



Ark John Keats Academy

4th September 2020

Dear Students,

I hope you and your families are well and that you have had an opportunity to rest and relax over the summer. I am writing to give you some information about the start of the school year. There are some changes to the start and end times from the letter you received at the end of August. I have also included a reminder of the dress code.

Start of Term:

Term begins for Year 12 on the 9th September at 8:30 am. The first day will be an induction day where you will meet your Head of Year and Tutor. You will also receive your timetable and understand the systems that are in place to support your learning and to keep the site safe during COVID. You do not need to bring anything except a pencil case and a mask. The induction day and all days for the remainder of the week will be half days, finishing at 12.40 for Year 12. There will be no lunch available on those days. Students will start full time on 14th September and lunch will be available to purchase from then.

Lessons will begin on 10th September and it is expected that all students will have completed the summer home learning. This can be accessed here: <https://arkjohnkeats.org/sixth-form/y11-transition-home-learning>

From the 14th September the normal teaching timetable will begin. Students must be in school by 8:30, ready for their period one lesson. Key Stage 5 will finish lessons at 3:15 every day and students who do not have lessons after lunch may go home.

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. As pupils are preparing for life beyond AJK, we expect them to dress in a smart casual dress code.

Pupils are permitted wear:

Polo shirt/shirt/blouse - these can be long or short sleeved but must have a collar
Smart jumper or cardigan – no sweatshirts or logos
Smart trousers, ¾ length trousers, skirts or dresses
Smart flat shoes or ankle boots – black 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)
Discreet jewellery & makeup



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Pupils are not permitted to wear:

Caps or hats
Ripped clothing
Tracksuits
Crop tops, vest tops, low cut tops
Jeans
Short skirts
Football tops or other sportswear
Clothes with large brands and/or logos on them
Trainers
Excessive make up, false nails or fake eyelashes

It is illegal for pupils under the age of 18 to get a tattoo. No tattoos must be visible for any pupil who is under this age (all pupils in year 12).

Equipment:

You will need to have a pencil case with pens, pencils, a ruler, highlighters and a pen. We provide textbooks and folders, but you may want to bring lined paper. Students are welcome and encouraged to bring laptops to support them with their learning.

We strongly encourage students to wear face masks in communal areas, particularly in the Common Room where we will not be able to socially distance by two metres. If you are exempt from wearing one, please do not worry.

Base Line Assessments:

In order to best support progress in Year 12, on induction day, you will sit a Maths and English assessment. There is no need to revise or prepare and it will not affect your place at the school, it is useful for teachers for our planning, particularly given the amount of learning time you have lost.

I know some of you will be feeling nervous having not completed GCSE exams and I wanted to take this opportunity to say we are really looking forward to having you and not to be worried. We have thought really carefully about how to adapt our planning to best support our students and are really excited about the year ahead.

If you have any worries or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Nohavicka