



June 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to show my appreciation to you all for your contribution throughout this academic year. Both Ark Helenswood and William Parker have had a very positive and successful year that we expect to celebrate through the A level and GCSE outcomes. Thank you!

As you know we are preparing for the start of our exciting new school – Ark Alexandra Academy and we look forward to enhancing and sustaining our strong working partnership in order that we work towards achieving not only excellent outcomes, but excellent standards of behaviour from all our students.

On 11th July we are holding a very special event to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the founding of William Parker's school. All the boys will be focusing on the last 400 years through their lessons, where they will learn and celebrate the amazing contributions of ex-students from William Parker.

At Helenswood Upper site, we are holding an alumni event from 2.00pm until 7.00pm on Friday 28th June where ex-students can come along and re-live their secondary school experiences.

For the rest of this summer term we will maintain our high expectations right up until the very last day of term so please support us by reinforcing these expectations with your child.

I am also writing to confirm the arrangements for the end of this term and the start dates and times for the new academic year:

On Friday **12th July 2019** all students should depart at 1.35pm and begin their summer holiday.

On **13th September 2019**, only students in Year 7 and Year 11 return to school and should be on school site by 8.30am.

On **16th September 2019**, students in all other year groups should return to school and be on school site by 8.30am.

Years 7 and 8 will return to the Helenswood site and Years 9-13 will return to the William Parker site.

Executive Principal: Yvonne Powell, OBE

Please note that building works will begin on the 15th July and continue on both the Helenswood and William Parker sites up until 12 September 2019.

The enclosed document will provide you with relevant information related to uniform, Stagecoach buses and ParentPay.

I shall continue to write to you to keep you informed but please refer to the Ark Alexandra Academy web site, <http://arkalexandra.org/> where you will find all the necessary information. The web site will be continually updated throughout this term and during the holidays.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Y Powell', written in a cursive style.

Yvonne Powell
Executive Principal, Ark Helenswood Academy and Ark William Parker Academy

The new School Day

8.30	Students arrive and on site	15 mins	
8.45-8.55	Line up and preparation	10 mins	
8.55-9.45	Period 1	50 mins	
9.45-10.35	Period 2	50 mins	
10.35-10.55	Break	20 mins	
10.55-11.45	Period 3	50 mins	
11.45-12.35	Period 4	50 mins	
12.35-12.55	Tutor period	20 mins	
12.55-13.35	Lunch	40 mins	
13.35-14.25	Period 5	50 mins	
14.25-15.15	Period 6	50 mins	
15.15-16.05	Enrichment	50 mins	Mon + Tue only

Monday and Tuesday: school finishes at 16.05pm.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: school finishes at 15.15pm.

Uniform

The priority will be to provide Year 7 students with their uniforms in the first instance; it will be available for the new Year 7 parents to purchase from 16th July 2019. Uniform will then be available to all other students from 31st July 2019.

Please remember that it is not compulsory for students in Years 8 to Year 11 to purchase the uniform; students can remain in their current Helenswood or William Parker uniform until it needs to be replaced. I would like to point out the uniforms cannot be mixed so students must wear either their current uniform or the new Ark Alexandra uniform.

Our uniform supplier is SuperStitch86: 7 Castleham Rd, Hastings, St. Leonards-on-Sea TN38 9NR. Tel: 01424 852225



ParentPay

For your information we are continuing with a cashless system for school meals and other school payments. This enables your child to avoid carrying any cash to school. Payments can be made electronically via ParentPay. ParentPay offers you the freedom to make payments on-line whenever and wherever you like, safe in the knowledge that the technology used is the highest internet security available. You will be given a secure online account, with a unique user ID and password. You can change these to something you will easily remember and merge accounts of 2 or more children.

If you are not yet using ParentPay, please visit their web site: www.parentpay.com. We will provide more information and support in September 2019.

Stagecoach buses

We have had a number of meetings with Stagecoach over the past year to discuss bus routes and timetables. Unfortunately these have yet to be confirmed. As soon as they are published, we will inform you accordingly.

Year 11 GCSE and A level results

Year 13 results will be available on Thursday 15th August from the Old school Gym on the William Parker site at 10.00am

Year 11 GCSE results can be collected on Thursday 22nd August from the Dance Studio at Helenswood Lower School at 10.00am