

## Your weekly *Pioneer Parent Update* 9/11/22

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Coming up this week & next week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parent Webinar this evening from 6pm – 6:45pm on E-Saftey and Wellbeing with Mr McElwaine, Vice Principal and Mr Rouse, Safeguarding Lead. The event can be joined <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>- <i>Peer Mentor applications</i> for pupils Y8, 9, Y10 - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup></li> <li>- <i>Remembrance Day Assemblies</i> Wednesday – Friday this week</li> <li>- <i>GCHQ National language competition</i> - pupil opportunity for Y9 – all week</li> <li>- <i>Y7 Football match</i> – V Whitefield (home) 4pm Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November</li> <li>- <i>London Film School visit</i> – Media enrichment group Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November</li> <li>- <i>Y10 Football match</i> – V Wren 4pm Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November</li> </ul>					
New this week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New system for <b>reporting pupil absence from school</b>: changed to <a href="#">an online form</a> instead of using phone lines – read more below</li> <li>- New <a href="#">Assessment Information Booklets</a> for autumn term assessments: pupils have been given a hard copy today 9/11/22</li> </ul>					
Can you help out?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Little Village</b> – Clothes donation- Read more below</li> <li>- <b>Wrap-Up Warm</b> – Coat donations - Read more below</li> <li>- <b>Work experience for Y10</b>– we need contacts – <a href="#">Fill in 2 minute form here</a></li> <li>- <b>Seasonal celebration</b> on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – email <a href="mailto:n.bajwa@arkpioneer.org">n.bajwa@arkpioneer.org</a> to get involved in a stall</li> </ul>					
Other parent resources	-					

Dear parents/carers,

Huge thanks to everyone who attended our **Parent Forum** last week. We gained really useful feedback on key areas of school provision which built on the survey feedback we got last term.

### Actions we are taking based on parent feedback:

1. As you can see our **weekly parent update has a new layout**, which we discussed with parents last week. This update is sent every Wednesday. If you think it's not getting through to you, please email [info@arkpioneer.org](mailto:info@arkpioneer.org) and let us know. We have sent this reminder by text message today also.
2. **New [Parent Hub](#) on our current website** to bring key information for parents together and make it all easy to access. Note we are building a whole new website which will be launched soon, that has a better overall layout. In the meantime you can see curriculum, assessment, attendance, key links documents all on one page from today...



**Read your child's year group curriculum offer here**

- Y7 Curriculum Information
- Y8 Curriculum Information
- Y9 Curriculum Information
- Y9 Key Stage 4 GCSE Options Booklet

Curriculum Booklets by year

**Read about each subject curriculum individually here**

- English
- Maths
- Science
- History

Every subject separately

**Read about your child's upcoming assessments here**

- 2022 23 Y7 AUT Assessment Information Booklet
- 2022 23 Y8 AUT Assessment Information Booklet
- 2022 23 Y9 AUT Assessment Information Booklet
- 2022 23 Y10 AUT Assessment Information Booklet

Booklets on each assessment

**Reporting your child absent from school**

This half term we are updating the way parents report a child's absence from school. This follows feedback on our systems from parents/carers and our own reflection as staff. As before, we expect parents to contact the school before 7.45am if they are making the decision to keep their child at home. All absences should now be reported to the school using the online Pupil Absence Form [pdf](#) via our phone line. You can access the online form [here](#)

Attendance reporting and medical

- Parent Updates
- School news and events
- Term dates
- School Meal offer
- Uniform & Equipment
- School Policies

Links to other useful pages for parents

3. **Using MCAS My Child at School App further** We have expanded the information available to parents on MCAS and we will post the parent update notice there each week. *Please download the app on your phone and email [info@arkpioneer.org](mailto:info@arkpioneer.org) to get your login code.*

The screenshot shows a parent dashboard for Ark Pioneer Academy. It includes sections for Attendance (with a table for periods and marks), Announcements (currently empty), and Important Documents (listing 'Our Science Curriculum' and '2223 Y10 Curriculum Infor'). A sidebar on the left contains navigation options like Dashboard, Data Collection Form, Announcements, Attendance, Behaviour, and Reports.

4. **Parents seeing quiz results on EEDI** - Eedi shows pupils quiz scores for every subject in end of term assessments and for each end of unit test in Maths. **Ask your son/daughter to log into Eedi** and explain their recent Maths results (parents don't have a login). This is what you can see:

Quiz name	Start	Due	Engagement	Misconceptions
Done Quiz Sets and Venns - Quiz A	9 /10	Mon 7/11/2022	Tue 8/11/2022	Review
Done Quiz Probability - Quiz A	10 /15	Mon 10/10/2022	Tue 11/10/2022	Review
Done Quiz Y9 Unit 1 Global Oceans Quiz 2	5 /10	Fri 7/10/2022	Fri 7/10/2022	Review

Results in all subject quizzes will be available for parents to see online from the 9<sup>th</sup> Dec when assessment week ends.

## 5. **Parents Evenings instead of Academic Review Days this year onwards:**

All parents will meet subject teachers *instead of tutors* this year. We have scheduled these two per term, to be as early as we can. *We need a model where Y11, 12, 13 parents' evenings can be in autumn term, alongside two open evenings. That's why the dates are from January on. It also allows us to have data from autumn and spring assessments to discuss.*

- Y10 Parents Evening – Tuesday 3rd January
- Y9 Parents Evening & Options Fair – Wednesday 22nd February
- Y8 Parents Evening – Thursday 20th April
- Y7 Parents Evening – Thursday 27th April

There will be additional tutor check in calls for those parents' evenings that are later in the year & parent reports after each term as planned.

## 6. **Improved queuing, broader menu and increased cleaning at lunch**

*Queues were longer at the start of the year as year 7 got used to secondary school and food options, and others got used to new systems and times*

- Our queuing time at break is now reduced to under 12 minutes (4 tills open)
- Our queuing time at lunch is usually under 10 minutes for all year groups, on a busier day up to 14 minutes but this is unusual
- We have a separate cold food area at lunch with a different queue (action from previous forum)
- We had helpful feedback on Y8 queuing in particular
  - a. We spoke to pupils to unpick the issues parents raised. Y8 were starting queuing during their social time outside (think Ryanair a few years ago); we have stopped this and are sharing with pupils how to enjoy their social time then queue
  - b. The cold food queue is moving quicker at lunch including for Y8
  - c. Year 8 can also purchase cold food at break (sandwich, wrap, baguette as well as break snack as they are the fourth year group at lunch)

*Extra cleaning*

- We now have 3 cleaners in dining hall throughout lunch, moving around the room and ensuring any rice spilt etc is cleaned quickly and we have feedback with all pupils next week where we will discuss good habits for eating in a shared space again

*Broadening Menu*

- You can see our current school menu here. Some parents weren't aware in addition to jacket potatoes there is a hot vegetarian option each day that is different. We will re-message to pupils also. Note that vegan hot food is available on request.
- Parents requested more vegetarian sandwiches/baguettes. We are adding three further options and will test pupil preferences: Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich – Vegetarian
- Humous, Chickpea and Mixed Peppers – Vegan, Sweet Potato, Falafel and Spinach – Vegan.
- Pupil Council will go back to forms next week to get feedback on our menu and will then have the second annual year of '*An audience with the Head Chef*' where they can make suggestions on the menu to our Chef Manager, Mr Matta. Last year, they suggested a new chicken dish which was added.

Please do get in touch with other queries you have on the survey and feedback, via [info@arkpioneer.org](mailto:info@arkpioneer.org)

## **Other notices for parents this week:**

### **Little Village – Donation Request**

We have linked with Little Village, a charity who supports families with babies and children under five living in poverty across London. They run a baby bank network, collecting, sorting and passing on pre-loved clothes, toys and equipment and we want your help!

We are asking for any good quality donations you may have for babies and children aged 0-5. We are looking in particular for:

- Clothing for all age 0-5 (with a particular need for 0-6 months and 3-5 years)
- Feeding and weaning items for babies and toddlers e.g. sippy cups, plates, bowls, cutlery etc.
- Toiletries, nappies & wipes
- Sturdy bags for life

Please donate by **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November** at Ark Pioneer Academy.

We would also like to ask for a parent with a big car/van who would be able to deliver the items (once sorted by our altruism enrichment pupils) to Little Village Wembley hub on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**. Please email [n.bajwa@arkpioneer.org](mailto:n.bajwa@arkpioneer.org) if you are able to help with this request.

[Home - Little Village \(littlevillagehq.org\)](http://littlevillagehq.org)

### **Wrap-Up Warm – Coat Donations:**

We have linked with Wrap-Up; a charity whose sole aim is to provide coats, that go directly to people across the UK, who struggle to keep warm during the winter months. We are asking for your help – to donate any adult or children coats that you no longer wear to Ark Pioneer Academy by **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November**.

[Help Us Wrap Up. Coats you no longer need can make a real difference \(wrapupuk.org\)](http://wrapupuk.org)

### **Upcoming 5k run – Altruism/Charity Enrichment group**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November, the pupils from the altruism enrichment programme alongside a few teachers will be running 5K to help fundraise for a school minibus! This run will be happening come rain, snow or sunshine and therefore any sponsorships will be hugely appreciated! This can be done through the **iPayImpact account –Charity tab – Minibus Sponsor**.

Thank you so much to Thomas Gray's parents, from Protech Property Solutions Ltd who have already committed and kickstarted our fundraising of £500

### **Assessment week information:**

As you will be aware end of term formative assessments will be taking place in lessons over the period 28/11/22 – 9/12/22. Pupils have been given a paper copy of their assessment information booklet today. From tomorrow (Wed) pupils will be completing their assessment timetable with the dates from teachers on when their assessments will be taking place. This timetable will be glued into their planner on pg. 41. Pupils have been given homework booklets in all subjects and have been directed to online revision areas such as Century to help with their revision. For any follow up questions on assessment week please get in touch with your child's form tutor. Assessment information booklets can be found [here](#) on our website for parents.

### **Lost property**

We ask that all items are labelled in particular coats, bags, blazers and jumpers. You can label the name in permanent marker or buy iron-on labels on [uniform4kids](http://uniform4kids.com) or Amazon.

Any item that we find that is lost but labelled, we return directly to the child. Anything not labelled is handed into the main office & the **lost property trolley** is wheeled into the dining hall – pupils can check for anything lost. We will be clearing it out every half term and are reminding pupils to check this week.

Kind regards  
Ms Ryan