

## Weekly Parent Update

Dear parents/carers,

The First Give Social Action project is well underway this week – with the team in filming our pupils as a case study and much going on to raise awareness and fund, such as the [Noah's Ark charity visit](#).

Other than that, it's a huge focus on assessments – though **we are closed tomorrow 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>** due to industrial action, we know pupils will use the time well to revise all [Assessment Information Booklets](#) for remaining tests – we'll resend reminders to pupils in the morning.

Ms Ryan, Principal

<b>Coming up this week &amp; next week</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tomorrow 15<sup>th</sup> &amp; Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>, School Closed due to Industrial Action</li> <li>- Friday 17<sup>th</sup>, UKMT Kangaroo Challenge</li> <li>- Friday 17<sup>th</sup>, Y10 Football Semi Final Match v Wren Academy (home)</li> <li>- Monday 20<sup>th</sup>-Friday 24<sup>th</sup>, Assessment Week</li> <li>- Monday 20<sup>th</sup>, Y7 Football Match v East Barnet School (home)</li> <li>- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Y8 First Give Final</li> </ul>
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### **Ski Trip February 2024 – webinar this evening at 6pm for parents interested**

We will be hosting a ski trip parent webinar today at 6pm for 30 minutes. [Click here to join the meeting](#). This will be hosted by Mr Burton Assistant Principal who oversaw the trip this year and is planning next year's already!

You can read about this year's trip and see photos here. The trip next year will be open to pupils in current year 7 – 9 and will take place over February half term next year Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February

On the webinar, Mr Burton will explain:

- Focus of the trip
- Cost & subsidy (Price £1,150, subsidy for pupils who are FSM)
- Equipment & ski lessons
- Travel & other requirements

There will be time for questions. The letter to express interest will be included in next week's parent update with the DL for paying the deposit.

### **Oxford University opportunity- reminder item**

We have an exciting opportunity for year 7 & 8 pupils at the start of the summer term. 50 pupils will have the opportunity to visit Christchurch College, Oxford University on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April. This will involve an introduction to life at university, a tour of the campus, a Q&A with students and a lecture with a Professor from the college. As there are limited places on this trip, pupils interested in attending will need to write a formal letter of application addressed to Ms Ryan, to express their interest. This can be handed to Ms Conces or sent by email to [c.conces@arkpioneer.org](mailto:c.conces@arkpioneer.org). The deadline for applications is Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 9am.

### **Comunity events: Cake sale & Family Quiz - reminder item**

We will have a non-uniform day coming up on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March** and we'll have a **cake sale** in the afternoon with parent volunteers helping sell at the end of the school day. If you're interested to help or you can contribute (drop off or send in with your child) please let Mrs Bajwa know.

We'll have a **Family Quiz on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March**. Doors from 5:30pm and quiz starts at 6:30pm. Tables of 6, mix of children and adults or all adults (but no tables with just children unaccompanied). You'll pay £10 to enter the team. We'll send link for signing up next week but if you want to help with questions, refreshments, organisation or let us know you're excited to take part, let Mrs Bajwa know [n.bajwa@arkpioneer.org](mailto:n.bajwa@arkpioneer.org)

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