

6<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Year 6 Parents,

Below I have included a number of updates about preparations for your child to start secondary school in September at Ark St Alban's Academy.

- **Induction Meetings**

It has been a real joy to meet so many of you and your children for induction meetings during the last month. So far, I have met 109 pupils and families and I will be meeting all of those I have not yet met before the summer holidays.

If you have not yet had your induction meeting with me and do know when it is scheduled for, please email [jayne.hooper@arkstalbans.org](mailto:jayne.hooper@arkstalbans.org) to find out.

- **Key Dates**

The transition day due to take place this week has been cancelled. Sadly, the risk of Covid spreading between schools means that it is not safe to invite children from so many different primary schools to mix together this term.

Below there are four key dates for you to plan for:

Date	Activity
<p><b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September <u>or</u> Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b></p> <p><i>Look out for a phone call in the weeks ahead asking your book an appointment time</i></p>	<p><b>School Operations Induction Meeting</b></p> <p>A short appointment for you and your child in which you will be asked to attend school with your child (who should wear their Ark St Alban's Academy uniform on this day) to complete the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Collect their school laptop</li> <li>▪ Collect their school pencil case</li> <li>▪ Have their school photograph taken</li> <li>▪ Complete registration on the school payment system</li> <li>▪ Complete registration on the school lunch system</li> <li>▪ Have their fingerprint taken for biometric payments</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September</b></p>	<p><b>The first day of school for all Year 7 pupils</b></p> <p>In the morning, the school doors at the main entrance will be open from 8.10 and will close at 8.20am. At the end of the day, pupils will be dismissed at 3pm.</p>
<p><b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September</b></p>	<p><b>Year 7 Parent Information Evening</b></p> <p>In the second week of term, we hope to be able to invite all Year 7 parents into school between 4 and 5pm, to meet key staff, tour the school and review the start to the school year their child as made.</p>



- **Summer Study**

Many of you have asked me about how children can spend some time over the summer studying in preparation for secondary school.

Over the summer break pupils will have the opportunity to complete engage in a 'lesson' for each subject they will study in September. This will be made available on the academy website; pupils will have access to a short video lesson and some work that can be submitted online. Teachers will be reviewing this in September, so we are able to celebrate a great start to the secondary school.

Work will be posted on the Academy website on the 15<sup>th</sup> July and you will receive another update next week detailing how to access it and how pupils can submit the work they complete.

- **Uniform**

A reminder that all of the uniform that you need to purchase is available via <https://clivemark.co.uk/>.

I know that some families have found service online slow or difficult to navigate. While I am confident that this will soon be improved, many of you have told me that you recommend going to one of the stores in either [Kings Heath](#) or [Bearwood](#) directly where the service has been straightforward and speedy.

Clive Marks will give priority to parents of Ark St Alban's Academy to purchase uniform at their Kings Heath shop on:

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 5.00-7.30pm
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 5.00-7.30pm
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 5.00-7.30pm
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August 5.00-7.30pm

- **Keeping In Touch**

I know that the transition to secondary school is a time that is often full of questions and concerns. I want to make sure that you feel confident and comfortable asking any question that you may have.

During term time, both this month and throughout next year, you can get in touch with me by emailing Ms Hooper, PA to the Principal ([jayne.hooper@arkstalbans.org](mailto:jayne.hooper@arkstalbans.org)). Also, during the summer holidays, I will be in school each day in the week commencing Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August and I would be very happy to see you if you wanted to pop in and see me.

Kind regards,

**Mr Guy Rimmer**  
**Principal**  
**Ark St Alban's Academy**



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