



# Ark John Keats Academy

29<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Families,

We have had a busy and successful term in the secondary school with a number of exciting events, and important academic milestones for our students. Students have participated in a wide range of extracurricular clubs including chess, choir and table tennis, our KS4 boys' football team had a convincing 5-0 victory against Oasis Academy and a number of our talented musicians have been selected to perform at the Barbican in summer. I must also congratulate our Y11 and Y13 students who worked incredibly hard throughout their mock examinations, and I know they will continue to work hard over the remaining weeks to secure the very best grades possible.

## **End of Spring term plans**

Our last day of term is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Pupils will leave site between 12.40 and 1pm. Catch ups will run as normal. We will not be serving lunches, but pupils who normally receive Free School Meals will be provided with a packed lunch to take home.

## **Y11 and Y13 Easter Revision**

Y11 and Y13 students received a letter from Ms. Freeman with details of the Easter revision workshops taking place over the holidays. Regardless of attendance at these sessions it is crucial that students are working hard over the holidays on the work set by their teachers. You will be able to find copies of all Easter homework on the website.

## **Pillar Day: Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

At Ark John Keats we believe in offering students a wide range of experiences to broaden their horizons and extend their learn beyond the classroom. All students will take part in a Pillar Day on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March where they will participate in a variety of activities to support their academic and wider development. Mr. Mullarkey will be writing to you with specific details of the day, and we hope that our students have an enjoyable and purposeful day.

## **Return to school**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April is an inset day meaning that students will return to school on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April at the usual time of 08.25.

## **Year 7 Class Group Changes**

After Easter Y7 students will move into new classes which will be largely based on reading age. This gives us an opportunity to tailor the teaching and resources to better meet the academic needs of all students. We will be reviewing the impact of this approach and considering a similar change in Y8 and Y9 later on in the summer term.

If you have any questions about any of the above, please do not hesitate to get in touch. I would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you a very happy Easter break!

Yours faithfully,

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