



Principal: Roger Punton

Friday 15th July 2016

End of Term: Events and Activities

Dear Parent/Carer,

Our mission at Ark Kings Academy is that every student will make excellent progress, develop outstanding character and be successful in life, education and employment. As we approach the end of the school year we will be holding a number of events and activities in school to support this mission and to celebrate a successful year with students before we break up for the summer holiday.

Ark Kings Respect Conference

On Monday 18th June we will hold our first annual ***Ark Kings Respect Conference***. The purpose of this event is to help develop our students into strong, respectful individuals. Students will participate in a number of workshops to help them consider important issues such as body image, healthy relationships and healthy lifestyles. There will also be a workshop in which students will be given the opportunity to understand the impact female genital mutilation (FGM) has on young people.

All sessions will be appropriate for the student's age and some sessions will be delivered to students in their gender groups to encourage students to speak openly.

If you have any questions about our Respect Conference, please feel free to contact your child's Student Support Manager.

Enrichment Day 3

Enrichment days add an extra layer of value to the school experience for all students by providing opportunities to develop communication, team work, creative problem solving and sporting skills amongst others. Our third Enrichment Day of the year will take place on **Tuesday 19th July 2016**.

Students will be taking part in a range of different trips and activities:

- Year 7: Interactive history at the Black Country Museum
- Year 8: Problem Solving, Teamwork and Communication
- Year 9: A day of history and culture in Birmingham
- Year 10: Developing leadership through problem solving

Students in Year 8 and 10 will be on site and should wear full school PE kit. Year 7 students will need to wear their normal school trousers with their school PE polo shirt and will also need to bring a packed lunch (Free School Meal packed lunches will be provided).

The majority of activities on the day will be outside and we highly recommend that students prepare for hot weather by bringing appropriate clothing, bottled water and sun cream.

Wednesday 20th July

We always look forward to celebrating our students' many successes and achievements and the end of term in our termly achievement assembly. The summer achievement assembly will take place on Wednesday 20th July at 11am and we will aim to **finish at 12.30pm** when students will be dismissed. Students who are entitled to free school meals will be able to collect a lunch on their way out.

End of Year Reports

Students have been issued with their end of year reports and should be bringing them home for you to look over together. The reports outline the academic achievement that students have made in each of their subjects, with a colour coding system to help you see the subjects in which your child is excelling as well as any areas for development.

For year 10 students you will see a combination of GCSE grades in the form of letters and numbers. This reflects a transition to the new GCSE grading system. We will be providing more information about these grades in the new academic year to all parents but please get in touch if you would like more explanation on how to interpret these new grades in the meantime

If you have any queries or concerns about any of the details above, please do not hesitate to contact your child's form tutor.

Yours sincerely

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