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Preparing every student to be a pillar of any community

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Dear parents and carers of KS3 and Year 10

I hope that you will agree with me that after another complex year, the students have enjoyed themselves this week accessing a range of activities, trips and events that will bring a little joy to the close of what has been another complex academic year.

I will be writing to you at the end of the summer to confirm the details of the return to school based upon what happens over the summer with regards the relaxation of the rules around Covid. In the meantime, **I am sending you a data sheet relating to the end of term exams and the ATL leagues. It also contains information relating to your child's attendance, punctuality and Pillar Points.** Please take some time to discuss this further at home.

For KS3 you will see that the exam results come in the form of an age- related grade. This grade relates to the student's academic position in the year group and is an indication of how well we think they will perform at GCSE based on this assessment.

For Year 10 you will see that there is a current grade which is the outcome of their exam in each subject

Targets will be reviewed and adjusted for September for all students

As you will be aware we have been asked by the government to administer controlled LFT prior to students re-entering the academy in September. **This means that all students will need to be tested prior to the start of term and as they re-enter the academy.** As per previous years the return to school will be staggered so that we can induct the new year 7 and 12 and conduct a Pillar Day for all other students to remind them of our culture and ethos.

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Please note the provisional start days/timings and entrance points for each year group below for the start of term and the dates when they will be expected to take their lateral flow tests which will take place in the sports hall

Year 7 Year 12 Year 13	Testing 1st Sept	Controlled LFT 1 will take place on a rotation in the Sports Hall Year 7 – 9.10.30 Year 12 – 11-1.00 Year 13 – 1.30 -3.00
Year 8 and 9	Testing 2nd September	Controlled LFT 1 will take place on a rotation in the Sports Hall Year 8 -9.00-11.00 Year 9 -11.30 -1.30
Year 10 and year 11	Testing 3rd September	Controlled LFT 1 will take place on a rotation in the Sports Hall Year 10 – 9.00-11.00 Year 11 – 11.30-1.30
Year 7	September Monday 6th September (3 days of Pillar induction)	Gates will open at 8.00 for an 8.28 start through the Pullman Gardens Entrance 2 and assemble on the Elephant playground. Lunch will be provided for all students for the first two days of school. Students will be dismissed at 3.10 On the third day students will complete a team building day with the British Army (packed lunch required) During the three days arrangements will be made to collect chrome books
Year 7 and 8	September 6th	Controlled LFT 1 will take place on a rotation in the Sports Hall Year 7 – 9.00-11.00 Year 8 – 11.30-1.30
Year 9, 10 and 11	September 7th	Controlled LFT 1 will take place on a rotation in the Sports Hall Year 9– 9.00-11.00 Year 10 – 11.30-1.00 Year 11 – 1.30-3.00
Year 8, 9, 10 and 11	Wednesday 8th September (1 day of Pillar induction)	Gates will open at 8.00 for an 8.25 start. KS3 will enter through the Pullman Gardens Entrance 2 and assemble on the Year 8 and 9 line-up areas. KS4 will enter through the Pullman Garden Entrance 2 and line up on the MUGA Dismissal will be at 3.20
Year 12	Monday 6th September	Gates will open at 8.00 for an 8.25 start. Year 12 will enter through the Pullman Gardens Entrance 1 and proceed to their tutor groups Dismissal will be at 3.00 2ND LFT taken at home
Year 13	Tuesday 7th September	Gates will open at 8.00 for an 8.25 start. Year 13 will enter through the Pullman Gardens Entrance 1 and proceed to their tutor groups Dismissal will be at 3.00 2ND LFT taken at home



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Chromebooks and Summer Digital Learning

As you will know we have been busy issuing students with chrome books which are a compulsory piece of equipment from September. Related to this, we are very excited to announce their first digital learning opportunity taking place over the summer holidays. This has been organised by the Ark Network so it is a fantastic opportunity for students to benefit from both the Chromebook scheme, and from being part of a wider community of schools. KS3 students will be using their student online learning platform 'SPArk' to take part in the 'SPArk Summer Programme' which offers a range of activities and competitions across the whole curriculum to keep your child learning over the summer break.

All the challenges can be completed at any time, in any order, so your child can choose the things that most appeal to them. The activities are a mixture of online activities and others that can be completed within the home. They can be done independently or with others, and you can even get involved too.

Pupils can access the SPArk Summer Programme by going to Ark's learning platform, SPArk (<https://arkschools.sharepoint.com/sites/Summerprogramme/>) and clicking through to their year group's page.

To help motivate students with getting involved, we will be running a competition at APA which will see the top 10 SPArk users in each year group and the top project in each subject area being awarded with an Amazon voucher in September. As a minimum, we expect students to complete three activities of their choice, but we imagine many of them will be engaged enough to complete more. Please do encourage your child to make the most of these online learning opportunities available to them over the summer.

Also, if you, as a parent, would like any information about supporting your child with online learning, keeping them safe online or promoting good mental health, Ark has developed a 'SPArk' website dedicated to parents. You do not need a login, just click on this link and explore the resources available: <https://www.ark-spark.co.uk/parent-information>

Finally, for the summer period only, we will provide a monitored e-mailbox for parents and students to access support if there is an issue with an Ark provided Chromebook. Please email devicesupport21@arkonline.org and include:

Student name

School

Description of issue

Uniform and equipment

3 There are no major changes to the uniform policy. Our uniform is available to purchase online at <https://khalsaschoolwear.co.uk/>

Uniform expectations remain high and students are expected to adhere to the policy fully which is attached with this letter. As a reminder, all students should wear proper black school shoes and all students in years 7-10 must have an APA bag. In addition to the usual set of equipment your child will also need a set of coloured pencils.

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If your child wishes to wear earrings, they are allowed one small pair of metal studs in the lower ear lobe (no diamante or pearls). Please note that facial piercings, extreme haircuts and shave marks in eyebrows are not allowed. Students must ensure that their hair is not bleached or dyed an unnatural colour. Please look over our uniform policy carefully as I do not want parents to spend money buying the wrong items.

Free school meal vouchers

These have already been issued by Wandsworth over the holidays to families that are entitled to them via Wonde. Please check your email account for further details.

As stated, I will write again in late August, but in the meantime I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a sunny summer break.

Best wishes



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