



July 2018

Dear Parent / Carer

As we near the end of this academic year I write to send notice of arrangements and information to be shared before the academy closes for the summer holidays.

Sports Day

Weather permitting, the Academy Sports Day will be held on Monday 16th July. There will be a letter from Ms Poole outlining the arrangements but I need to inform parents/carers that for that day only, the academy will close for **all** students at 3.05pm. There will be no Period 6 for Years 9 and 10.

End of Term

Ark Helenswood Academy will be closing to students at **12.30pm on Friday 20th July 2018. This will not be a Mufti day and students should attend in school uniform.** Those in receipt of free school meals should obtain their food at break time.

Students will be escorted to bus stops at the appropriate time to catch the 26, 26A, 28 and 100 buses. Any girls wishing to remain at school to wait for transport will be supervised by staff.

Lockers

Please remind your daughter that she must empty her locker and remove the padlock by **Wednesday 19th July**. Any lockers still occupied at the start of the holidays will have the locks cut and the contents will be disposed of.

Place2Be

Parents are informed that Place2Be now provides a 24/7 support network via Crisis Text Line for students who need urgent help outside of school hours. This support can be accessed by texting HELP to 85258, all students have been given this information during assemblies. Please see our website for more details.

GCSE results day – Thursday 23rd August

Year 11 students will be able to pick up their GCSE results from 10.00am from the Upper School site. We wish them every success.

Our Year 7 students will begin the new term on Wednesday 5th September, 2018 at 8.45am. We look forward to welcoming Years 8 to 11 back to the Academy on Thursday 6th September at 8.45am.



Principal: Tracy Dohel

Important Dates – Term 1

Year 7 students to return	8.45am	Wednesday 5 th September
Years 8 – 10 students to return to Lower school	8.45am	Thursday 6 th September
Year 11 students to return to Upper school	8.45am	Thursday 6 th September
East Sussex Music Service concert	9.00am	Friday 7 th September
East Sussex Music Service Parent evening	5.00pm	Wednesday 12 th September
Years 7 – 10 School Photo (individual)		Monday 17 th September
Year 6 Open Evening	6.00pm	Thursday 27 th September Early finish for students: 1.35pm
SEN Parent workshop	5.00pm	Thursday 4 th October
Year 7 Tutor Evening	6.00pm	Thursday 11 th October
End of Term – Mufti day – Wear it Pink		Friday 19 th October
Start of Term 2		Monday 29 th October

Uniform

Students should return to school in September wearing the Winter uniform of a white long or short sleeved reverse collar blouse and the school jumper and blazer with Ark Helenswood logos. They should have suitable low-heeled black shoes – trainers should not be worn unless a doctor's note is forthcoming.

We are happy to receive donations of unwanted uniform. Suitable items will be added to our stock of second-hand uniform and passed on to other students.

Canteen

We have reviewed our canteen tariffs for September and some prices will change. The price of a meal deal will remain at £2.10, the same value as a free school meal. Parents are advised to check on our website for the revised tariffs - <http://arkhelenswood.org/dinner-menu>

We are very pleased to announce that free breakfasts will be available to all students from September 2018 on a trial basis for four terms. This will include cereals, porridge and bagels. The canteen will be open daily from 8.00am to 8.30am where alternative items will also be available to purchase. Those students who arrive after 8.30am will still be provided with a bagel if they would like to have breakfast but no food will be available after 8.45am until break time.

We say goodbye to a number of staff this term. We thank them for their contribution to Ark Helenswood and wish them all well in their future roles.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and sunny summer holiday. I have thoroughly enjoyed being Principal of Ark Helenswood for the past two years and I will take away many positive memories. I wish the school every success in the future.

Best wishes



Ms T Dohel
Principal