



Dear parents & carers,

It is always exciting to start a new academic year – welcoming our new Year 7's into our community, welcoming new staff who are joining our team and this year preparing for the big move to our new building in January. I hope that you all had a chance to enjoy the summer holidays and like us are looking forward to the routine of the Autumn term ahead.

Exam Results

Over the summer we also celebrated with our Y11s, 12s and 13s as they received their exam results. In Y13 we were delighted to see our pupils securing places at some of the top courses and universities in the country. Below are just a few of the highlights:

Name	Results	Courses	University
Olufunke Moronfolu	A, A, A,	Medicine	Imperial College London
Daniel Tisler	A*, B, B	Computer Science	Kings college, London
Faizan Raja	B, B, C	Economics and accounting	Brunel University
Syed Haque	A*, A, B	Pharmacy	University College London
Diwash Gurung	A, B, C	Aerospace engineering	Surrey University



studies.

Olufunke achieved three As in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. She is going to Imperial College to study medicine. She has been awarded a bursary to help her with her

Our GCSE results also show an improvement for our school and some great individual results for pupils who have worked so hard. Pupils at Elvin on average made nationally expected progress. This is a great step forward for our school but we know we can do even better this year and going forward. Congratulations to all our Y11 pupils.



New Staff

I am delighted to welcome all the new staff who are joining us this term – over the coming weeks I am sure you will get to meet many of them. In this newsletter I would like to introduce you to our three new Vice Principals.

Cara Clancy has been teaching and leading in outstanding London schools for 8 years and



joined Elvin in 2016. She is passionate about pupil progress and is keen to ensure that every child reaches their full potential. She has graduated from the University of Sussex with a BA(hons) in Economics. She is excited to be working at Ark Elvin Academy to

lead the team on our journey to outstanding.

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Sarah Donachy has been teaching and leading in London schools for 12 years and most recently founded the sixth form at Ark Globe Academy. She is excited about working with teachers to hone their craft at Ark Elvin so that pupils love learning, achieve good results and go on to the university or career of their choice. She graduated from Cambridge, King's College in 2004 with a BA(hons) in English Literature. As you might expect, she loves to read - at the moment 'The Underground Railroad' by Colson Whitehead.



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Tommy Ittu has taught and led at outstanding schools in London for 10 years. He believes passionately in the power of a purposeful learning climate in creating the conditions for pupils to be successful. He graduated from University of Portsmouth with a BSc in Computing and Information Systems and has been an advocate for a greater role for technology in education. He enjoys staying fit through cycling and weightlifting. He is also a keen computer programmer and hopes to encourage more pupils into computer science.



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Attendance

This year we will be working with Brent to ensure that all pupils attend school regularly.

It is a pleasure to welcome Natasha Antoine to the Elvin community this academic year. Natasha will be working with us as our Educational Welfare Officer (EWO). The purpose of the Education Welfare Service (EWS) is to work in partnership with schools; putting the child first when school attendance is

a concern. Natasha is a highly experienced and trained officer who will support us to establish the reason for a child's poor attendance and ensure appropriate action is taken to support the family and school to improve the situation. For our pupils to make outstanding progress we need their attendance to be at least 97%. We look forward to working with Natasha to drive forward pupil attendance and punctuality this academic year.

As we start this new academic year we are determined to continue to improve our school and excited about the year ahead. We have a clear plan focused on our 6 pillars – the things we feel we need to get right to deliver an outstanding education for your children:

- Strong Discipline
- High Quality Teaching
- Mastery Curriculum
- Raising aspirations
- Character development
- Developing educational leaders

I look forward to meeting you and working together to make Elvin a great school.

With kind regards,

Rebecca Curtis

Principal



Face painting at Ark Elvin Summer Fair 2017

We ended the term last year with our first ever non-school uniform day and Ark Elvin summer fair which raised over £400 for costumes and props for next year's school play. Thank you to all the tutor groups who led the different stalls, to parents who cooked some delicious dishes for the food stalls and for all the staff who played a part in making this happen.

Key events

Autumn Term 2017

26.09.17	Year 6 Information evening
05.10.17	Year 11 Information evening
19.10.17	Year 9 University visit
23.10.17 - 27.10.17	Half term holiday
30.10.17	Pupils return to school
08.12.17	Staff Training (No pupils in school)
18.12.17	Reward trips years 7-10
19.12.17	End of term - early finish 1:00pm.

Spring Term 2018

We will have a delayed start to the term in January to allow time for us to move into our new building.

10.01.18	Year 11 parent review meetings
11.01.18	First day of school for all pupils' years 7-10. Year 11 : Taster day at college/sixth form.
24.01.18	Year 9 Options event
12.02.18 – 16.02.18	Half term holiday
19.02.18:	Pupils return to school
16.03.18	Staff Training (No pupils in school)
22.03.18:	Year 7 University visit
29.03.18	Last day of term

Summer Term 2018

16.04.18	Staff Training (No pupils in school)
17.04.18	Staff Training (No pupils in school)
18.04.18 pupils	First day of term for
18.04.18	Year 10 Immunisation Men, ACWY & MMR Booster
25.05.18	Last day of term
28.05.18	Half term holiday
4.06.18	Pupils return to school
18.06.18 – 22.06.18	Assessment week
29.06.18	Year 8 Immunisation – HPV1
06.07.18	Staff Training (No pupils in school)
12.07.18	Sports day
20.07.18	Last day of term pupils early finish for pupils
23.08.18	GCSE results day



School Lunch Payments

All new pupils to Elvin will receive a letter within a week of starting school informing them of their login details for **ParentPay**. You can access Parent Pay through the Elvin website: arkelvinacademy.org (top right hand corner). Please follow instructions for on-line payment.

Not everyone can pay online, and parents who want to pay cash can easily do so at one of over 30,000 PayPoint stores.

The Academy will make arrangements for all parent/carers to be issued with a PayPoint Card within the next 2 weeks; the card can be used for school meals, trips or other items.

If you have difficulty with this you can make arrangement with the Finance office to pay cash directly to the finance team weekly basis.

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:

- Check eligibility on line at <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>
- Ask at Reception for an application form