



Ark Greenwich Free School

Weekly Parent Bulletin

Friday 25th September 2020

*“There is sufficient evidence that this school could now be judged **OUTSTANDING**”*

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have set an extremely high bar this year and our scholars have risen to the challenge. In particular, scholars are developing independence and academic mastery by completing their daily Quizlet homework and this is catapulting academic progress across the curriculum. Thank you for continuing to support your child from home with this.

Next week teachers will be reaching out to all of our families by telephone. They will want to share some positive news about your child and discuss how they have settled in to the year so far. These calls are part of a new initiative to build on the excellent home school relationships that were developed during the lockdown period.

Thank you for being incredibly ambitious for your child and have a nice weekend.

Mr Spiers

Key Upcoming Dates

***Monday 28th September, Baseline testing continues**

***Wednesday 30th September, Online SEND Info Evening 17:15-18:00, sign up at: <https://forms.gle/4N4eqL9CuiniC81T8>**

***Wednesday 30th September, Online GCSE Info Evening 18:00-19:00, sign up at: <https://forms.gle/Rdc1TCciw7nyhbQeA>**

***Thursday 1st October, Live Q&A session for homework troubleshooting, Black History Month commences**

***Friday 2nd October, INSET Day—school closed to all Scholars**

***Monday 5th October, Virtual Lower School Form Tutor evening—further details will be communicated next week**

***Monday 26th— Friday 30th October, Half Term Break**

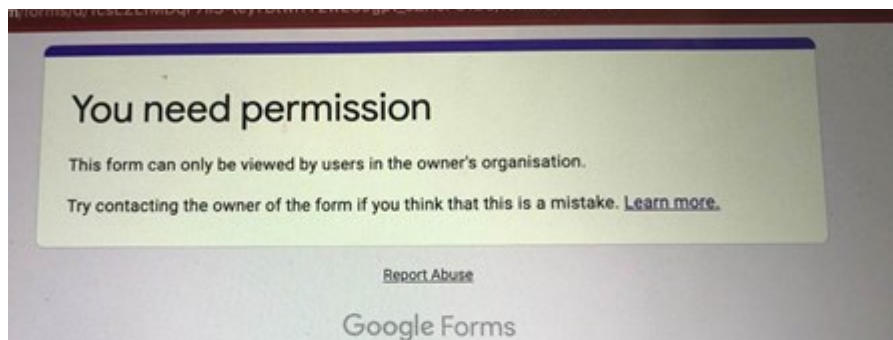
*** please note these dates have been altered from last week’s bulletin.**

Scholar Independent Learning

Scholars each have stickers in their planners which details all their user and log in details for our Homework platforms.

Google Forms

Scholars are using Google forms to complete important prerequisite tests as part of their independent learning. Some scholars have received the below error message when they click on the link to the tests:



This is being caused by someone else being logged into Google Chrome.

Scholars and parents should always use Chrome when accessing SMHW, and to press this link if they come across this issue: <https://accounts.google.com/logout>

This will sign whoever is logged into Chrome out.



Family Dining

At AGFS we believe in developing the whole child – this means we do more than simply achieve great exam results. Our character development programme permeates all aspects of school life, with Family Dining being a focal point each day. During Family dining scholars will eat lunch with their year group and sit with different people each day. This helps scholars to develop conversation skills and extend their friendship groups. A member of staff will facilitate a discussion around the character theme of the week and scholars share their reflections with each other and the whole year group. Our themes for the first term are linked to self-confidence, resilience and independence. Scholars speak in an overwhelmingly positive environment because they are quick to support one and other. It has been a delight to see how their public speaking skills have flourished as they become able to proudly state their views and opinions. Scholars also give appreciations where they identify someone they are grateful for – parents are often highlighted by scholars. We know that our scholars will need these characteristics to be successful and encourage parents to try this at home too.

Contact details

We look forward to speaking to you all this weeks during our new termly phone call home. One important part of this call will be checking we have all the up to date contact and emergency contact details for your child. If you know that you have updated contact or emergency contacts for us please do have these available on your call this week or update them at any time by emailing info@arkgreenwich.org.

COVID

The symptoms of Covid 19 include a high temperature, persistent new dry cough and loss of smell or taste. Student should isolate if they have any or only these symptoms. Seek assistance from 111 if needed. Other symptoms reported are not classed to require isolating or quarantining. If a member of your household has been asked to isolate due to coming into contact with a positive case—unless your child is showing symptoms themselves they must still come to school.

[The most recent Government Guidance for parents is available via this link.](#)

FREE Virtual Post 16 Careers Fair— Y11 Students

FREE VIRTUAL EVENT
Universities | Colleges | Apprenticeships

Just because you can't attend a Careers Fair in person this autumn doesn't mean you have to miss out on exploring all your post-18 options!

Join on Wednesday 4th November from 12pm - 6pm for the UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair.

The event will feature over 80 universities, colleges and apprenticeship providers for an incredible event designed to support you from the safety of school or home. Universities will include Russell Group, Red Brick, Modern and Specialist institutions.

For more information about the event, [click here to open it in your browser](#). Students will need to register themselves for the event, to visit here <https://ukunisearch-london.vfairs.com/>

Be a Model AGFS Parent

Parent involvement in a child's schooling up to the age of 16 is a powerful force which is strongly linked to educational achievement (Department for Education). To help you get off to a strong start in supporting your child as an AGFS scholar, we've created this document with key tips to help your child achieve to their potential. We ask all parents and carers to review this document and action these tips at home.

Home School Commitment

At the start of every academic school year, we ask our scholars and families to recommit to the values and ethos of Ark Greenwich Free School. Please review the home school commitment [here](#).

Parent Xpressions App

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. [The step by step guidance for accessing the app are linked here](#). 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.



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CONGRATULATIONS

to our highest Golden Ticket earners for this week!

Name	Tutor Group	NET
Hart-Battersby, Mathilde	7S	13
Grogan, Billy	7N	11
Otelaja, Elizabeth	7N	10
Semere, Eiemiela	7N	10
Jallow, Mohammed	7N	9
Mason, Stephanie	8S	8
Jagodic South, Thea	8W	7
Kershaw, Lillie	8W	7
Walsh, Kiera	8W	7
Krawczyk, Kasper	8W	6
Morrison, Princess	9N	9
Ameyaw, Papa	9N	8
Grogan, Gracie	9N	8

Name	Tutor Group	NET
Grogan, Gracie	9N	8
Oshikoya, Amidat	9N	8
Heath, Amelia	9N	7
Nvo, Rania	10N	9
Ali, Gozde	10S	8
Bahra, Deeyahni	10S	8
Ekinu, Ki'Annah	10H	8
Oliveira, Safira	10N	8
Danso, Emmanuella	11N	6
La Roche, Leah	11N	6
Thomas, Zayn	11S	6
Douglas, Imani	11N	5
Hickey, Lucy	11S	5