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Ark Boulton Academy



4th November 2021

Dear Year 10 Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank you for the support you have provided to your children and our community during these ongoing challenging times. As we welcome students back to the Autumn 2 term, we continue to make academic progress in our compassionate approach to Covid recovery with face-to-face teaching in the classroom. As such, I wanted to take the opportunity to share with you information concerning what your child has learnt last term and how this is being developed this half-term.

As you will know, Character Education is of central importance in our academy. In the Upper School, we deliver a lot of our Character work through our Future Skills Curriculum. Students receive two lessons, one at the start of the day and the other at the end of the day, which are delivered by their Form Tutor. So far this year, students' have learned about how to be self-disciplined with their personal finance, focussing on budgeting and independent living. During assembly, students received a series of talks on the post 16 pathways that are available to them. During these talks, students learnt about A Level's, BTEC's, T level's and Apprenticeship routes as they consider their future careers. Finally, students have also learnt about Black History Month and the dangers of knife crime.

We will continue this term to explore relationships which could become unhealthy, harassment, inappropriate language and the effect this has on others. This is important in supporting students to develop a vocabulary around these issues and understand how to build healthy relationships. As part of the new statutory policy on Relationships and Sexual Education, we will then look at sexual behaviours and how abuse and violence can have harmful and long-lasting effects. This will conclude our work on the importance of respectful relationships this term. This work is explained further in our policy: <https://arkboulton.org/page-strips/our-policies-18>

These topics, across subjects are interesting and challenging for our students. If you would like to discuss these with us in greater depth, we are offering a voluntary Parent Coffee Morning on Friday 12th November at 10:30 am – 11:15 am where senior leaders will be available to meet with you in our Main Reception area. Please complete this survey if you would like to attend: <https://forms.office.com/r/dfggCWVyQX>. Please complete the survey by the 10th of November.

Finally, we will be writing to you later this term to provide you with an update of your child's academic progress following their 'Boulton Termly Assessments'.

Yours Sincerely,

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