



Ark John Keats Academy

21st July 2021

Dear Parents,

Thank you all for all your hard work supporting our Year 12 pupils throughout the last academic year. We are immensely proud of the progress they have made despite the difficult circumstances they have found themselves in. This letter will outline plans and some of the changes heading into Year 13.

Firstly, there will be a change of leadership within the Sixth Form Team. Both Ms. Nohavicka and Mr. Davis will be leaving the school at the end of the academic year. Both are moving away from the area with their families. Ms Nohavicka is moving to the North of England to take up a role at a school closer to her family and Mr Davis is going to teach in the Seychelles.

Introductions

Mr Luck is delighted to be taking on the role of Head of Sixth from September and, as a seasoned leader within the school having been Head of the Maths department and Assistant Principal for data and assessment. He is well placed to lead the Sixth Form and its wonderful students into the coming year.

Ms. Crowley will be continuing her role as Head of Year 13 having successfully supported the first AJK Year 13 cohort through their Sixth Form journey. She is excited and privileged to be taking over the year 12s as they go into year 13 and is looking forward to supporting the pupils in their final year and their transition into excellent post 18 options.

Ms. Fasulo will be our new Head of Year 12. As the previous Head of Work-Related Learning and the school's careers lead, she is well placed to support pupils on their post-16 journey. Ms Fasulo has been part of the tutor team for this year group since their start at AJK in year 7 and is delighted to be leading them through the next phase of their AJK journey.

Start of term

Term begins for Year 13 on the 7th of September at 8:30 am. Students will have induction sessions, where they will receive their timetables and understand the systems that are in place to support their learning. They do not need to bring anything except a pencil case and a mask.

Professional Dress

All Sixth Form pupils are required to meet the Sixth Form dress code. It is important our pupils model a sense of belonging to and pride in the academic community by adhering to our expectations. They are role models for our younger pupils, and it is essential that they dress in a manner that represents this. As pupils are preparing for life beyond Ark John Keats, we expect them to dress in a smart dress code. In response to some of the issues with dress code this year, we have made it more specific, so please read the below carefully as all students will be expected to be appropriately dressed in September.

Pupils are permitted wear:

- **Collared** shirt or blouse - these can be long or short sleeved
- Smart jumper or cardigan – no sweatshirts or logos
- Smart trousers including $\frac{3}{4}$ length trousers
- Skirts (maxi, midi or knee length)
- Dresses (maxi, midi or knee length)
- Smart flat shoes or ankle boots – black, navy or brown
- Leggings may be worn in place of tights (e.g. with a dress or long tunic top), but must not be worn in place of trousers (e.g. with a short top that does not cover to above the knee)

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- Hair may be coloured as long as it is subtle and appropriate in a professional setting.
- Discreet jewelry and makeup
- Their own bags

Pupils are not permitted to wear:

- Caps or hats
- T Shirts
- Ripped or excessively tight clothing
- Tracksuits
- Crop tops, vest tops, low cut tops
- Jeans of any colour
- Mini skirts
- Sportswear (this includes black leather Nike Air Force 1s)
- Clothes with large brands and/or logos on them
- Trainers - including Vans, Converse and Nike and other canvas trainers
- Excessive make up, false nails or fake eyelashes
- No visible tattoos
- Leather (or fake leather) jackets, trousers, or skirts.

If pupils arrive to school wearing items that do not adhere to our Sixth Form dress code, they will be sent home to get changed. Please note that those students entitled to the Bursary can use this to buy appropriate clothing.

Equipment

Pupils will be expected to have the following equipment. Textbooks and folders will be provided by the school.

Sixth form equipment list

- 2 black writing pens
- 1 red writing pen
- 1 green writing pen
- 2 highlighter pens
- 1 sharpened pencil
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 rubber
- 1 15cm/30cm ruler
- Calculator (for pupils studying economics, maths and science) : FX-991EX advanced scientific calculator
- Calculator (for pupils studying further maths): FX-CG50 graphic calculator
- Course textbooks/set text
- Water bottle
- 1 glue stick
- White board pen (this will be given to you in induction week)
- Lined paper
- Folders
- A device such as a Chrome Book (optional)

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Year 13 Retakes

As will be discussed with you in your ARD meetings, students have been set summer home- learning that will ensure that they bridge any gaps remaining from year 12 remote learning.

In addition, any pupil who achieved below a C in their end of year assessments will resit their examinations in the week of the 13th of September in order to improve their UCAS prediction and to ensure appropriate support can be put in place before the autumn mock examinations.

We have thought really carefully about how to support our students, both over the summer and throughout Year 13. It is essential they complete the summer learning tasks set by their subject teachers to ensure they start next year in the best position possible.

Please feel free to contact Mr Luck if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

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