



Ark Helenswood Academy

Term 3 - 2017





Term 4 Dates

Mon 20 Feb	INSET Day Yr 11 students return
Tue 21 Feb	Yr 7-10 students return
Thu 2 Mar	Parent Workshop - Curriculum
Wed 8 Mar	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Thu 16 Mar	Parent Workshop - Behaviour for Learning
Fri 17 Mar	INSET Day
Wed 22 Mar	Dance Show @ 7pm Ark William Parker
Thu 23 Mar	Dance Show @ 7pm Ark William Parker
Wed 29 Mar	Year 8 Parents' Evening

Please contact the Academy for more information about our events.

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Dear Parent/Carer

It was good to receive positive feedback from the new Parent Workshops held this term. There were 3 separate workshops on Independent Learning, Assessment Grades and Targets and Special Education Needs. Parents who attended were pleased to learn more about our systems and how they relate to and support our students. They also appreciated the opportunity to ask questions at the end of each workshop. We are planning further workshops in Spring 2 so please come along and join us – a letter of invitation will be sent out and placed on the website.



Positive feedback was also received from our Year 7 and Year 11 Parents' Evenings from both parents and students alike. We have posted the Year 7 Parent feedback on the website for you to view and I would like to thank those parents for their contributions.

Ms Dohel
Principal

Proud to be at Helenswood

Respectful, responsible and safe! We support Safer Internet Day 2017.



School Council

Student Voice is an important part of life at Helenswood. A member of our Head Girl team attends a Senior Leadership meeting after Student Council, to let us know their views and suggestions on a number of subjects. For instance this term our students tell us that they are happy with the facilities and that they think the Detention system is working. Year 9 students feel supported and that they have been given the information and guidance needed to start making their option choices. Students have also made suggestions for the reward parties given to those with 95% attendance or above at the end of each term and told us that we need more benches outside for them to sit on.

Performing Arts

Our Performing Arts department has had a busy term. On Saturday 28th January, students from Ark Helenswood collaborated with Acromax and performed a powerful dance piece at the Holocaust memorial service in Hastings. This was attended by the local Mayor and Home Secretary, Amber Rudd. The students gave an amazing performance which moved the guest speakers to tears. Many thanks to Ms Poole and her performers for supporting this community event as they do every year.

The Groovy Magic Love Show

Upper School and 6th Form students under the direction of Mr Whitehead gave a musical performance of 'The Groovy Magic Love Show' which was very well received by those present.



Well done to our netball players from all year groups who have represented the Academy this year. Ark Helenswood finished second in the Hastings and Rother Netball League thanks to the teams from Years 10 and 11 who won their individual leagues.

The score from our Netball teams was added to those who competed in Cross-country and Badminton to secure Ark Helenswood girls third position in the Hastings and Rother Overall League.

Years 7 & 8 both sent teams to the Sports Hall Athletics and both finished third out of eight local schools. The competition consists of 11 track and field events ranging from flat races, shot put, standing long jump and relays.



A new club has been added to our Extra-curricular calendar. Ark Helenswood Debate club will meet every Monday at lunch time on the Lower School site.

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Singer / songwriter Rich Cottell visits again to talk e-safety

The Academy hosted Rick Cottell who performed and presented to Year 7 through to Year 10. He combined his love of music with very serious information regarding e-safety.



Parents, did you know:

- Children need at least 8 hours sleep a night
- Nearly 50% get less
- Nearly 75% use computers / tablets / phones at night
- Bright lights at night affect sleep patterns
- Many children are too tired to learn

What you can do:

- Switch off your internet router at 9pm
- No computers / tablets / phones after 9pm



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Further information

A reminder that there is a Year 11 revision programme during the half term, in preparation for the mocks. All Year 11 students will be starting back on Monday 20th February in order to start their mocks and to gain additional revision support from the Year 11 teachers. All other students start back on Tuesday 21st February.



YEAR 11 MOCK 2 EXAMS					
21ST FEBRUARY - 3RD MARCH 2017					
WEEK 1			WEEK 2		
Date	Start	Subject	Date	Start	Subject
Mon 20th Feb	All day	Art	Mon 27th Feb	09:05	Maths (3) calculator 2
Yr 11 day	09:05	PE		12:00	English Lit paper 1
		Revision		14:05	Additional Science (P2)
Tues 21st Feb	09:05	Maths (1) non cal	Tue 28th Feb	09:05	English paper 2
	12:00	Geography paper 1		12:00	Food
	14:05	Business Studies		14:05	Philosophy
Wed 22nd Feb	08:45	English paper 1	Wed 1st Mar	08:45	Geography paper 2
	11:35	Core Science (B1, C1 & P1)		11:35	English Lit paper 2
	13:25	French listening		13:25	Spanish reading
Thurs 23rd Feb	09:05	Maths (2) calculator 1	Thurs 2nd Mar	09:05	History paper 2
	12:00	Ethics		09:05	Statistics
	14:05	Additional Science (B2)		12:00	F Add Science (B3)
				14:05	French reading
Fri 24th Feb	09:05	History paper 1	Fri 3rd March	09:05	Product Design
	09:05	Computer Science		09:05	Drama
	12:00	Additional Science (C2)		12:00	Music
	14:05	Spanish listening		12:00	Dance
				All day	Catch up

**MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY IS A NORMAL DAY FOR ALL YEAR 11'S.
STUDENTS STUDYING ART AND PE WILL HAVE THEIR MOCK THAT DAY.**

Finally we do hope for better weather ahead, but just in case you can sign up to receive school closure notifications from ESCC (information in link below). We will also continue to post such messages on our website.

<https://apps.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/schoolsearch/8454055.aspx>



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