



# Ark Burlington Danes Academy

Wednesday, August 14, 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to thank you for your support during what has been a great year at Burlington Danes Academy. It has been a great pleasure to lead this school through some of the real highlights that we have seen. These have included:

- A fantastic year 7 trip to France
- The extraordinary Geography trip to Iceland
- Some exceptional performances from our sports teams
- The incredible performance of students in 'The Wiz'
- Further exciting workshops and showcases from our incredibly talented musicians.
- The exceptional work students have completed in Art shown off in the gallery presentations
- Performances of students in choirs across the country

These happen because of the dedication of our staff and their belief that our students deserve the best. This is something that underpins the Academy philosophy and belief. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you our new Academy Christian vision statement:

***"I have come that you may have life, and have it in all its fullness."***

*John 10:10*

**At Ark Burlington Danes Academy, we believe that everyone deserves to be accepted, included and empowered to live a life that is purposeful and fulfilling. Through learning to our fullest potential and living a life filled with kindness and thankfulness, we can be the ones to make the world a better place.**

We believe in a holistic education, where our children work on their character and values, as well as their academic achievements.

The key focus of the Academy over the coming academic year will be as follows:

- Continuing a real drive to raise student outcomes – we know that these unlock the doors to success
- Ensuring that our character programme educates students to be successful members of modern society who contribute to the community and world around them
- Developing a mastery curriculum that ensures that all students have access to a rigorous academic experience

- Embedding excellent coaching and professional development for all teachers to ensure that they are delivering the best possible lessons
- Continuing to focus on developing routines and consistency within our behaviour systems
- Engaging parents and the local community through a series of open mornings and parent forums throughout the academic year

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff that are moving on from Ark Burlington Danes Academy at the end of the year and to wish them luck in their future endeavours. The Academy is fully staffed with subject experts for September which is key in ensuring that all our students get the best possible opportunities.

It is imperative that I mention that the local area presents a number of potential dangers to students. These have been widely publicised in local and national news. It is exceptionally important, especially over the summer holiday, that students take the necessary precautions to ensure that they remain safe.

It is also important that you make the most of the summer holidays. London is an incredible city which numerous opportunities. It is the best time of year to make the most of the galleries, parks, museums and sights. Parents of year 10 will also be aware that students have been given their revision guides and work packs for the summer. It is important that they continue to work to build on their work this year in their GCSEs to ensure that next year is a real success.

I look forward to seeing you at the start of the next academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Bhatia  
Principal

## **KEY DATES FOR START OF TERM**

### **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

9.00am – 12.00pm: Year 11 Academic Review Day – Year 11 students in attendance for meetings with tutors and Head of Year

### **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

9.30am – 3.30pm: Year 7 induction

### **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

8.20am: Year 7, Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12 arrive at school

11.00am: Year 8, Year 9 and Year 13 arrive at school

3.30pm: School finishes for all year groups

### **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

8.20am – 3.30pm: Normal School Day for all year groups