

YEAR 7

Weekly Parent Update – Preparing for starting school tomorrow – 7th September 2022

Dear parents/carers

We look forward to welcoming your child to school tomorrow

- **Year 7 Induction Day 1 – Thursday 8th September 8:25 – 4pm**
Year 7 are not in school Friday 9th September
- **Year 7 Induction Day 2 – Monday 12th September 8:25 – 4pm**– bring chromebooks
- Normal school hours from Tuesday 11th
- For your information, pupil photographs for school cards will be taken in school on Tuesday morning by professional photographers

Parking when dropping off and collecting

We appreciate all the parents who use the Barnet Playing Fields car park (past the school on Barnet Lane and it's on the left, to the south of the site).

Please do not park on someone's drive or block the footpath by parking on that. We have 3 residents on Westcombe Drive & one on Fairfax place who have explicitly asked that parents do not block their drives. Our staff will be around in the morning and afternoon for duty – we will ask you to move your car if we notice parking is an issue.

Thank you for your support – this really helps to have safe roads, travel to school and build positive relationships with our neighbours.

Webinar - Supporting your child in year 7 – All Y7 parents Thursday 22nd September 6pm

We would like to have all new parents join us for a webinar at **6pm** on Thursday 22nd September. This will be hosted online and led by Assistant Principal Dan Burton & Head of Year 7 Chloe Harris. There will be an introduction to tutors and we will go through all key information for the autumn term.

Welcome to Pioneer – Tours during the school day for our parents

We are very excited to invite parents on site for a 'Welcome to Pioneer' parents session. Dates available on link now for Y7 are: 23rd, 26th, 30th. If you have already booked, please don't book a second session – you will receive an email confirming your place by the end of the week.

Click here to request a place: <https://forms.office.com/r/27SV4FzwPj>

Year 7 Pastoral Team this year

Mr Burton will oversee Key Stage 3 as Assistant Principal. Year 7 will be led by **Head of Year, Ms Harris**. You will receive an introductory email from your child's tutor listed below – they are your main contact for issues related to school.

You can see a full staff list with roles on our website here: <https://arkpioneer.org/about-us/staff-list>

7 Angelou	Ms Ofosua-Gyamera
7 Farah	Mr Mullahy
7 Howe	Ms Dubignon
7 Mukai	Ms Kamal
7 Parton	Ms Odugu
7 Robinson	Mr Mbofana
Co-tutors	Ms Clark, Mr Medland & Mr Scammell

Uniform, equipment & school food - reminder

All pupils should be in full school uniform on the first day (not PE kit). Uniform information is on our website [here](#). Pupils also need a professional pencil case and scientific calculator & Pioneer school bag.

Food will be provided free of charge on the first induction day. Please ensure that your child's

iPayimpact account is **topped up from 12th onwards** if your child is having school breaks or lunches. Year 7 will receive free school meals until their card is prepared with their photograph on Wednesday 14th. Any snacks brought in by pupils should be healthy and not contain peanuts due to allergies.

A reminder **breakfast** is available from 8am when the gates open and is free of charge for any FSM pupil.

Parent Volunteers needed: Afternoon supervision duty – 15 min

We are still looking for volunteers to do duty for 15 minutes in the afternoon. Parents would need to arrive just before 4pm, can use the staff car park if driving and we would issue you with a high vis. You would help us with supporting pupil crossing on Westcombe Drive / top of Barnet Lane. Our leaders will be on duty at the gate and beyond that point - we want to spend more time next year up at the bridge/across from M & S Garage/Tesco to ensure pupils get off home safely every day. Your child can wait inside in reception or in the library so they are not outside waiting for you. **Please email info@arkpioneer.org if you are interested.**

Ms Ryan