



July 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

We are at the end of a very successful year and I would like to thank you for your continued support. The strength of our working relationship underpins the success of your child and our school.

Year 11 and Year 13 students have worked hard for their GCSEs, A levels and BTEC examinations and we look forward to celebrating their success on results day.

The arrangements for students to collect their exam results, from 9.30 – 11.00am, are as follows:

Site	Date	Results collection	Collection point
William Parker	Thursday 15 th August	GCE A level results day	AWP - Old school Gym
William Parker	Thursday 15 th August?	Registering for the 6th Form	AWP - Old school Gym
William Parker	Thursday 22 nd August	GCSE results day	AWP - Old school Gym
Helenswood	Thursday 22 nd August	GCSE results day	AHA Dance Studio – Sports Centre

We have been preparing for the start of Ark Alexandra Academy and we have had three great days where both sets of students worked together in their new form groups; the student feedback has been so very positive. The Student Respect Code has been written by the students for the students, and we will be sharing this with you in September 2019.

We will also send you your child's summer term assessments in September so that you can track their progress.

SEPTEMBER 2019

It is essential that in preparation for the start of the new academic year, all students are fully equipped and prepared, so we appreciate your support in ensuring students follow our uniform policy:

- Full school uniform and black shoes – NO trainers
- Full PE kit
- A transparent pencil case with all the necessary equipment for each subject: pencils, black and green pens, rulers, rubbers, sharpener, protractor, glue stick
- No alternative hair colours
- No piercings: nose studs, tongue studs etc.
- Only two earrings to be worn
- No nail extensions or nail varnish
- No make up.

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We will continue to work towards excellence and so these basic expectations are essential to ensuring students are ready to learn and that there are no delays or distractions.

We have very high expectations related to attendance and punctuality, that all students should achieve 100% attendance in order that their progress can be sustained and that they do not miss any of their learning.

RETURNING TO SCHOOL

On **13th September 2019**, only students in Year 7 and Year 11 return to school and should be on school site by 8.30am (Year 7 to the Helenswood campus and Year 11 to the William Parker campus).

On **16th September 2019**, students in all other year groups should return to school and be on school site by 8.30am (Year 8 to the Helenswood campus; all other students to the William Parker campus).

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

Included with this letter is further information on Stagecoach, uniform and the school day. We 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 website will be continually updated throughout this term and during the holidays.

We wish you a wonderful summer holiday with your family and friends and we look forward to welcoming you and your child into Ark Alexandra Academy in September 2019.

Yours faithfully



Stephanie Newman
Principal



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The new school day

8.30	Students arrive	15
8.45-8.55	Line up	10
8.55-9.45	Period 1	50
9.45-10.35	Period 2	50
10.35-10.55	Break	20
10.55-11.45	Period 3	50
11.45-12.35	Period 4	50
12.35-12.55	Tutor period	20
12.55-13.35	Lunch	40
13.35-14.25	Period 5	50
14.25-15.15	Period 6	50
15.15-16.05	Period 7 enrichment	50

School will finish at 16.05pm on Monday and Tuesday only. All other days will finish at 15.15pm.

STAGECOACH BUSES

I am pleased that I can now confirm the new timetables for Stagecoach buses from September 2019.

As you are aware, we have worked closely with Stagecoach to ensure that the new timetables provide a good service to all our pupils and believe they have been very helpful in accommodating the later finish on Mondays/Tuesdays.

The new arrangements are summarised below and the new timetables will be displayed on the Stagecoach website <https://www.stagecoachbus.com>.

Please note: All of the below journeys will be operated by Stagecoach using double deck buses instead of single deck buses as provided on some of the current services.

Revised bus services from 1st September 2019

New route 73, replacing the current 71, 72, 75/75A

- This bus route will start from Old Town (The Bourne) and run to the Helenswood and William Parker campuses via Harold Road, Old London Road, Mount Pleasant Road, Elphinstone Road, Malvern Way and The Ridge.
- The afternoon journeys will start from the William Parker campus and then serve the Helenswood campus. They will be timed to accommodate the differing finishing times each day.

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Revised new route 74 and 95, replacing the current 74:

- The morning journey numbered 74 will be similar to the current service to the Helenswood campus, though it will also run to the William Parker campus.
- A revised afternoon 74 journey for the early school finish days will start from the William Parker campus before serving the Helenswood campus. It will not serve Mayfield Farm (pupils could change to service 20 in Hollington).
- The late school finish times will be served by route 95 instead of route 74. This 95 journey will start from the Helenswood campus and run via the William Parker campus (Parkstone Road bus stop) to Hollington Blackman Avenue, Wishing Tree roundabout, Church Wood Drive, Old Church Road, Battle Road (Hoads Court) before continuing to Battle. It will not serve Harley Shute (pupils could change to service 22 in Hollington).
- An additional afternoon bus will run on the 26 route between the Helenswood campus and Hastings Station serving students from the William Parker campus en route. This will be timed according to the differing finishing times.
- Stagecoach's main route 26/26A will also be slightly revised with buses calling into the Helenswood campus in the morning and afternoon.
- There are no changes to routes 28, 98A, 100, 342, which serve Conquest Hospital and offer travel options in the morning and/or the afternoon.
- In relation to main route 26/26A and service 95, please note that the afternoon buses will enter the Helenswood site at the same times across the whole school week, regardless of earlier and later finishing times.

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 new 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

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