

19<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents,

This is the final week of the first half-term. Thank you for your support in making sure that we have been able to keep the school as safe as possible despite the increasing risk of Covid-19.

I am also sure that you would join me in thanking all of the staff at the school for the work that they have done in not only making the school safe, but also in leading pupils to make excellent progress in their learning at the start of the year.

Below I have included information about plans for next half-term, digital devices for pupils and updated class groups.

## 1. Plans for Half-term Two

Our first half-term of the year will end on Thursday afternoon and Friday (23<sup>rd</sup> October) will be a teacher training day, with the school closed to pupils.

School will re-open for pupils on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November and below you will find a table of key dates for the next half-term.

Date	Event
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Start of Mock Exams for Examined Cohorts (Y11 and Y13)
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Training Day (school closed to pupils)
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Training Day (school closed to pupils)
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Final Day of the Autumn Term

## 2. Digital Devices

As the result of a Department for Education programme and Ark Schools funding, we are able to provide each pupil with a laptop to support them with their studies and revision at home.

Starting this week, we will be distributing laptops to pupils in Year 11 and we hope to be able to do the same for pupils in further year groups between now and the end of the school year.

## 3. Class Groups

During this week, staff will be talking to a small number of pupils who will change classes after the half-term holiday.

Any changes to teaching groups are considered very carefully by teachers and leaders in the school. The purpose is always to ensure that each pupil is in the class where they most likely to make the most rapid progress with their learning.

If you have any questions about changes to class groups or about any other matters, please do let me know.

Kind regards,



**Mr Guy Rimmer**  
**Principal**