



July 2017

Dear Parent / Carer

Our students have had a very busy term – from the Town Sports to our Summer Arts Festival, the Intergroup Dance and numerous trips! Please do read the Term 6 Newsletter included with this message and celebrate the wonderful, varied activities our students enjoy and take part in.

Please find below further information for the start of the academic year 2017/2018.

Important Dates – Term 1

Start of Term 1 Years 7 – 10 at Lower School Year 11 at Upper School	8.45am	Thursday 7 th September
East Sussex Music Service Parent evening	5.15pm	Wednesday 13 th September
SEN Parent workshop	6.00pm	Wednesday 20 th September
Year 8 HPV vaccinations		Monday 18 th September
Years 7 – 10 School Photo (individual)		Monday 25 th September
Year 11 Parents evening (by invitation only)	6.00pm	Wednesday 27 th September
Year 6 Open Evening	6.00pm	Thursday 28 th September Early finish for students: 1.35pm
INSET Day		Friday 29 th September
Parent Workshop - Curriculum	6.00pm	Wednesday 4 th October
Year 7 Tutor Evening	6.00pm	Thursday 12 th October
End of Term – Mufti day – Wear it Pink		Friday 20 th October
Start of Term 2		Monday 30 th October

A full list of term dates and Inset Days can be found on the Ark Helenswood Academy website:

<http://arkhelenswood.org/about-us/term-dates-and-attendance>

To confirm that following changes the new school day times are as below:

School Day

Arrive by: 8.40 am	Line up
8.45 – 9.45 am	Period 1
9.45 – 10.45 am	Period 2
10.45 – 11.05 am	BREAK
11.05 – 11.35 am	Tutor time / Assemblies
11.35 am – 12.35 pm	Period 3
12.35 – 1.35 pm	Period 4
1.35 – 2.05 pm	LUNCH
2.05 – 3.05 pm	Period 5
Years 9, 10 and 11 – Mondays & Tuesdays only	
3.05 – 4.05 pm	Period 6



Principal: Tracy Dohel

Uniform

Students should return to school in September wearing the Winter uniform of a white long or short sleeved **revere** blouse and the school jumper and blazer with Ark Helenswood logos. They should have suitable low-heeled black shoes – trainers should not be worn and will only be permitted with a medical note.

Hair should be a natural colour and tied back. Students wearing make-up or nail varnish will be asked to remove it. A reminder that piercings are not permitted at the Academy and we do not allow 'retainers' to keep the hole 'open' or plasters to cover the piercing site. Students are permitted to wear one pair of small stud earrings.

Equipment – Students should bring the following equipment to school each day.

- School Planner [supplied from the Academy]
- Selection of coloured Pens, i.e. Black, Blue, Red
- Pencils, Coloured Pencils
- Ruler, Rubber, Pencil Sharpener
- Calculator [Any scientific calculator]
- Maths Set, i.e. Protractor, Compasses
- Clear Pencil Case for Exam purposes

Lockers

Lockers will be allocated to Years 7 – 9 for those who require them. Year 10 lockers will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. There are refundable £1 lockers at the Sports Hall which are available for student to use on a daily basis.

Behaviour

The Behaviour policy will be updated and placed on the website in September.

Parent warning – social media

As you may be aware Snapchat has made new additional settings. The app has added Snapmap which allows someone to see exactly where their friends are on a map, whether they're at home, sleeping or in a moving vehicle. As we know Snapchat is linked to other apps such as the dating app Yellow so often it is not just 'friends' who have been added.

The advice from Mr Clarke, our e-safety expert is that every child should follow the instructions below to prevent them being tracked.

To turn on 'Ghost Mode', go to SETTINGS > WHO CAN... > SEE MY LOCATION > GHOST MODE = ON

We say goodbye to the following staff and wish them every success as they move onto new roles in other schools, or indeed retirement!

Mr Applegate	Assistant Head of Faculty: Science
Mrs Ashenden	English Teacher
Mrs Bishop	Science Technician
Mr Bridge	Maths Teacher
Mr Hunter	Head of Faculty: Science
Mr Smith	Science Teacher

And finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and sunny summer holiday. I look forward to welcoming you all back to the academy in September.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Dohel', written in a cursive style.

Ms T Dohel
Principal