

July 2013

Dear parents and carers

### **End of our first year**

At the end of our first year as ARK Kings Academy let me start by thanking you and all the students for the way in which you have risen to the new aspirations and expectations.

Some of you joined us for the end of year assembly to see your son or daughter receive a special prize. We had so many students to reward for achievement, attendance and contributions to school life we could not accommodate them all in the assembly, but you will receive a letter if your child was included in this. It was a great end to our first year.

### **Student leadership team**

It was my great pleasure to announce the new student leadership team who have both the honour and responsibility of being the role models for the rest of the student body and representing the voice of students to staff of the school. After fourteen letters of applications and interviews the following worthy team was appointed:

Head Girl: **Samra Khan** ; Head Boy: **Kalum McCrea**  
Deputy Head Girl: **Charlotte Dewell** ; Deputy Head Boy: **Usmaan Ali**  
Senior Prefect Boys: **Reiss Chance, Konrad Biegun**  
Senior Prefect Girls: **Atlanta Campbell, Charlotte Avery**

### **Staff leaving**

The following staff leave us having played a key role in both the first year of ARK Kings and in Kings Norton High. We wish them well in the new roles that they are moving into:

Mr Baddhan: ICT technician  
Ms Baker: English teacher  
Ms Bukreeden: Mathematics teacher  
Mr Chauhan: Science technician  
Mr Firth: Teacher in charge of music  
Mrs Garrett: Data Manager  
Dr Gerrard: Head of Science  
Mrs Gonzalez: MFL teacher  
Ms Helias : Head of MFL  
Mr Moore: Teacher in charge of Geography, Head of Standards Y7-9  
Mrs Ralph: Year manager  
Ms Robbins: English teacher  
Ms Wall: Assistant Vice Principal and SENCO  
Ms Wyatt: Teacher of English and drama

### **Staff joining**

The following staff join us in September to replace those that are leaving as well take on some new posts in the school:

Mr Bull, Teacher in charge of Music;

Ms Drayton, RE and History teacher  
Ms Henry, English Teacher  
Ms Jackson, Reconciliation Teaching Assistant  
Mr Jones, Head of MFL;  
Mr Lyon, Science teacher.  
Ms Redhead, Nurture Programme Teaching Assistant  
Ms Rhodes, English teacher.  
Mr Roberts, Mathematics teacher.  
Mr Walker, Teacher in Charge of Geography  
Ms Whatley, Head of PE;

### **Term dates and the school day**

These were sent to you in my last letter. As a brief reminder, all students should be in school for our first day of the new school year at 8.25am on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September. All dates for the school year can be found on the school calendar on the website. A reminder that the school day will be as follows from September

- Mondays and Fridays: 8.25am – 3.00pm [*this is different to this year*].
- Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays: 8.25am - 4.00pm

### **End of year reports**

In the envelope with this letter is your child's end of year report showing academic outcomes in each of subject, a record of their effort relating to behaviour, classwork and homework and a comment from their form tutor. If you would like to follow up on any of those comments in September then please contact the **form tutor** directly in the first instance. If the form tutor has left, for any student in year 7 or 8 contact Mr Vinten and for years 9 or 10 contact Mrs Varley.

### **Uniform**

We have been working in partnership with a local uniform supplier, Clive Mark, who will be stocking our uniform in their Kings Heath store and online from 19<sup>th</sup> July. Uniform will also be available from the school shop **during term** at the following times: Tuesdays 11.30 – 12.00 and Thursdays 16.00 – 16.30. A reminder of the need for all students to wear the full school uniform. A full list is included with this letter and in particular may I draw you attention to:

- Black shoes (boys and girls): no trainers, pumps, 'Vans' or dolly shoes
- Girls' blouse: a revere necked blouse not a collared shirt
- School rucksack and full equipment

I hope that you have a good summer and the weather remains as kind to us for the next few weeks as it has been recently. I look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you to provide the best possible education for your child and look forward to even greater achievements next year.

With all best wishes,



**Kieran Larkin**  
Principal