



Ark Greenwich Free School

Weekly Parent Bulletin

Friday 11th September 2020

*“There is sufficient evidence that this school could now be judged **OUTSTANDING**”
(Ofsted, 2020)*

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome all scholars back to school this week and to extend a special welcome to our new Year 7 cohort. Attendance is nearly 98%, which is a new record for the first week of term. The site is once again a hive of activity, scholars are setting extremely high standards and the new drum beat of school life has been found. Scholars seem happy to be with their friends and teachers and we continue to keep a close eye on their wellbeing.

The focus this week has been on establishing our new covid-safe routines and school culture. I've been very pleased with the way our community has responded to our new routines. Scholars are demonstrating maturity and fellowship by looking out for each other.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents of the sky high expectations we have at AGFS. It is these expectations that were recognised earlier this year by Ofsted when we received the highest grade in our inspection. It is these standards that keep our scholars safe and ensure they make exponential academic progress. Staff at our school are trained to address every small detail and this is because we care about our scholars and want them to reach for the stars.

The truth is that it would be far easier for staff to ignore a scholar who is not paying attention in lessons, fail to address a scholar who is late to school or to allow a scholar not to complete their homework to a sufficient standard. We will never take this easy option because we care. Our staff will take the time to issue a sanction or intervention and to support the scholar to correct their mistake so that it doesn't happen again.

Remember, we are always here to support you and your child. Your first point of contact should always be your child's form tutor.

Thank you, as always, for your superb support.

Mr Spiers, Headteacher

Online Open Evenings:
September 23rd and 24th
Read on for more.

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday 23rd September, Online Open Evening Q&A session 18:00-19:00 register at: <https://arkgreenwichfreeschool.org/news/open-events-2020>

Thursday 24th September, Online Open Evening Q&A session 18:00-19:00 register at: <https://arkgreenwichfreeschool.org/news/open-events-2020>

Travel to School

All scholars are **strongly** advised to walk or cycle to school. Those that must catch a bus must check the [TFL website for school bus services only](#). Your child should arrive promptly for 7.45am-8.20am and no earlier or later.



Loud and Proud

Scholars have been working diligently with their tutors this week to articulate their ambitions loud and proud. We kindly ask you to speak with your child about this, and ask them to practice being loud and proud with you. It is important to our school's values and culture that our scholars stand with confidence, project their voice, and speak with pride.

Scholar Detentions and Interventions

Notifications of scholar detentions and academic interventions are sent via email. Parents need to ensure they check this method of communication daily. Please note communication requests for details regarding detentions must come to school reception via info@arkgreenwich.org or by phone.

Baseline Assessments

Given all scholars have had an extended period out of school, we intend to use some nationally-referenced assessments to identify what they do and do not know.

Scholars do not need to worry about these assessments and revision is not necessary; they are simply a way of understanding where scholars' strengths and weaknesses currently exist. By completing these assessments at the beginning of the term, it will ensure any emergent gaps are closed quickly and that rates of progress accelerate.

For more information about the assessment dates and times, please click here: <https://tinyurl.com/BaselineAssessmentSchedule>

All scholars should bring an inexpensive pair of headphones for with them to school for NGRT and Star Reader Assessments.

Congratulations to the 'Students of the Week' for showing their commitment to our values this week!

1	Cassidy Caisey	★
2	Morgan Grisley	
3	Joshua Caesar	
4	Hope King	
5	Sophie Truscott-Smith	★
6	Raquel Reais-Miguel	
7	Tay Pelage-Mahoney	
8	Kelly Kamulingi-Pereira	
9	Bukunmi Awe	
10	Alonzo De Smet	★

Medication

Any scholars who take medication must bring in a spare medication and copy of their prescription to hold on site. Scholars are **not** permitted to carry medication on them unless it is their spare epi-pen or asthma pump. You must inform reception if a scholar needs to carry either one of these by emailing info@arkgreenwich.org.



How do you log into ShowMyHomework?

Go to <https://www.satchelone.com/login>

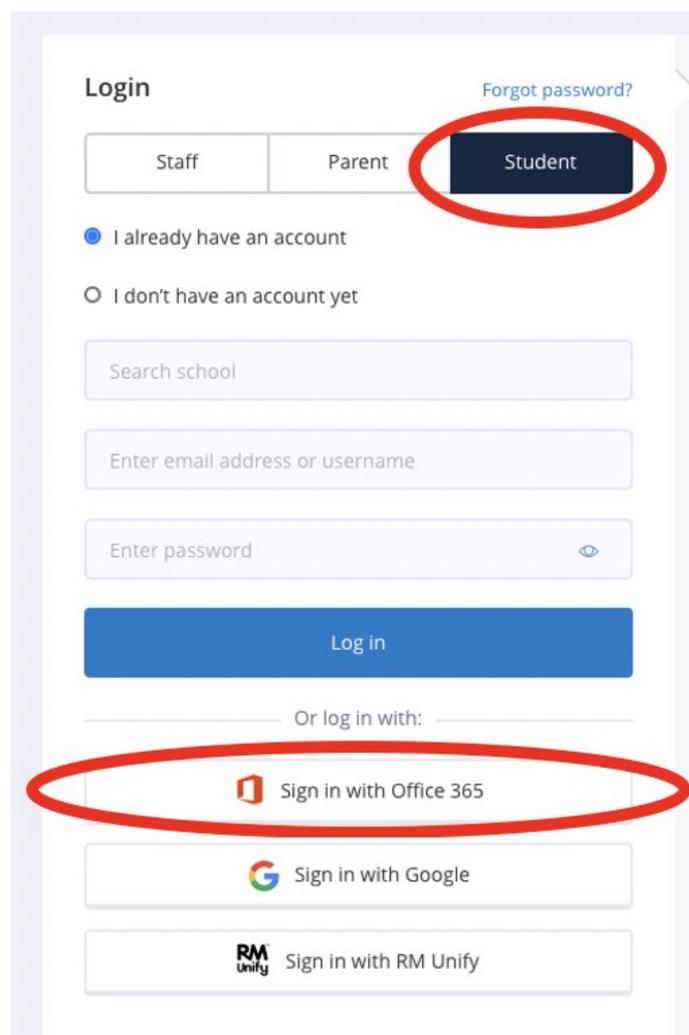
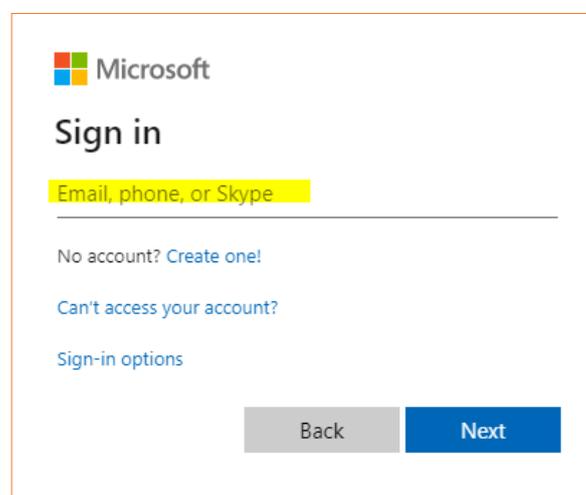
1. Select 'Student'
2. Click 'Sign in with Office 365'
3. Type in your school email address, click 'Next'
4. Type in your password, select 'Sign in'

How do you log into your School Email?

Go to <https://login.microsoftonline.com/>

Account?

1. Type in your school email address, click 'Next'
2. Type in your password, select 'Sign in'



Borrowed School Laptops

If your child borrowed a school laptop during lockdown these now must be returned to school. Please ensure your child returns their device to Reception who can record the return before Friday 18th September.

Lunch Account Top Ups and Free School Meals

It is vital that all of our scholars are able to eat a healthy and filling lunch to ensure that they remain well and are able to engage fully with the lessons each day. We have spoken to all scholars about the importance of eating at lunchtime and we ask that you affirm that message at home.

Please ensure that your child has either a packed lunch, or money on their account each day.

Accounts can be topped up via WisePay or cash. If you wish to apply for free school meals visit the Borough's website at <https://tinyurl.com/y5cftp6k>.

Exciting Opportunity for Y11 students and Parents

Join us for the Ark Apprenticeships Expo!

Interested in an apprenticeship? Not sure if an apprenticeship is for you? Join the Apprenticeships Expo, a series of interactive webinars from some of the UK's top apprenticeship employers. You'll hear from apprentices and employers about what apprenticeships are out there, what it's really like to do an apprenticeship and how you/your child can secure your place on an apprenticeship.

Ark are hosting a virtual apprenticeship expo where students or parents can hear from leading apprenticeship employers about

Tech, Digital, and Media Apprenticeships on Tuesday 6th Oct, 3.30pm

Health, Science and Society Apprenticeships on Wednesday 7th Oct, 3.30pm

Business and Finance Apprenticeships on Thursday 8th Oct, 3.30pm.

Email your Careers Lead Ms Neville, ineville@arkgreenwich.org, asking to be added to the register by Tuesday 29th September 2020 to secure your place. We'll send you an apprenticeships resource pack and the webinar links.

'The Expo was great and I believe this is one of the best opportunities available for students to attend!' Ark student, 2019

Work Experience Opportunities – Y10 and Y11 Students

We are pleased to announce, in conjunction with InvestInEducation, the most ambitious schedule ever of career experience programmes for this term, with some exciting new initiatives, including:

- 8 x brand new industries
- 9 x online internships during half-term
- 10 x flagship Summer Internships

And much more...

All autumn term programmes will be delivered 'Live Online'.

Full details of the programmes available can be found here <https://tinyurl.com/InvestInEducationWEX> where you can also register for a place.

Please note that WEX placements can only take place during the following dates/times. AGFS will NOT authorise any placements found that take place during the school term.

WEX Dates Available for placements during Academic Year 2020-21:

- October Half Term - 26th -30th October 2020
- December Half Term - 21st - 24th December or 28th - 31st December 2020
- February Half Term - 15th - 19th February 2021

School Communications

Don't miss out on communications coming from AGFS! All school emails are saved [here](#). To make sure you never miss a notification, sign up to our free Xpressions App. More details are attached to this bulletin. Please note, text replies to school messages go unmonitored. Please communicate with the school via the normal channels at 02083193692 or at info@arkgreenwich.org. Also follow us on LinkedIn and Twitter at:



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