Camp!

This summer our school will be hosting summer camps that pupils and parents can choose to join for free.

Places will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis and the sign-up process will be included when I write to you next Monday.

As the weather is improving, I have enjoyed meeting many of you for the first time outside of school in the mornings at drop-off and pick-up times.

I will do my best to always be available at these times if you would like to introduce yourself to me, but as ever, if you want to make an appointment to meet with me in person or to speak on the phone, please email jayne.hooper@arkstalbans.org to make such arrangements.

Kind regards,



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