



11TH September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a wonderful summer holiday and that your child is eager and ready to return to school to work hard and to be highly successful. We are looking forward to seeing your child and starting our new school.

On **13 September 2019**, only students in Year 7 and Year 11 return to school and should be on school campus by 8.30am at the latest. This will be a normal school day and students will depart at 3.15pm.

On **16 September 2019**, students in all other year groups to return to school and should be on school campus by 8.30am at the latest. This will be a normal school day and students will depart at 4.05pm.

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

In order that every student can have an excellent start, please support us in preparing your child for our expectations:

1. ALL students in correct full school uniform with black shoes
2. All student must have a school bag in which they should have all the necessary equipment required.
3. Arrive on campus by 8.30am at the latest.
4. 100% attendance
5. No unacceptable jewellery, nail decoration, extensions or make up
6. No contrasting hair colours or hair engravings
7. 1 earring in each ear and no visible body piercings

Where necessary, we will remove students from normal lessons until such issues are resolved but we sincerely hope that there will not be any need to withdraw a student from lessons.

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

I shall write to you very soon to celebrate our superb GCSE and A level/ BTEC level 3 results. In the meantime, I look forward to welcoming your child to Ark Alexandra Academy.

Yours sincerely

Yvonne Powell
Executive Principal, Ark Alexandra Academy

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The new school day

8.30	students arrive and on campus	15		
8.45-8.55	line up and preparation	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	enrichment	50		Mon + Tue only

Monday and Tuesday: school finishes at 16.05pm.

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

Uniform

Please remember that it is not compulsory for students in Year 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, Saint Leonards-on-sea TN38 9NR, 01424 852225 and their website is <https://www.superstitch86.co.uk>.



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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 for this 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 website: www.parentpay.com. We will provide more information and support in September 2019.

Stagecoach buses

We have had a number of meetings with Stagecoach to confirm bus routes and timetables. Stagecoach have done their best to accommodate changes in bus routes and timetables.

Please refer to their web site at <https://www.stagecoachbus.com/timetables>.