



Dear Parents and Carers,

With our GCSE and A Level exams well underway our focus at Elvin at the end of term has been on how we can support our Year 11s, 12s and 13s to achieve in their end of key stage exams. But of course the real difference to exam results doesn't come in the final days before the tests themselves – we know that exam success starts from the first day of Year 7. So I am delighted to share with you three important changes that we know will make a big difference to all our pupil's exam success:

- End of Year exam revision materials
- Our new homework timetable
- The summer 2 enrichment offer

End of year exam revision materials

Year 7-10 end of year exams start on 21st June. Every pupil will sit a formal examination in each of their subjects. These exams will test their understanding of all that has been covered in that subject this year. On the last day of Summer term all pupils were given revision materials for English, Maths and Science and this week they will be given the revision packs for all other subjects. Copies of these revision packs can be found on our website under the curriculum tab. Please support your child to revise for these exams carefully. The results from these tests will help us decide which classes your child will be taught in next year. They will also give us a clear sense of the progress they have made in each subject this year. We will share their exam results and their new timetable with you at our next Parent Review Day which will take place on September 8th 2017 – appointments for this important meeting will be shared with parents at the end of term.

New homework timetable

Regular independent learning or homework is an important part of your child's education – it supports their learning in school and helps prepare them for independent study at university and beyond. We have been very aware that the setting of homework has not been as regular as we would like. It is important that pupils are set an appropriate amount of homework; on a regular day and that the homework directly supports their learning in school. To support this please find below the new Ark Elvin homework diary – this can also be found on our website under the curriculum tab. Please hold on to your copy of this and monitor your child's homework completion. Pupils will also have a set day to return their homework – and any missing homework will result in a 30 minute detention – where pupils will be expected to complete the homework set. We are really keen to hear your views on how the new timetable works. If you have noticed that your child is missing any homework or you have any concerns about them accessing the homework set please contact your child's form tutor or Head of Learning.

Summer term 2 enrichment offer

As well as supporting your child to achieve success in their exams we are equally committed to 'raising their aspirations' and providing a breadth of learning experiences for them at school. With this in mind I am delighted to share with you our new summer term 2 enrichment offer below (and once again you can find this on our website under life at school tab - Enrichment). It is our best yet! Each week we will be running 28 different clubs and we hope to build on this offer next year when we move into our new building with the wealth of facilities that will offer. Your child will be given all the

information on how to sign up for these clubs and if they have successfully secured a place in their chosen clubs in the first week back. Again – if you have any feedback on this enrichment offer please do not hesitate to contact your child’s form tutor or head of learning.

Our 6 pillars – making the difference

In our last newsletter I wrote to you about the 6 pillars that we are focusing on to make our school a great school:

- Strong discipline
- High quality teaching
- Mastery curriculum
- Raising aspirations and enrichment
- Character development
- Developing leaders

Our revision materials, the new homework timetable and the enrichment offer are just three ways we are working tirelessly to embed these 6 pillars in our day to day practice and I look forward to sharing more developments with you over the coming term as we prepare for the new academic year ahead and the move to our new building.

Very best wishes,

Rebecca Curtis

Principal

Key dates

5 th June	Launch of new enrichment offer
21 st June	Year 7-10 end of year exams start
29 th June	Year 11 Prom
30 th June	Year 7-10 end of year exams finish
5 th July	Year 6 taster day
7 th July	Staff training day – no school for any pupils

11 th July	Sports day – Y7-10 – Brunel University
12 th July	Year 7 French Trip
12 th & 13 th July	School play - 6:30pm ‘The Rhythm of Life’.
17 th July	End of year rewards trip week
21 st July	Last Day
8 th September	First day for year 7’s and parent review day Y8-11.

Is your child eligible for Free School Meals?

If you are a parent or carer, and receive any of the benefits below, then your child is eligible for Free School Meals:-

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance.
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are Not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross household income of no more than £16190)
- The Guaranteed Element of State pension Credit
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Working Tax Credit run on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

What to do next?

If your application for Free School Meals is successful, Ark Elvin Academy will also receive extra funding from the Government to use in support of teaching and learning (Pupil Premium). This will be used by the school to enhance teaching and learning opportunities for your child.

If you would like to apply for Free School Meals you can:

- Ask at Reception for an application form



Year 7 Homework Timetable Summer 2



	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Subject	English	Geography	PSHE	Science	Drama
	RE	Art	Maths	History	French
		Music			Spanish

Year 8 Homework Timetable Summer 2



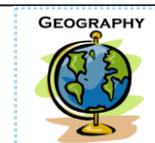
	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Subject	Geography	Spanish	English	Maths	Music
	French	Science	Art	PSHE	Drama
	RE		History		

Year 9 Homework Timetable Summer 2



	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Subject	Music	Maths	Science	Drama	Geography
	English	History	PSHE	Art	French
		Spanish	RE		

Year 10 Homework Timetable Summer 2



	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Subject	Science	Option subject (MFL, Drama, Business, Geography, History)	Maths	English	Science
	Maths	Option subject (Art, PE, Sociology)	RE	Option subject (Art, PE, Sociology, Drama, Business)	English
	RE	Option subject (Art, PE, Sociology)			Option subject (MFL, Geography, History)



PE	What? (club/intervention)	When? (day/time)	Who? (lead member of staff)	Room
	Girls football Y7-10	Mondays 3:30-4:30	PLA	
	Year 7 & Year 8 Cricket	Tuesdays 3:30-4:45	JKU	
	Year 9 & Year 10 Cricket	Thursdays 3:30-4:45	PLA	
	KS3 Football	Wednesdays 3:30-4:45	PLA	
	Skateboarding Club KS3	Thursdays 3:30- 4:45	SRO	
	Y9 and Y10 Table Tennis (in the hall)	Thursdays 3:30- 4:30	JKU	
	English			
	What? (club/intervention)	When? (day/time)	Who? (lead member of staff)	Room
	Year 10 Intervention KS4	Tuesdays 3:30-4:30	ASH	2
	Film Club KS3 and KS4	Thursdays 3:30-4:30	MNO	40
	Poetry Slam KS3 and KS4	Tuesday lunchtimes	GSI/HMO	5
	MFL			
	What? (club/intervention)	When? (day/time)	Who? (lead member of staff)	
	Italian KS3 and KS4	Wednesdays 3:30-4:30	KTI, LJA	56
	Foreign Languages Film club KS3 and KS4	Wednesdays 3:30-4:30	ACH	53
	Tear 10 Spanish Intervention KS4	Thursdays 3:30-4:30	DWL, AVI	55
	Art			
	What? (club/intervention)	When? (day/time)	Who? (lead member of staff)	Room
	Painting KS3 and KS4	Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes	ANA	24
	Craft KS3 and KS4	Wednesdays 3:30-4:30	EHO	23
	Mark making KS3	Friday lunchtimes	VDR	33
	History			
	What? (club/intervention)	When? (day/time)	Who? (lead member of staff)	Room
	Year 10 History Intervention	Thursdays 3:30-4:30	CGU/RMC	30
	History homework Intervention KS3	Tuesday lunchtimes	CGU/RMC	51
	Geography			
	What? (club/intervention)	When? (day/time)	Who? (lead member of staff)	Room
	Year 10 geography Interventions KS4	Mondays 3:30-4:30	PED/RMA	45
	Drama			
	What? (club/intervention)	When? (day/time)	Who? (lead member of staff)	Room
	Summer show rehearsals - Acting	Thursday 3:30-5:00	LSP/AST	18
	Summer show rehearsals- Dance	Fridays 3:00-4:00	LSP	18
	Summer show rehearsals	Every lunchtime	LSP/AST	18
	Year 10 Drama Intervention	Wednesday 3.30-5:00	LSP/AST/SSW	18
	Music			
	What? (club/intervention)	When? (day/time)	Who? (lead member of staff)	Room
	Choir	Mondays 3:30-5:00	GKE	27
	Maths			
	What? (club/intervention)	When? (day/time)	Who? (lead member of staff)	Room
	Chess Club	Every lunchtime	JMU/DMU	19
	MathsWatch Club	Wednesdays 3:30-4:30	GLU/SAM	11
	Year 10 Maths Intervention	Wednesdays 3:30-4:30	JMU	19
	Mathletes Club	Thursdays 3:30-4:30	DWA	17
	Science			
	KS3 Science Club	Tuesday Lunchtimes	GWE	25
	Japanese Club	Fridays 3:30-4:30	YAK	37

