

“It takes a whole community, to bring up a child”



# Ark Boulton Academy

Dear Parent/ Carer,

As part of Ark Boulton’s commitment to provide as rich and exciting a curriculum as possible we have made a pledge to ensure that we offer students at least two visits to educational activities each year. These will include: trips to the theatre, The Natural History Museum (London), Black Country Museum and Tate Modern Art Gallery (Liverpool). The activities have been planned to support and add interest to the lessons our students are studying.

Our first ‘Pledge’ day is Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Each year group will have a unique visit, the details of which are below. As with any academy day we have the highest of expectations for behaviour and standards and the academy’s behaviour policy will continue to be applied. Students will also be expected to wear the full academy uniform.

Year Group	Venue	Location	Students to arrive at Ark Boulton	Coach Departure Time	Arrival back to Ark Boulton
Year 7	‘Think Tank’	Birmingham	08:45	09:15	15:30

Students in receipt of free school meals will be provided with a pack lunch on the day. There is likely to be some outdoor walking, as such, we advise that all students have a warm coat with them. Please note that should you wish your child to bring a mobile phone on that day the academy will not take responsibility for its safe keeping.

These trips are in addition to the extra-curricular activities that are already hosted by the academy. We believe these experiences are a really important part of an Ark Boulton student’s time and can help raise examination grades. We want every child at Ark Boulton to have the chance to benefit from the trips. To be able to afford these opportunities we are asking that families make a voluntary contribution of £10.00. This will contribute to the cost of both the travel and activities, with Ark Boulton subsidising the remaining costs.

We thank you for your continued support and know that you will be as excited as we are about the ‘Boulton Pledge’ and the experiences it will provide our students. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact your child’s Achievement Leader on the academy’s main reception number.

Yours sincerely,

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