



Ark Greenwich Free School

Weekly Parent Bulletin

Friday 6th November 2020

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

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This continues to be a challenging time for us as we head into new national restrictions. Throughout the pandemic, we have worked hard to ensure the health and wellbeing of our staff and our scholars – and we will always put our school community first. Our school remains open and standards for learning and culture remain extremely high. The best place for our scholars is at school where they can continue their learning and development and be in a safe space with their friends and teachers. Please continue to follow government guidance here: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> and thank you, as always, for you unwavering support.

Mr Spiers
Headteacher

Key Upcoming Dates

Monday 9th – 23rd November, Year 11 Mock Exams, *please encourage your child to revise for these mocks as they would for full GCSE exams.*

Monday 9th – 13th November, Maths Week

Monday 16th – 27th November, Phone Calls Home, *your key contact will be in touch with you during this time to check in.*

Tuesday 17th and Friday 27th November – Digital Days, *further communication regarding the 17th will be sent shortly.*

Wednesday 18th November – Y7 Matriculation, *year 7s will celebrate during afternoon assembly. Scholars may return home slightly later than usual.*

Wellbeing Workshops Introduced

In these unprecedented times, we recognise that young peoples' mental health requires more attention than ever. It's for this reason Ms Towler has been setting up a series of workshops to tackle some of the common issues that our scholars may face.

Feedback from scholars who took part in the first workshops have been incredible, with more than half of them asking to join more sessions in the future. It is very encouraging that so many of our scholars are engaging with this support on offer.

Tutors and other members of staff have made recommendations of those who would benefit from one or more of these groups, but if you would like your child to be added to the waiting lists, please refer to the calendar of events and contact Ms Towler directly (Jtowler@arkgreenwich.org) with the particular workshops that you and your child have in mind.

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MANAGING STRESS & ANXIETY
SELF-ESTEEM
BODY POSITIVITY
YEAR 11 EXAM STRESS
RESILIENCE
MINDFULNESS
HOLIDAY WELLNESS
MANAGING ANGER

Year 10 and 11 GCSE Revision Guides

To support y10 and 11 scholars with revision for their end of term and mock examinations, all departments have specified a recommended revision guide. A list of the recommended revision guides can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/Revisiononapage>.

The school is able to offer these revision guides at cost price and scholars in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant will receive them for free. To purchase revision guides from the school, please fill in the attached form and send to finance@arkgreenwich.org no later than 30th November at 8am.

1	Iresha Dussard, 7N	★
2	Youcef Lerari, 7N	
1	Haneef Onilewura, 8N	★
2	Henry Phipps, 8H	
1	Aeris Simon, 9N	★
2	Irvin Kabengele, 9S	
1	Ki'Annah Ekinu, 10H	★
2	Nicoleta Cornescu, 10W	
1	Christian Mason, 11S	★
2	Leah La Roche, 11N	

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

Black History Concert

Last Month our talented scholars took part in a virtual concert celebrating Black History Month. Please join us in watching their incredible work here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ljdme8r8r78>.

Parking Enforcement

The issue of parents and carers parking, dropping off, and picking up children from the entrance/exit of the Royal Herbert Pavilion building parallel with the school has been raised again from the Pavilion's management and a Greenwich MP. We kindly ask that you respect our neighbours and do not drop off or pick up in these areas, as they are private property. Please find an alternative location to do so. Thank you for your cooperation. Further guidance on visiting AGFS is here: https://arkgreenwichfreeschool.org/sites/default/files/Advanced%20Visitor%20information%20-%20Getting%20to%20AGFS_o.pdf



COVID-19 Symptoms

The symptoms of Covid-19 include a high temperature, persistent new dry cough and loss of smell or taste. Scholars 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.](#)

Weekly Assembly

Reminder

Each week scholars have two assemblies, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Please note scholars may return 5-10 mins later on assembly days, especially during rewards assembly, as we are celebrating your child's success! Please see the schedule of assemblies below:

Assembly	AM	PM
Monday	Y7	Y11
Tuesday	Y8	Y10
Wednesday	Y9	Y7
Thursday	Y10	Y8
Friday	Y11	Y9

Dismissal is from 4:00-4:30pm Monday -Wednesday and 3:00-3:30pm Thursday and Friday.

Cash Loader Delay

Please note, there is a slight delay with one of our cash loaders at school, so amounts are not updating immediately, however funds are being credited to accounts with only a few minute delay.

School Work During Absence

There may be occasions this term when a child is well enough to complete school work but, due to restrictions and advice linked to Covid-19, it is not advisable for them to attend school. In these cases, scholars must work independently so that they do not fall behind. Thanks to significant improvements nationally in the quality of remote provision, scholars can be supported with the topics they are studying in school through the *Oak National Academy*, *Greenshaw Learning Trust Online Curriculum*, *Seneca Learning* and *BBC Bitesize*.

If scholars can work at home, they should go to <https://arkgreenwichfreeschool.org/news/education-during-isolation> and download a 'work from home diary'. They should then follow their timetable, using the online platforms and the topic list to guide their learning. Scholars should list the work they have done for each subject on the diary and then parents should countersign this to check it has been completed. When scholars are well enough to return to school, they should present the work from home diary to their form tutor, who will sign it and store it. Golden tickets will be issued to scholars who show tenacity and endeavour while working from home.

If you have any questions about these arrangements, please contact Mr MacPherson (dmacpherson@arkgreenwich.org) in the first instance.

Post-16 Open Events Coming Up

- [CTK Aquinas](#) are holding their virtual open event Saturday 7th November 9.30am-1pm
- [Woolwich Poly](#) are holding a virtual open event on Monday 9th November 5-6pm
- [Shooters Hill 6th Form](#) open event Wednesday 11th November - check website for timings
- [Harris Academy Greenwich](#) virtual open event Wednesday 11th November - check website for timings
- [CTK St Mary's](#) are holding their virtual open event on Saturday 14th November 9.30am-1pm
- [Haberdashers Aske's Academy Hatcham](#) virtual open event Saturday 14th November
- [LSEC](#) are holding their post 16 open event between 17th & 19th November
- [Haberdashers Aske's Academy Crayford](#) open event Tuesday 17th November 4pm-7pm
- [CTK Emmanuel](#) are having their virtual open event on Saturday 21st November 9.30am-1pm
- [Bexley Grammar School](#) virtual open event on Monday 23rd November
- [Beths Grammar School](#) virtual open event Monday 23rd November
- [Townley Grammar School](#) virtual open event Monday 23rd November

Please note, these dates may be subject to change. Parents and carers are advised to contact the post-16 provider to assure correct details.

Year 10 Work Experience

Following the WEX launch assembly 20th October, scholars in Y10 must continue to be proactive in their search for a suitable WEX placement with employers and securing their placement for completion in September 2021.

All Y10 scholars are reminder that they need to create their account for WEX on the ConnectEd App by **Friday 27th November**. Details have been sent direct to the scholars' school email account on how to do this from our WEX provider Changing Education. If any scholars are experiencing problems downloading the app, please contact Mrs Neville who will be able to assist you at ineville@arkgreenwich.org.

Achievements

Congratulations to the following scholars who have successfully completed virtual work experience placements during the October 1/2 term:

- Bailey G 10S – Willmott Dixon, Reed Smith Law Firm and The Co-op
- Success M 10S – The Co-op
- Christian M 11S – Willmott Dixon

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 communication with the school via the normal channels at 02083193692 or at info@arkgreenwich.org. Also follow us on LinkedIn and Twitter at:



@ArkGreenwich



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What to Do With Covid-19 Scenarios

We want our families to know what to do if they come into a scenario where they confront Covid-19. Please read below for such scenarios. To get a corona virus test visit <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. To inform the school always call reception or email info@arkgreenwich.org.

What to do if...	Action needed...	Return to School When...
...my child has COVID-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Self-isolate the whole household - Get a COVID-19 test - Inform school immediately about the test result 	...the test comes back negative.
...my child tests positive for COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Agree an earliest date for possible return. (Min 14 Days) - Self-isolate the whole household 	...they complete 14 days (min) isolation and feel well enough to attend.
...my child tests negative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact school to inform us - Discuss when your child can come back (same/next day) 	...the test comes back negative or your child is well enough to return.
... my child is ill with symptoms not linked to COVID-19 (runny nose and/or sore throat).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Check temperature and for symptoms of COVID-19 - If no COVID-19 symptoms, agree an earliest date for possible return 	...they feel better and have no signs of illness for 48 hours
...someone in my household tests positive for COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Self-isolate the whole household - Household member to get a COVID-19 test - Inform school immediately about the test result 	...the child has completed 14 days quarantine.
..NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of someone with symptoms or confirmed COVID19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us -The student and household member must self - Isolate for 14 days 	...the child has completed 14 days quarantine.