



Ark Charter
Academy

Summer 2 Newsletter





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Justice



Courage



Respect



Kindness - Independence - Determination - Honesty - Team Work - Responsibility

Executive Principal/Principal Welcome

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope this newsletter finds yourselves and your loved ones well. At the end of a very different school year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the students for their engagement, resilience and achievements in 2019-20, as well as our families for the ongoing support during this final term. Our staff have worked hard to continue teaching and developing our online learning provision, our onsite year 10 classrooms and our community classrooms. It has been a remarkable year and we have worked cohesively as a community to keep each other safe, as well as provide the best educational experience possible for our students.

The Government has given the go ahead for all students to return to school full time from September. Many of you will want to know the details of what this will look like and this will be outlined in a series of letters that will be posted home. We are aware that a significant number of students have not been in school since the middle of March and therefore we need to convey to you our detailed plans for the recovery curriculum, start of term arrangements, Health & Safety priorities and behaviour standards.

Summer School Work

This summer all new year 7 students have been asked to commit to reading Go Big: The secondary school survival guide by Matthew Burton. If your child is currently in Year 7-10, teachers will have provided them with independent study tasks to complete over the summer break to help them 'hit the ground running' in September. Please support the school by asking your child if this is the case for them and by ensuring that they complete the work set.

Goodbyes

A number of members of staff are leaving us at the end of term to move onto pastures and challenges new. A special mention must go to Mr Les Latham who is leaving the Premises Department after 10 years, we wish Les good luck at his new school. Also to Mr Richard Ainslie who will be leaving after 6 years at Charter Academy. We are sure you will join us in thanking all staff who are leaving for their valued contributions to the school.

Mrs Collette Barry will also be departing to start her maternity leave over the summer and will wish her all the joy that parenthood brings. We are delighted to announce that Mr Ian White, will take over as Head of Year 11 from September.

And finally...

We are sure you will join us in thanking both students and staff for an excellent year's work and once again, we would like to thank you for your help and support throughout this incredibly challenging time. The end of term is finally here, and we wish your family an enjoyable, restful and safe break. We are sure that your children will return refreshed and eager to be back at Charter Academy to continue their learning in September 2020.

Emily Morey
Principal
Ark Charter Academy

Fiona Chapman
Executive Principal
Ark Charter Academy

Ark Sports Day Challenge



As a network, Ark set the challenge of everyone completing 40,000km in two weeks, either by cycling, walking or running. As a school community, we designed a challenge which would cruise the Mediterranean Sea. Our initial target was 5,060km visiting several different countries as we sailed around Europe. By day seven, Charter had travelled 5,227km, so we added a couple more ports before ending in Rome. However, with all the commitment and determination of all that participated, we reached Rome by day twelve. Therefore, a final challenge was set, to see how if we could make it home to Charter Academy, needing an overall total 2,527km, could we do it??

A big thank you from all of the PE Staff to those that participated in this challenge, it was great to see our distance growing quickly and so many people involved.

Overall the challenge set by Ark was a huge success and that also was developed as the time went on, from traveling around the world to reaching several planets.

Well done Charter Academy! A fantastic achievement.

Charter came 4th overall and covered 12,670 KM (our original goal was to cover 4000 km!!)

- 2nd in the Secondary schools section

A special mention to Year 10 Izzy M-F: 5 hours, 7 minutes in the Marathon

Furthest distance teams covered:

- 10th: Rowling House Staff: 2547 km
- 11th: Beckham House Staff: 2546 km (beaten by 1 km!)

Further information on the Final leader board can be found by clicking the link below;

<https://charteracademy.org.uk/ark-sports-day-challenge-2020>

If you wish to comment or contribute to Charter Academy's newsletter, we would love to hear from you. You can contact us on:

info@charteracademy.org.uk

Everything within the newsletter is subject to possible amendments by the Principal.

1851 Trust STEM remote teaching with INEOS:

Ark Charter Academy is delighted to have received a grant from INEOS for electronic devices to support our most disadvantaged students.

To celebrate INEOS' generous support, on Wednesday 8th July we were delighted to welcome the STEM Crew wing of the 1851 Trust (INEOS TEAM UK's official charity) to deliver a virtual teaching STEM session streamed live into the academy for our community classroom, and linked through MS Teams for our home learning students. The lesson focused on forces and used resources inspired by the America's Cup Challenge, mixing instructional teaching and try-at-home (or in the community classroom!) practical science activities. Three of our students (Ebony D., Isaac T. and Yannis M.) also summoned their Charter courage to take a rare opportunity to ask Sir Ben Ainslie himself questions about the new 75-foot yachts that will be used to compete in the 2021 America's Cup Challenge via remote link!



Portsmouth Reading Champion 2020



"Shaun just does not realise how influential he is"

SHAUN M.

PORTSMOUTH READING CHAMPION 2020

Shaun has been awarded the title of PORTSMOUTH READING CHAMPION 2020 by Portsmouth School Library Service. Due to the exceptional quality of all the nominations this year Shaun shares the award with two other students.

Librarians across the city were invited to nominate one student for this award. It was almost impossible to choose just one from so many exceptional students, but this year Charter nominated Shaun for:

- Demonstrating Charter values with outstanding and considerate behaviour
- Determined and courageous reading
- Showing maturity, responsibility and great leadership as student librarian and quiz team captain
- Demonstrating kindness by encouraging, helping and befriending new students in the Library

We were all delighted to hear that Portsmouth School Library Service had chosen Shaun for this accolade. We are looking forward to congratulating Shaun in person in September and want everyone to know just how proud we are of him.



A reminder to Parents and Carers;

Please remember to top up your child's lunch accounts regularly, as credit cannot be guaranteed. This is easily accessible via WisePay, which can also be used to pay for uniform and school trips.

We are constantly working hard to ensure that our communication both within the school and also, with parents, carers and stakeholders is as efficient as possible. Whilst we endeavour to respond to any communication on the same day, it is not always possible.

Any communication regarding a safeguarding issue will be responded to on the same day.

Community Classroom

For the past 4 months, while the schools have been 'closed' the gates and doors have been wide open for a very special group of children. The children of our Key Workers and vulnerable families have been coming to Community Classroom everyday since March 23.

Led by teams of versatile and dynamic teachers on a weekly rotation, the Community Classroom has been a learning curve for all of us!

No uniform, no assessments, no reports! But lots of lovely learning has gone on over the past 4 months. The students have been split into year groups and have completed hundreds of wonderful sessions ranging from creative writing to corn dolly crafting; from baking to bath bombs; from song writing to sign designing. The range of activities delivered by our Charter staff have been varied, challenging and jolly good fun!

Every day the students also get a session of PE, so keep up the mental and physical well being of students. They have also completed daily sessions of home learning, using the work books and online platforms that those not in Community Classroom have been completing at home, to keep up with the work supplied by their dedicated and hard-working teachers.

It has been very challenging but very rewarding for everyone involved. Tia a year 9 student who has been attending Community Classroom described it as, ' I really enjoy doing all the PE, and Community Classroom has given me a reason to get up every day'. Teddy described it as, 'Fun, social and entertaining'

Here are a selection photos of the work completed by the students over the past few months, this is nowhere near all the creative things that have happened, just a small selection of imaginative ways the teachers have used their session time and students have used their imaginations.



Careers Office Update

Summer term has certainly been very different to what we had planned, at the Careers Office. Although we have not been able to deliver our activities face-to-face, there is still plenty of support available online. Please check the links on the school website;

<https://charteracademy.org.uk/home-school-learning/resources-home-learning-and-careers>.

Students of all year groups can investigate BBC Bitesize Careers section or go to Career pilot and take a fun quiz about jobs. Above all, have a restful Summer and take time to do something you really like. See you in September! Ms Riches, Careers Leader.



'Keep Doing Good' is an amazing opportunity for Year 11 pupils to support Portsmouth and help tackle community issues that already exist or have emerged due to COVID-19. Through the programme, over a period of 2 weeks, the young people will be given the platform to deliver around 16 hours of their time with us, and collectively make a positive impact in Portsmouth. This is open to all Year 11 students, regardless if they signed up for our traditional NCS programme or not and is free for them to take part in.

The safety of pupils who choose to take part in this programme is absolute paramount to us, so please know we are and will do everything to ensure that they are safe whilst volunteering with us.





FREE SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY PROGRAMME FOR FAMILIES

Park and Romsey Community Schools have joined together again to deliver the Connect4Summer 2020 Family Fun Day Programme, expanding to cover the following areas: Hampshire, Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight.

Connect4Summer is a programme delivering inclusive activities to families who struggle to afford the cost of activities and food during the summer break. This year's programme includes:

Family Fun Days: daily craft, sport, cookery, storytelling, Daily Mile, two-course hot lunch and a specialist. Specialists include: Family First Aid, Art Projects, Yoga, Martial Arts, Lego and a Science Professor.

Each Friday we will be joined by an entertainer!

New for 2020: Library Service Summer Reading Challenge with certificates and medals.

Childcare: available to families with working parents and in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM). Children must be aged 5+ and can access 10 days of free childcare. See link below for further details;

www.connect4.org.uk

We are delivering in 58 venues across the following areas: Basingstoke, Hart, Rushmoor, East Hampshire, Havant, Winchester, Eastleigh, Fareham, Gosport, New Forest, Test Valley, Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight.

The programmes start Wednesday 29th July and run until Tuesday 25th August, 10am – 3pm weekdays.



Family Fun Days

29th July –
25th August 2020



FREE!



Connect with us!

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**PORTSMOUTH MHST
ARE OFFERING:**

Solent 
NHS Trust

Parent/carers workshops over the summer holidays:

**23rd July: Understanding
stress and how it impacts on
our well-being**

**30th July: Practical ways to
manage our own stress
(Part 1)**

**6th August: Practical ways to
manage our own stress
(Part 2)**

**13th August: Understanding
the potential impact of Covid-
19 on your child/ young
person's well-being**

**20th August: Help your
child/young person manage
stress and anxiety around
transition or returning to
school**

Every Thursday 6-8pm on
Zoom starting on
23rd July 2020.

There are only 20 spaces per
workshop. For more details
or to book please contact
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