



Ark Greenwich Free School

Weekly Parent Bulletin

Friday 3rd July 2020

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

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you once again for your support with the end of year examinations and assessments this week. Teachers have been impressed with the quality of scholar's answers and are looking forward to starting review and refinement lessons next week. You will receive a full end of year report together with supporting next steps resources in the final week of term. Please note that there will be important core knowledge mastery work for all scholars to complete before they return to school in September.

It's been wonderful to see so many happy smiling faces this week as we continue to welcome more tutor groups back into school for face-to-face strategy meetings. These meetings have given scholars the opportunity to see their friends and teachers and look forward to September. It has also provided me with an opportunity to tell them just how proud I am of the way in which they have responded during the lockdown period. Have no doubt, our school and its scholars will emerge stronger than ever in September.

We are continuing to plan on the basis that all scholars in all year groups will be returning to full-time education at the start of the next academic year. I will send you further details on start dates/times for all year groups next week.

And finally, Ark Greenwich Free School was in the news this week, please click here to read the story: <https://www.newsshopper.co.uk/news/18551883.ark-greenwich-free-school-turnaround-praised-ofsted-report/>.

Mr Spiers
Headteacher

Upcoming Dates

Monday 6th July 10:00-11:00am – 8N & 9N Strategic Planning Meeting
information has been sent to all 8N and 9N parents.

Tuesday 7th July 10:00-11:00am – 8S & 9S Strategic Planning Meeting
information has been sent to all 8S and 9S parents.

Wednesday 8th July 1:50-2:50pm – 8W & 9W Strategic Planning Meeting
information has been sent to all 8W and 9W parents.

Thursday 9th July 4:00-5:00pm – 10H & 10N Strategic Planning Meeting
information has been sent to all 10H and 10N parents.

Friday 10th July 4:00-5:00pm – 10S & 10W Strategic Planning Meeting
information has been sent to all 10S and 10W parents.

Friday 17th July, Last Day of School, early closure at 12:30pm

Scholars will attend an end of term assembly between 8.50-11.30 am and then have tutor time from 11.45am-12.30pm.

Congratulations to the
 'Students of the Week' for
 their great participation
 online and on homework.
 Well done!

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| 1 | Papa Ameyaw |
| 2 | Radostin Angelov |
| 3 | Maeva-Grace Arzur-Kean |
| 4 | Yu Shen Chen |
| 5 | Mamoudou Diallo |
| 6 | Raguiatou Diallo |
| 7 | Lara Georgescu |
| 8 | Olivia-Nicole Abraham |
| 9 | Aaron Adade-Boateng |
| 10 | Zayan Amos |



We would like to congratulate Elliot Kilroy on the selection of his creative writing piece, Spine Chiller, to be published in a Young Writers' Anthology this autumn. AGFS is incredibly proud of his hard work on his writing, and wish to congratulate him on this achievement. Well done, Elliot!

Don't miss out on communications coming from AGFS! All school emails are saved at the below links: [Year 7 and 11 Transitions](#) and [Years 8–10 Communications](#)

Exam refinement and end of term arrangements

Congratulations to all scholars for their excellent performance in their end of year examinations. We are so proud of the resilience and determination that all scholars showed in completing their examinations remotely; they really have used the closure period to get ahead of their peers nationally.

Online lessons resume for Key Stage 4 scholars from 8.50am on Monday 6th July. The focus of the final two weeks of term is to refine the examination papers and understand scholars' strengths and weaknesses. If your child missed an exam due to known issues with Virgin Media internet, individual teachers will give students the opportunity to take the examinations they missed next week. **Pre-recorded refinement lessons for Key Stage 3 scholars** will be uploaded for them to complete. Key Stage 3 scholars must submit all work they complete.

On 17th July 2020, parents and scholars will receive important documents:

1. End of year report with end of year 11 predictions and information about attitude to learning, attendance and behaviour.
2. Details of the compulsory summer independent learning tasks all scholars must complete. This will involve self-quizzing and revision of the 'core knowledge' from this year's work. All scholars will be tested on this in the first week back in September.

Key Stage 4 students will receive a *personalised learning checklist*, which explains strengths and weaknesses in individual subjects and gives students next step advice on how to improve.

End of year tutor times will be scheduled for scholars in the final weeks of term. These will be arranged via MS Teams. **Scholars need their school email address and password to be able to use MS Teams.** If your child does not know their school email address and password, please contact the school urgently so we can re-issue this.

Y8-11 Strategic Planning Meetings

It has been an absolute pleasure welcoming your child back on site for their strategic planning meeting. It has been vital for us to have one last opportunity to see them after this lengthy school closure period and before the summer holidays. We have used the time wisely to discuss their highlights of lockdown, how they demonstrated the school values during this period, what they are looking forward to the most when they return in September and setting a target for themselves for their next academic year.

We are committed to helping your child succeed and used this time wisely to plan their next steps positively during these unprecedented times. Together, we must work as a team, demonstrating fellowship like what we ask of your child. Therefore, following your child's meeting, we would like you to discuss with your child what target they have set themselves for the next academic year and what actions they plan to take to achieve this. Equally, please ask your child what core knowledge quizzes they have to complete over the summer to master the core knowledge for each subject and what books they plan to read. It would be great to do some reading with them and activities such as cooking, going for walks and do their Quizlets with them. We wish you a very pleasant summer and look forward to welcoming your child back in September.

Y8 and 9 Joining MS Teams

Y8/9 will be joining MS Teams form time sessions in a staggered fashion over the next two weeks. Teachers will use Show My Homework to issue the link to the Team meeting for each tutor group, along with any resources that will be used in the session. It is important students watch [this](#) video which explains how to join the meeting.

Any year 8 and 9 students experiencing any issues with Microsoft Teams/ Show My Homework, please email info@arkgreenwich.org.

Ark Sports Day Challenge

On July 1st, Ark schools came together to begin a two week challenge running now through the 15th, to see which school could run, walk or cycle the most kilometres in a 2 week time period. This competition is among all the schools in the Ark network, in replacement of this year's Sports day.

We all can get involved– staff, students, parents, friends– all can get involved. To sign up for free and track your kilometres, go to: www.arksportsdaychallenge.com

For further information on how to upload your information onto the tracker from AGFS PE Teacher, Mr Guildford, click here: <https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/beaaf3dd-5688-4a8d-b616-2ef563fb9c0a>

This is a competition and we'd love to come out on top– help us achieve the greatest distance! All details are also on your child's Show My Homework portal.

Mace – Design a health centre contest

Who: KS3-5 students

What: You have been appointed as architect by Mace, an international consultancy and architecture firm, to design a new health centre in a small town in the UK. The health centre is next to the park, where there is plenty of green space and has a bus stop and cycle pathway next to it. The only requirements you have been given by the local Council are that it must be welcoming and accessible to everyone and should be able to accommodate six consultation rooms, reception, toilets and a waiting room. The rest is entirely up to you. You must provide a design for the health centre, created by hand or using Google Sketchup, a programme that is used by students and professionals in building design.

Find out more: Please see the PDF attached. **Closing date Friday 24 July, 5pm**

Great Resources for All

BBC Bitesize Resources for learning from home are created by teachers and other educational experts, featuring a mix of videos, animations, practice activities, quizzes, and games. Access the site free at: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons/>

Oak National Academy provides a sequenced plan of video lessons and curricular resources to use flexibly, to complement existing teaching and planning. This is another excellent resource available to parents for free at:

<https://www.thenational.academy/information-for-parents-pupils>

J.P. Morgan Hosts Free Online Sessions

J.P. Morgan's Emerging Talent team are running fantastic digital learning sessions that will provide tips on 'How could we be more resilient?' to 'CV and Interview Practice' and much more. Register your interest as soon as possible by clicking the links below:

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| <p>Hear from our Junior Talent: The Inside Story from our Apprentices & Graduates</p> <p>Date: 6th July 2020 at 4pm BST</p> <p>Registration link: https://event.on24.com/Hear from our Junior talent</p> | <p>Excel Training</p> <p>Date: 13th July 2020 at 4pm BST</p> <p>Registration link: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/Excel Training</p> |
| <p>Technology at J.P. Morgan</p> <p>Date: 27th July 2020 at 4pm BST</p> <p>Registration link: https://event.on24.com/Technology at J.P.</p> | <p>How Can We Be More Resilient?</p> <p>Date: 20th July 2020 at 4pm BST</p> <p>Registration link: https://event.on24.com/How can we be more resilient</p> |
| <p>J.P. Morgan Next Steps</p> <p>Date: 3rd August 2020 at 4pm BST</p> <p>Registration link: https://event.on24.com/J.P. Morgan Next Steps</p> | |

Online University Open Days

Who: All year groups are invited to participate in the below online university open days.

Find out more at:

- [University of Sheffield - 27/and 11/7](#)
- [Cambridge Open Days 2/7 & 3/7](#)

Should your child or family be on the vulnerable list or be shielding due to symptoms or living with someone in the vulnerable category, please make us aware by contacting reception at info@arkgreenwich.org.

Brunel University: 'GetUReady' programme

Wed 3 June – Wed 22 July, 11:00 - 15:00

Who: KS3 – KS5

What: We're running a series of live online, interactive sessions to help students develop their study skills and prepare for university life. We'll have sample undergraduate-level lectures from leading academics.

Find out more: <https://www.brunel.ac.uk/study/get-u-ready>

Year 11s, Post—16 at North Kent College

Scholars in Y11, currently undertaking research into their post 16 progression, may wish to take a virtual campus tour of North Kent College. This is an excellent opportunity for scholars to explore what this facility has to offer in KS5, including the courses available and their entry requirements. Virtual campus tours are available up until the 30th June. To join in with this virtual open event tour follow the link here: <https://www.northkent.ac.uk/news-and-events/events/142/virtual-campus-tour->

Year 11 to 12 Transitional Resources

Resources for a wide variety of A level subjects are now posted for Y11 students in the transitions section of our website. To see those materials, visit: <https://arkgreenwichfreeschool.org/admissions/transition-communication-years-7-and-11>

Virtual School with CTK for year 11s

Christ the King have set up a [Year 11 Virtual School](#), that has a number of resources to support year 11 students with their transition to post-16 study and includes the following:

- Transition booklets for all the subjects offered at Christ the King Sixth Forms which includes activities for students to complete, online and reading resources to help students prepare for their post-16 studies.
- A Free careers download activity pack which students can access and work on.
- CTK Year 11 Careers Hotline, is proving popular so if students need any impartial advice the CTK Team are here to help at this difficult time.

Here you will find transition booklets for all our subjects, to help you prepare for your post-16 studies. You can also download a free careers guide with activities and tips to help you find out more about your options after school. Their careers advisors are ready to help and give you specialised careers advice, please contact them on careers@ctksfc.ac.uk if you need any careers support.

If you have already applied to a place at Christ the King Sixth Forms, or wish to apply and have questions please see our FAQ [here](#).

LSEC Virtual Tour

London South East Colleges is holding a host of events online. The events will cover a range of vocational courses for 16-18s, apprenticeships and traineeships as well as higher education courses offered by our University Centre. LSEC staff will be on hand to answer any questions students may have about their courses, student support and student life. Students will also be able to meet tutors. Full details can be found on Show My Homework.

Best way to communicate with teachers at AGFS

We understand from key contact calls that some scholars are having difficulty getting in contact with our teachers via Show My Homework. If you experience an issue, please contact info@arkgreenwich.org in the first instance. Your message will then be actioned via our reception team. We thank you for your continued support in assuring your child is uploading their work to SMHW. Should you experience difficulties uploading, please contact reception.

Y11 Work Experience – Update

Following the Y11 Assembly on Monday 15th June please find below the details on how AGFS can support you in your WEX placements.

Covid-19 pandemic and the need to close schools and businesses, understandable this has had an impact on students searching and securing their WEX placements for September 2020. AGFS, by law, are committed to providing Y11 students with a WEX placement before they leave in July 2021. Therefore, AGFS are able to open up additional dates for students to complete their WEX placement with providers.

Students need to follow either process 1 or process 2 below:

Process 1 - Already secured your placement prior to lockdown

- 1) If you secured your placement prior to lockdown, students now need to contact their provider and confirm they are still able to attend the placement during 1st - 4th September 2020.
- 2) If the provider is unable to provide the placement during September, ask if they can accommodate during the additional dates available (see dates below)
- 3) If the provider is unable to provide the placement on any of the dates available, students will need to actively research for a new provider and follow process 2 (see below)
- 4) Notify Mrs Neville of any changes to your original placement via the Connect Placement App so this placement can be verified by AGFS..

Process 2 - Not secured a placement prior to or during lockdown

- 1) Actively search for providers in your area/chosen field to secure your placement with them, ideally for 1st - 4th September 2020.
- 2) If the provider is unable to accommodate your placement during September, ask them if they can provide this during the other dates available (see dates below)
- 3) Once you have secured your placement add the details to the Connect Placement App so this placement can be verified by AGFS.

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

- September - 1st - 4th September 2020
- 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

If you are successful in securing a placement, please upload the details onto the Connect Placement App so Mrs Neville can verify this for you. The employer may even ask to conduct an interview over the phone to help secure the placement. **Note: Any placements secured during term time will NOT be authorised by AGFS, with the exception of the September 2020 dates.**

We are also offering Virtual WEX placements between 17th - 21st August 2020 and further details will be issued soon on how to sign up for this.

Attachments from Today's Bulletin

Please see your attachments via email/Xpressions app to see further resources from today's bulletin. This includes information about:

- Mace design contest brief
- Free School Meals information