

Weekly Parent Update

Dear parents/carers,

As we reach the end of the term, there is a real sense of pride in what our pupils have achieved. I was particularly struck by how well year 8 represented us in their [First Give Social Action project](#) last Thursday. Pupils were incredibly articulate and their passion for supporting those less fortunate was genuinely inspiring. Added to this we have some fantastic assessment results to share. You'll receive a newsletter and your child's report tomorrow. A reminder all key dates for the summer term are on the back page of the newsletter.

We hope everyone has a restful break with their families and we look forward to meeting all year 8 parents on Thursday 20th April.

Ms Ryan, Principal

<p>Coming up this week & after the holiday break</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Y9 Trip to Globe Theatre - Thursday 30th March - Parent reports & termly newsletter – hard copy sent home – Thursday 30th March - Celebration Assemblies & last day of term - all pupils finish at 2pm Friday 31st March - Staff Training Day no pupils in school - Monday 17th April - All pupils return to school - Tuesday 18th April - Year 8 Parents evening – Thursday 20th April <i>School finishes at 2pm to allow early parents evening start at 3:30pm, due to Ramadan & Eid</i> - Y10 Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Friday 21st–Saturday 22nd April
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Y8 Parents evening & First Give evening - Parent Sign-up (adjusted start time)

We are looking forward to meeting Year 8 parents as part of parents evening on Thursday 20th April. **To recognise that some of our families will be fasting and likely preparing for Eid, we will start the parents evening at 3:30pm and finish at 7pm.**

To sign up to the event, parents can [book an arrival slot here](#).

Please note that:

- This slot is a window for your arrival and not an estimate on how long the event will run – parents can stay later if they wish
- Arrival slots will be removed from the booking form when the allocation has been reached; we ask that parents keep to their planned arrival slot to help with the planning of the event
- Parents arriving in the final window are unlikely to be able to meet all subject teachers as the event will finish at approx. 7pm
- Pupils should be in attendance; it is not compulsory to wear uniform

As part of the evening, parents/carers and pupils can hear more about the **year 8 experience** through the **First Give Social action project**, where pupils have campaigned and fundraised for 6 key charities.

There will also be tea and coffee and the opportunity for parents to chat informally. We look forward to seeing you there.

oImmunisations - Y9 (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio and Meningococcal vaccinations)

The NHS School Immunisation team will be here on 21st April (first week after Easter) to administer the Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio and Meningococcal vaccinations for Year 9s. Parents need to complete consent online if they wish their child to be vaccinated – please see the letter [here](#).

Chromebooks in school

Pupils in Year 7, 8 & 10 will need their Chromebooks in school on Thursday 30th (tomorrow) fully charged and with headphones. This is to support with assessment re-teach lessons taking place. Year 9 will be on the trip and do not need their device.

Y7 Parents evening & France Trip Information evening – 27th April

Y7 Parents evening will be on Thursday 27th April. It will be great to meet all parents and pupils together from 4:30pm – 8:00pm. We ask that all parents [book an arrival slot here](#).

Ms Rolle, Head of MFL will host an **information area** for year 7 parents relating to the **Residential Trip to the Opal Coast, France**. This is an opportunity to hear more about the trip and to ask any questions you have. We are delighted to have almost 80% of the year group heading abroad in July!

Family Quiz Thursday 30th - postponed

Please note due to a lack of uptake, we will postpone our **Family Quiz** planned for tomorrow **Thursday 30th March**.

If you are available to help us at either the Music concert – Wednesday 17th May or the Summer Fayre – Friday 30th June, please email n.bajwa@arkpioneer.org

Celebration Assembly 31st March - watch online (reminder)

Next week we will have two **celebration assemblies** to mark the end of the term

- You can watch the year 9 & 10 assembly at 8:30am [here](#) online
- You can watch the year 7 & 8 assembly at 1:10pm [here](#) online

School will finish at 2pm on the last day of term.

Year 8 Values & Character Curriculum next half term – RSE (reminder)

Next half term Y8 pupils will be covering some of the relationships and sex education (RSE) curriculum during their Values and Character sessions. All RSE sessions follow government guidelines and are pitched appropriately for year 8 pupils.

Topic to be covered include:

1. Healthy and unhealthy relationships
2. Forms of abuse
3. Self-worth
4. Consent and appropriate use of technology (sexting)
5. Where to ask for help or advice

If you have any questions regarding the Values and Character curriculum please email Mr McCarville, Vice Principal at j.mccarville@arkpioneer.org

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