

## Your weekly *Pioneer Parent Update* 30/11/22

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<b>Coming up this week &amp; next week</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Autumn Term Assessments –Monday 28th Nov – Friday 9th Dec</b></li> <li>- Y9 pupils SEND Primary Sporting event in Hendon Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>- Y9 Netball match v QE Girls (home) Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December</li> <li>- Photography Competition launch Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</li> <li>- Choral leadership training day (Ark network musicians) at Ark King Solomon Academy – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</li> <li>- Y7 - Christmas Bake off – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December (2:30pm)</li> <li>- Y8 &amp; 9 Netball matches v Ashmole (home) – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December after school</li> <li>- Y8 - Christmas Bake off – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December (2:30pm)</li> <li>- Y9 - Christmas Bake off – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December (2:30pm)</li> <li>- Y8 Boys Football Match v Christ College – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December (3:10pm)</li> <li>- Y7, 8 &amp; 9 Girls Football Match v Compton– Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December (4pm)</li> <li>- <b>Seasonal Celebration (5:30 on) &amp; Julius Caesar performance (6:15)</b> <a href="#">Tickets here</a> Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December <i>We welcome all parents &amp; pupils</i></li> <li>- Y7 Boys Football Match - Ark Wembley Championships – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December (10-3pm)</li> <li>- Y8 Boys Football Match v Christ College – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December (11am)</li> <li>- Y7 &amp; Y9 Barnet Cross Country Championships – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December (1-6pm)</li> <li>- Y9 &amp; 10 Netball matches v JCOSS (home) – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December (4pm)</li> <li>- Y10 GCSE Drama Schools Club - Theatre Trip – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December (7pm)</li> </ul>					
<b>New this week</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Century Tech - parents can now log on and see their child’s progress</b></li> <li>- Parent portal now live for all parents who we have email details for to login and check pupil progress on their homework for Maths and Science. We will also be increasing the use of the platform in English over this year</li> <li>-</li> <li>- <b>Instrumental lessons for spring term</b> – we offer subsidised lessons to all pupils with a further discount for Free School Meals Please read/complete the attached letter to apply</li> <li>-</li> <li>- We have launched the required consultation for our Admissions Policy for 2024-25 linked to the opening of our Sixth Form, you can read more <a href="#">here</a></li> </ul>					
<b>Can you help out?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5K run – Donations still welcome as we begin our minibus funding! <i>Log onto <a href="#">ipayimpact to donate</a></i></li> </ul>					
<b>Other parent resources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December: Come to our Seasonal Celebration – mingle with parents, staff and watch <a href="#">Julius Caesar event tickets from TicketSource</a>.</li> </ul>					

Dear parents/carers,

We are pleased to see pupil focus and determination as Autumn Term Assessments begin this week! Pupils should have their assessment timings written into their planner – if you have a query please refer to the Assessment Information Booklets sent out on 9<sup>th</sup> November and/or contact your child’s tutor.

I wanted to also shout out a fantastic achievement for our school. 8 of our singers from year 7 - 10 auditioned for the National Youth choir the week before last. Six pupils (Aminah, Kerem, Gracie, Naomi, Kristina & Alexander) were offered places. Two participants not offered a place were recognised as having great potential and encouraged to re-apply. This is an incredible achievement for all involved – well done!

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

#### **Century Login for Parents**

We are delighted to launch with parents the Century parent portal. You should have received in your inbox today an onboarding email from Century. This email contains more details on what you need to do in order to sign up and access the online platform. Century is our homework platform currently for Maths and Science and we will be increasing its use in English over this year. The parent portal allows you to see how many tasks or 'nuggets' pupils have completed and zoom into particular topics to identify areas of strength and critically the areas pupils should focus on for further development.

We have asked Century to share a training guide for parents that is available on our YouTube channel [here](#) and we have also prepared the guide attached to the parent update this week to help explain what you will see. Support is also available through the Century help centre [here](#) or by emailing them via [support@century.tech](mailto:support@century.tech)

We have synced our systems based on the email addresses we have for parents but if you have trouble accessing the email from Century please email [info@arkpioneer.org](mailto:info@arkpioneer.org) with your details and the details of your son/daughter and we will look into resending the information.

#### **Sixth Form Admissions consultation**

We have published our draft Admissions Policy for 2024-25 on our website here: [Admissions Policy | Ark Pioneer Academy](#) This has a consultation period which is what all schools opening a Sixth Form are required to do. Linked on the page you can find both the draft policy for 2024-25 and consultation briefing note.

Our Sixth Form will open in September 2024, when our founding year group move from year 11 into year 12. Initial information about our Sixth Form is here: [Sixth Form | Ark Pioneer Academy](#) including entry criteria and pathways. You can read more about the subject offer in our curriculum guide [here](#).

We will begin recruitment of our Sixth Form team later this academic year, starting with our new Head of Sixth Form. Sixth Form Open Evening is scheduled for October next year. Our Sixth Form will be based in our current building with year 12 and 13 study spaces on the second floor. We will have an information session for year 10 pupils in the spring term, which will be shared in advance with parents.

#### **Thank you for supporting**

#### **Wrap-up Coat collection**

Thank you to all those who donated their coats to Wrap-Up. As a community we donated 36 coats – which will really make a difference to the homeless and vulnerable this winter. For more information please view this website: <https://wrapupuk.org>

#### **5K run – *Donations still welcome as we begin our minibus funding!***

Well done to all the pupils from the altruism enrichment programme, alongside some teachers, who ran a very muddy 5K Challenge to help fundraise for a school minibus! So far we have raised £715 (thank you in particular to Thomas Gray's mother and father, from Protech Property Solutions Ltd, who kickstarted the fundraising with £500) but are still collecting! You can support through our iPayImpact account – charity tab – minibus sponsor.

## **Reminder notices:**

### **Julius Caesar performance & Pioneer Seasonal Celebration – buy tickets!**

We are excited to let you all know that tickets are now out for the **Julius Caesar production and Seasonal Celebration** taking place on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December!** The event will start with a seasonal celebration mulled wine, hot chocolate, mince pies and festive stalls. We will also showcase many talented pupils putting on their very best performance for you all!

To purchase tickets please click the following link: [Julius Caesar event tickets from TicketSource](#). Join us from 5:30pm, show starts at 6:15pm; running time approx 1 hour 15.

**Ticket prices** (small booking fee on top)

Adults: £3.50

Children £2.00

All proceeds go to our minibus fund.

### **Flu Vaccination available for pupils – E-consent must be completed**

Barnet health care team will be offering flu vaccinations to pupils during the school day on 5<sup>th</sup> December. You need to complete the e-consent for parents which is attached in order for your child to have the vaccination.

Kind regards

Ms Ryan