



ACTON HIGH SCHOOL

5th July 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Information for the Start of Term – September 2018

The information in this letter will help support you in preparing your child for the next academic year. It is important that you note the information given here and prepare your son/daughter for an excellent start to the year.

As explained at last week's parent information meetings, Acton High School will become an Ark academy on 1st September 2018. All schools joining the Ark network have a change of name to ensure both a fresh start and to align with Ark's other schools. There are always strong feelings around school names. Some people wish to retain Acton in the name of the school due to the history of the school and its roots in the local area. Other people see the transition to an academy as an opportunity for a fresh start. Inevitably some people will be disappointed with the choice of name and others will not. In discussion with senior staff at Acton, parents, the Ark central team and with the local council it has been decided that the school's new name will be Ark Acton Academy. The new name takes account of the school's location, the history of education here but is also different enough from Acton High School to signify a fresh approach. I think we will all agree it is the quality of the education we will provide and the conduct of our pupils that will establish our reputation and not the name.

The school's leadership team will work alongside the Ark central team, Ark regional directors and with Peter Haylock, Ark Acton Academy's Executive Principal, to implement the school's improvement plan for the coming academic year. There is an opportunity for parents to meet with Mr Haylock on Thursday 19th July between 10.00am and 12 noon. Please contact the school office to make an appointment.

The next part of this letter sets out important information that you need to know for September.

Dates for the start of term

The attached information page sets out the dates and timings for each year group. It states what each student needs to bring and what they will be doing on that day.

Uniform

Year 7 students: uniform can be purchased from Sanco Schoolwear. The address of this uniform supplier is, 60 Bell Road, Hounslow TW3 3PB. The telephone number of the shop is 020 8570 9990. The uniform sold by Sanco Schoolwear has the new school logo on the blazer, jumpers, tie and PE tops.

Years 8-11: students can wear their existing school uniform with the 'old' logo. All students in Years 8-11 will be given a new school tie on their first day of term. If parents/carers need to buy new items of uniform, due to needing a larger size blazer for example, they will need to purchase the uniform from Sanco Schoolwear shop. The address is, 60 Bell Road, Hounslow TW3 3PB. The telephone number of the shop is 020 8570 9990. The uniform sold by Sanco Schoolwear has the new school logo on the blazer, jumpers, and PE tops.

Tutoring

To support the improvements to teaching and learning that we will be making in the new academic year we will be placing significant focus on student behaviour and discipline. We believe that this focus is better served by having our students in year based tutor groups rather than in the vertical tutor groups which include students of all year groups, Yr 7-13. In addition to this focus on behaviour, the curriculum provides numerous occasions during the academic year where information is relevant to specific year groups. Having a tutor system where students are in year groups will provide better and more effective communication with both students and parents. Behaviour at the academy must be much better for pupils to be able to maximise their potential and we believe the new system will greatly help this.

Staffing

Please see below staff who will be leaving the academy this summer. I would like to thank them for their service and wish them well in their future careers. We also look forward to welcoming several new members of staff this summer. The number of staff required in total next year will reduce due to the lower number of pupils on roll.

New staff	
Name	Department
Ms M. Bishop	English
Ms A. Douvros	English
Mr D. Lewis	Science
Ms S. Mackenzie	English
Ms S. Mulraine	Technical
Mr A. Noor	Computer Science
Mr C. Okafor	Music
Ms J. O'Shea	Art
Mr M. Salah	Maths
Ms M. Vanderpuye	Science
Staff Leaving	
Name	Department
Mrs S. Ali	Maths
Mrs J. Balawender	EAL
Mr R. Chawla	Music
Mr B. Collins	Business and Economics
Mr M. Cousins	History
Ms S. Fearon	Maths
Mr S. Ford	Computing
Mrs S. Gale	RE and PSHCE
Mr M. Gollege	Drama
Mr A. Hirst	Computing
Mr V. Jadav	Maths
Miss D. Mason	PE
Ms. N. May	Business and Economics
Ms S. Omar	Maths
Mr J. Porter	English
Mr H. Ridley	Technical
Mr J. Rosser	English
Mr T. Sapiano	RE and PSHCE
Mrs T. Slatford	Science
Mrs L.Spencer	SEN
Lucy Walling	English
Mike Wilmott	Government and Politics

Yours sincerely,

Gill Stewart

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Interim Headteacher

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Date	Year group	Timings	Requirements	Schedule
Monday 10 th September	12	9.00am – 2.00pm	Smart dress code Writing equipment	Register at 9.00am in the sixth form block. Students will enrol on to their sixth form courses Students will receive study packs which are to be completed ready for lessons on 17 th September
Friday 14 th September	7	9:45am – 2.00pm	Full school uniform School bag Pencil case with correct equipment	Register at the MUGA (staff will direct students) Students will learn all school routines and how to find their way around school
	11	20 minute appointment between 8.40am – 3.10pm	Full school uniform School bag Pencil case with correct equipment	Register in reception Students will have an individual academic meeting with a member of staff to review academic progress and set targets for GCSE exams.
Monday 17 th September	All year groups except Yr 12 & 13	8.40am – 3.10pm	Full school uniform School bag Pencil case with correct equipment	Register at the MUGA (staff will direct students) Students will learn all school routines and will attend lessons
	12 & 13	8.45am – 3.10pm	Smart dress code Writing equipment	Register at 8.45 am in the sixth form block. Students will enrol on to their sixth form courses