

30 October 2012

Dear parents and carers

Our first half term after opening as ARK Kings Academy seemed to pass quickly and from those first few weeks there are a number of early successes to celebrate. Your support has been key in helping us to make this happen.

- Punctuality to school has drastically improved;
- Uniform is being worn smartly and correctly;
- Behaviour in lessons is orderly;
- Students have embraced the new aspirations of the academy well;
- Each child is getting six hours more teaching per week than last year.

I know that there is still much to do. I have the highest aspirations and hopes that every child here can achieve their best if each day they attend, arrive on time, work hard in lessons, and complete their homework. Please continue to offer your encouragement in these areas.

### **Achievement**

All students have now been set targets in all their subjects from Year 7 to Year 11. By the end of this week you will receive a summary of what level or grade they are working at based on their work up to the half term break.

We are looking very closely at all this information to make sure that all students are aware of how well they are doing, what they need to do to improve and how we best help them and you ensure they reach their targets this year.

Your first point of contact regarding this summary is your child's form tutor.

### **Announcement of Head Boy and Girl and their deputies**

I am very proud to announce the appointment of the academy's first ever Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy from our current Year 11. They are:

- Head Girl: Chloe Porter
- Head Boy: Tolu Odubanjo
- Deputy Head Girl: Sarah Ali
- Deputy Head Boy: Danny Burrows.

They have already taken up their duties and made impressive speeches at the formal opening ceremony for the academy and our end of first half term achievement assembly.

### **Recognition of achievement in the first half term**

We ended our first half term on a high note with the recognition of fifty students across all year groups who had shown the right attitudes and behaviour to school, including attendance and academic achievement. The full list of students recognised is listed below. From one of those fifty, one student was selected to receive the student of the term award. This was Makalia Bobb in Year 7.

<b>Year 7</b> Joshua Kendall Elton Esteveao Nataleigh Mills Lydea Lowe Jamie Gilbert Keeley-Marie Sheward Cheyenne Mullings Morgan Rudd-Haymes Amy McAllister Makalia Bobb	<b>Year 8</b> Cameron Goodwin Ella Cook Chloe Hill Ross Conway Meagan Duggan Kyle Byron Morgan Katie Matthewson Justin Barrett Samuel Hadley- Cambridge Chloe Russell	<b>Year 9</b> Sherlicia Bobb Brittany Lynch Jhavan Samuels Bethany Chambers Trinity Cund Isla Brookes Channon Mooney Chloe Butcher Layton McKeon Brandon Gopsill
<b>Year 10</b> Sultan Ahmed Konrad Biegun Stacey Burt Tom Harris Sinead O'Neill Chris Reading Mana Islam Shelly Gough Atlanta Campbell James Connington Harma	<b>Year 11</b> Sam Blackford Katlo Phitshane Kirhira Brown Chris Wilson Kainath Islam Jade Sykes Ali Kamran Sohaib Hafeez Danny Burrows Naqeeb Mohammed	

### **The school building**

We continue to improve the fabric of the building and make it a smart and inviting place for students.

I'm also delighted that we have attracted external interest from Hewlett Packard to provide significant investment to improve our IT facilities and how we use technology to provide great lessons. We are aiming to launch this in January 2013.

Early in 2013, we also expect to start planning the new building for the school, having been chosen as one of the 261 schools in England for the next wave of school buildings. We hope that we will move into this accommodation on the same site in about three years' time securing the long term future of the school.

### **School closure dates**

The academy will be closed on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November** for staff training along with all other ARK schools. The last school day of this term will be Friday 21st December. The school will reopen after the Christmas break on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

The remaining term dates have been sent to you already and are also in your child's planner. You can also find them and other information related to the academy on our website at [www.arkkingsacademy.org](http://www.arkkingsacademy.org)

I look forward to your continued support as we aim to make sure that your child has every chance to be the best they can be, achieve well in all their subjects and prepare themselves well for further and higher education in due course.

Yours sincerely

Mr K Larkin  
Principal