



Ark Burlington Danes Academy

10th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Assessments at ARK Burlington Danes Academy 2019-20

I hope your son/daughter has settled into the new school year well so far. I am writing to inform you about some of our key assessment dates so you are able to support your child through their studies and exams over the course of the year. It is important to note that students' work will be formatively assessed as part of our on going developmental feedback each week. In addition we have clearly defined formal assessment windows as set out below.

All students in year 7,8,9,10 and 12 will have 2 formal summative assessment points this year. The aim is to measure students' progress and attainment across all subjects to ensure they are on track, developing the skills and acquiring the knowledge needed to progress through the key stages. The autumn assessments will be in class assessments and the summer assessment will be in the main hall.

Year 11 & 13 have their assessments in autumn and spring. Y11 will have English, Maths and Science assessed in the main hall in autumn, with all other subjects assessed in class. Y13 will have in class assessments in autumn and, along with Y11 a full set of mock exams in the spring term.

It is important students attend school during the assessment weeks and try their hardest. We want our teachers to know how to best support them to meet their targets and beyond. We will be providing students with revision materials to support them alongside their lessons and fully encourage you to support them in their studies at home. Good healthy homework habits and checking their work books will ensure they are assessment ready and making the progress expected.

Students progress data will be reported home at the end of the autumn term, in spring for Y11 and Y13 and for all students in 7-10 and 12 in the summer. We will be providing curriculum information with your child's progress data and you will have the opportunity to discuss progress at our parents' evening, which can be found on our school website.

Key Assessment Dates 2019-20

Autumn Term:

28th October -8th November Y11 and Y13 Assessment Weeks

25th November –6th December Y7,Y8,Y9,Y10,Y12 Assessment Weeks

Spring Term:

13th January – 31st January Y11 Assessment Weeks – Full Mock Exams

3rd February – 13th February Y13 Assessment Weeks – Full Mock Exams

Summer Term:

11th May GCSE and GCE External Examinations begin Y11 & Y13

8th June -29th June Y10 and Y12 Assessment Weeks

22nd June – 6th July Y7, Y8 and Y9 Assessment Weeks

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year or any member of the SLT at the school and we are happy to assist with your enquiries.

Yours Faithfully,



Ms L Morris

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