

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



Ark Boulton Academy



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of this academic year, I would like to extend my gratitude to all parents and carers for their support over the last 10 months. This has been our first full year without Covid closures and what a busy one it has been! Pupils have shown great courage, resilience and commitment integrating back into the school community and we are very proud of all their achievements this year.

Year 11 students completed their GCSE examinations for the first time in two years. Their behaviour and attitude was exemplary throughout and they demonstrated great self-discipline and determination through the examination period. We look forward to seeing them on GCSE results day on Thursday 25th August, where I'm sure they will be celebrating. Information about this has already been shared with parents and can be found on the website, too.

Despite the challenging circumstances over the past year, there have been many achievements for us to be proud of:

- Ark Boulton was awarded the Kitemark Plus Award which recognises the academy's work on Character Education. We are only one of two secondary schools in the entire country to have achieved this award.
- The fantastic work of the Creative and Performing Arts faculty has been nationally recognised through the Arts Council England by accrediting the academy with the Silver Arts Mark Award.
- We were able to hold our first Sports day in two years. This was an excellent day which was enjoyed by all staff and pupils. The facilities we hired out for this commented on how well organised the event was and how great the conduct of our pupils was.
- Year 6 induction day was a great success. Again, we were very pleased to be able to welcome our new Year 7's into the building for the first time since the pandemic. It was also lovely to welcome parents and carers into the academy for a cup of tea so they could talk to key members of staff.
- Finally, our annual Arts Fest was back with a bang! Despite the turbulent weather, this was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the work of our students across, Art, Music, Drama and English. It was enjoyed by staff, families, and the wider community.

From September, the leadership team will be working closely with families to support us in our mission to 'upskill the community'. In order to have a really strong start to the academic year, there will be four days of INSET to support teachers in getting ready for the year ahead and as part of this, on Friday 9th September, we will be holding our first Family Day where you will be invited into the academy with your child to meet their form tutor. Please look out for more information on this at the beginning of September.

Times of the Day

There will be a slight change in the times of the day, starting from September. This change is going to allow pupils to have an increased number of lessons each week so that there will be more opportunities for students to build on prior learning and an hours Characters lesson each week.

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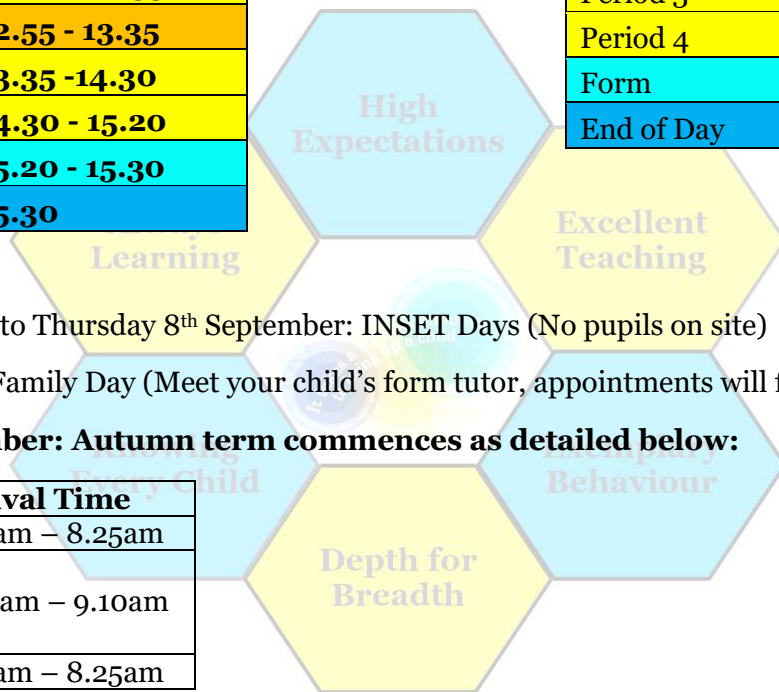


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Monday to Thursday	
Breakfast Club	08.00 - 08.20
Gates Open	08.10 - 08.25
Reading	08:25 -08.55
Period 1	08.55 - 09.50
Period 2	09.50 -10.45
Break	10.45 -11.05
Period 3	11.05 -12.00
Period 4	12.00 - 12.55
Lunch	12.55 - 13.35
Period 5	13.35 -14.30
Period 6	14.30 - 15.20
Form	15.20 - 15.30
End of day	15.30

Friday	
Breakfast Club	08.00 - 08.20
Gates Open	08.10 - 08.25
Reading	08:25 -08.55
Period 1	08.55 - 09.50
Period 2	09.50 -10.45
Brunch	10.45- 11.25
Period 3	11.25 - 12.20
Period 4	12.20 - 13.15
Form	13.15 - 13.25
End of Day	13.25



Key Dates:

Monday 5th September to Thursday 8th September: INSET Days (No pupils on site)

Friday 9th September: Family Day (Meet your child’s form tutor, appointments will follow)

Monday 12th September: Autumn term commences as detailed below:

Year Group	Arrival Time
Year 7	8.15am – 8.25am
Year 8	9.00am – 9.10am
Year 9	
Year 10	
Year 11	8.15am – 8.25am

Finally, as you know, sadly Mrs Channa will be leaving Ark Boulton at the end of this academic year as she embarks on a new adventure. I’m sure you will join me and the Ark Boulton Family in thanking her for excellent leadership over the last 6 years and wishing her all the best for her future endeavours.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful summer break and thank you all for your support this academic year.

Yours sincerely

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