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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a busy and highly successful summer term at ARA. We welcomed pupils transferring from Year 6 to Year 7 from our own Primary Phase and many who will be joining the ARA High School from other local primary schools. The Reed Theatre was full for the Year 7 Transition Evening on 2nd July when parents joined ARA staff for an information evening followed by refreshments in the Academy restaurant. It has been good to see so many children in Years 4, 5 and 6 – from ARA primary and representing many primary schools across Ealing – visiting the High School and joining the wide range of 'Survival Days' and other transition events.

Having first gained the award in 2017, we are delighted to have retained the Primary Gold Sports Mark in 2018. Congratulations to all members of staff involved in the accreditation process. The annual primary phase sports days and Summer Fete were a great success again this year whilst the secondary 'Challenge' and Sports Days held on 12th and 13th July provided a highly competitive and engaging experience for pupils in Years 7-10 in the penultimate week of the year.

The first ARA Arts Week was held in the High School throughout the week beginning 2nd July. Thank you to the Performing Arts Team for the excellent music, drama, karaoke, Taiko drumming and DJ sessions held in morning breaks, lunch breaks and after school hours. Please visit the ARA Music FaceBook page <https://www.facebook.com/alecreedperformingarts/> for videos of the high quality entries in the ARA Talent Show, also held during Arts Week. You can also see other events on <https://www.instagram.com/alecreedperformingarts/>

Ofsted Inspection

Further to the Ofsted inspection of the Academy in June, I am delighted to inform you that the Ofsted report was officially published last week. The report is highly complimentary of the Academy's work. Inspectors have stated that the Academy shows 'the greatest care for all pupils in the school'. 'Pupils told inspectors about the sense of togetherness' and one pupil said, 'teachers make sure no one is left behind'. We are delighted that Ofsted have confirmed that Alec Reed Academy is a 'Good' and continually improving school. **The full [Ofsted report](#) is now available on the Alec Reed Academy website.**

In celebration of the report, a Truly Scrumptious Friday celebration of success was held on Friday 6th July. All pupils received an edible treat from the restaurant and we were delighted that Sir Alec Reed was able to join members of staff for further celebrations later in the day. In his address to staff members, Sir Alec reminded us that in the first few years after the Academy was established 'Ofsted inspections were not always as positive as this!' Sir Alec described the pride he feels in the Academy, all of its achievements and significant success.

SATs Results

I am delighted to share with you our **Key Stage 2 Results**. These were published nationally on 10th July. 71% of Year 6 pupils met or exceeded the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. The national average is 64%. Results in the **Key Stage 1 Phonics Screening Tests** are also exceptionally strong. 88% of ARA pupils achieved the expected standard. Our congratulations go to all pupils and members of staff in the primary phase.



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Important Changes to the timings of the High School day

Further to the consultation involving parents, pupils and staff earlier this year, the following changes to the school day will take place from September 2018. **The normal timetable will end at the same time of 3pm on each day of the week, Monday - Friday for all pupils in Years 7-13.**

There will be six 50-minute lessons on each day. Lesson times are as follows:

Period 1: 8.40 – 9.30

Period 2: 9.30 – 10.20

Period 3: 10.20 – 11.10

Break: 11.10 – 11.25

Period 4: 11.25 – 12.15

Period 5: 12.15 – 1.05

Lunch: 1.05 – 1.50

Form Time: 1.50 – 2.10

Period 6: 2.10 – 3.00

Clubs and enrichment activities will be offered by subject areas during 'Period 7: 3.00 – 3.50'. Most of these activities will be optional to pupils. There will also be intervention and catch-up sessions for pupils who require additional time or support. Full details will be provided for all pupils and parents at the start of the Autumn Term in September.

Headteacher of the Primary Phase

After many successful years as Head Teacher of the Primary Phase, we say farewell to Jane Tayub at the end of the summer term. Mrs Tayub and her family will be relocating to Ireland over the summer period in order to be with their extended family. Under Mrs Tayub's leadership, the primary phase has continually developed and improved. We send our thanks to Jane for her hard work, care and commitment and wish her and her family every success for the future.

We welcome Neil Crosbie as Head Teacher of the Primary Phase from 1st September 2018. Mr. Crosbie is currently Deputy Head Teacher at the Wood End Academy and gained many years of leadership experience through his work in schools in this country and abroad. We all look forward to welcoming Mr. Crosbie and working with him in the new Academic year.

Retirement

Two long serving members of the ARA Primary phase will retire this year. Janice Palmer has worked at the Academy for over 30 years and has supported hundreds of pupils in her role as class worker. She will be greatly missed. We also say farewell to Kim O'Gorman. Kim has worked across many different year groups and has been a member of our welfare team for almost 16 years. We send our thanks to both colleagues with our best wishes for a long and very happy retirement.

Promotion to Deputy Headteacher Posts

We say thank you and farewell this term to two members of the Academy Leadership Team for their hard work and dedication to the life of the Academy and school community over many years. Congratulations to Mr. Mohamed on his appointment as Deputy Headteacher of Drayton Green Primary School and to Mr. Edwards on his appointment as Deputy Headteacher of Cox Green School in Maidenhead. We wish them every success and fulfillment in their new roles.

GCSE and A levels

We eagerly await the results of GCSE and A Level examinations. In the GCSE's, all except English and Maths are new courses introduced by the Department for Education this year. The new English and Maths courses were first examined last year. Year 13 students faced ten new A level exams and 5 new BTEC Applied A level exams. As I visit classrooms across the Academy, I have been greatly impressed by our pupils' commitment to independent learning and engagement with the numerous revision sessions provided by Subject Areas. Throughout the year, Year 11, 12 and 13 pupils signed up to attend the study and booster sessions provided by members of staff in the evenings, at weekends, during holidays and for the Year 11 English Residential Weekend. My thanks to every member of staff who gave their time and experience so willingly in order to support pupils and enable their success.

Exam Results Days

- **Year 12 and 13 AS, A level and BTEC exam results** will be issued on **Thursday 16th August.**
- **Year 11 GCSE and BTEC exam results days** will be held on **Thursday 23rd August.**

Members of staff will be available on both days to meet with students and provide advice and guidance regarding their options.

Secondary School Uniform Information

The uniform includes a blazer and jumper, both embroidered with the Academy logo, and tie. Uniform is available to purchase in the uniform shop and online. Ordering online is very simple. Just visit <https://www.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=126>. Select the size and the number of items you require and add them to your basket. Orders received during summer holiday can either be collected from the uniform shop during the **opening times listed below** or given to your child when the school re-opens.

If you would like to visit the uniform shop, please note the dates and opening times below:

Uniform Shop	
Summer 2018 Opening Times and Dates	
Dates	Times
	NB Closed for lunch between 12:00 to 1:15pm
Wednesday 18 th July	Open from 9am to 12pm and 1:15pm to 3:45pm
Monday 20 th August to Wednesday 22 nd August	Open from 9am to 12pm and 1:15pm to 3:45pm.
Tuesday 28 th August to Friday 31 st August	Open from 9am to 12pm and 1:15pm to 3:45pm
Monday 3 rd September to Friday 7 th September	From 9am to 12pm and 1:15pm to 3:45pm.
Wednesday 12 th September onwards	Wednesdays from 9am to 12pm and 1:15pm to 3:45pm

Please note that we accept cash and credit/debit card in the uniform shop.

Shoes and skirts

High standards of uniform will be expected and are non-negotiable. Please refer to the end of this letter for precise details of the shoes and skirts that may be worn.

SafeWorkers are available to provide day-to-day support and guidance for pupils in all year groups and will also be able to confirm any queries regarding the Academy uniform. Safeworkers can be contacted through the main telephone numbers for the Primary and Secondary Phases:-

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6: Julie Porter

Year 2 – Year 5: Fiona Gill

Year 7: Diane Jacobs

Year 8: Pam Hartnett

Year 9: Karen Smith

Year 10: Wendy Noble

Year 11: Jackie Larner

School Lunches

From September, the cost for a two course meal are:

- Primary £2.40
- Secondary £2.50

Pupils in Reception and Years 1 and 2 are all entitled to a free school meal, should you wish them to have one. You are very welcome to sample the food we provide for school lunches. If you would like to do so please make contact at any time.

Breakfast

For Secondary Phase pupils arriving earlier than 8.30am, **free toast** (for pupils arriving before 8.15am) and a range of **Breakfast Meal Deals** are available in the canteen **from 7.45am each day**.

ParentPay

Alec Reed Academy is a 'cashless' school. In order to pay for items e.g. school dinners, clubs, trips etc. you will need to use our online payment system ParentPay (www.parentpay.com). ParentPay provides many benefits that include reducing the risk of loss and providing peace of mind that the money is being used for Academy products or the services you have chosen for your child.

You simply top-up your ParentPay account online by debit or credit card, or in cash through PayPoint stores. When you put money on your account, please click 'add to basket' to ensure the money is transferred to the Academy, and doesn't stay in your Parent Pay account. If you do not have a login for ParentPay, please email: finance@alecreedacademy.co.uk and we will be happy to provide a login and also information on how to use the system. Members of the Finance Team will be available to do this over the summer break.

New Year 7 Starters for September, Parent 'Settling-In' Evening

We want to ensure that all pupils joining the Academy in September are happy and feel settled from the start and look forward to welcoming all parents and carers of new Year 7 pupils to a **'Settling-In' Evening** on Thursday 27th September. An invitation with full details will be sent out in September.

Thank you to the ARA **Parent Teachers Association for purchasing summer reading books for all Year 6 pupils transferring to Yr7.**

Term dates for 2018-19

AUTUMN TERM:

Monday 3 September 2018 to Tuesday 18 December 2018

Staff Development Days: Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th September 2018

Primary, Year 7 & 12 start: Wednesday 5th September 2018

Year 8 – 11, 13 & 14 start: Thursday 6th September 2018

Half Term: Monday 22nd October 2018 to Monday 29th October 2018

Staff Development Day: Tuesday 30th October 2018

Primary and Secondary Phases back to school: Wednesday 31st October 2018

Christmas Holiday: Wednesday 19th December 2018 to Wednesday 2nd January

SPRING TERM:

Thursday 3rd January 2019 to Friday 5th April 2019

Staff Development Days: Thursday 3rd January 2019 and Friday 4th January 2019

Primary and Secondary Phases back to school: Monday 7th January 2019

Half Term: Monday 18th February 2019 to Friday 22nd February 2019

Easter Holiday: Monday 8th April 2019 to Monday 22nd April 2019

SUMMER TERM:

Tuesday 23 April 2019 to Friday 19 July 2019

Staff Development Day: Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Primary and Secondary Phases back to school: Wednesday 24th April 2019

May Day: Monday 6th May 2019

Half Term: Monday 27th May 2019 to Friday 31st May 2019

Staff Development Day: Friday 19th July 2019

Primary and Secondary Phase Pupils break up on Thursday 18th July 2019

Alec Reed Academy App

Stay up to date with our events and the latest school news by downloading our School News app for free from your app store today. Our School News app is available to download now, on your mobile or tablet. The app allows you to integrate calendar events into your device and get notified about important events.

How to download the app:

- Open your app store
- Search for 'School News'
- Select 'Free' (on the Apple Store) or 'Install' (on the Google Play Store or Windows Phone Store)
- Open the app, select 'Find my school' and enter the school postcode: UB5 5LQ

It has been a great pleasure to meet with so many parents and families at celebrations and parent evenings held in the primary, secondary and post-16 phases of the Academy.

Thank you for your support throughout the year. On behalf of all staff, students and Governors, I wish you all an enjoyable and restful summer break and look forward to seeing everyone again in the first week of September.

Kind regards



Gary Lobbett
Principal and CEO

School shoes and skirts

There remains a little confusion amongst our pupils over the style of school shoes and school skirts that can be worn to the Academy from September. This information has been shared with our pupils regularly so to ensure consistency of uniform from September I am writing to you and including some images to clear up any remaining uncertainty.

School shoes – these are to be polishable, black in colour with black soles and heels and if lace-up in style, then with black laces. Canvas, patent, suede, trainers, pumps etc are not suitable for school. All of the shoes included in the images below are suitable for wearing to ARA.



Skirts are to be pleated, knee length and charcoal grey in colour. They are available from many outlets including regular supermarkets such as Asda, Tesco and Sainsbury's. All of the styles below are suitable to wear to the Academy from September.



We will be very grateful for your support when purchasing new uniform with your son/daughter over the summer holidays. If uniform is correct in September it makes for a positive start and reduces any situations that could result in conflict.

ARA Secondary School Uniform from September 2018

Item of uniform	Information
ARA Navy Blazer with school badge	This is the only blazer that is to be worn by pupils and is purchased from the ARA uniform shop
ARA Navy V-neck jumper with school badge	This is the only jumper that is to be worn by pupils when in school and is purchased from the ARA uniform shop
White school shirt with collar to take a tie	These can be purchased from many different retail outlets
ARA clip-on tie	To be purchased from ARA uniform shop
Plain charcoal Grey Tailored School Trousers / Pleated Skirt	This is the only colour of trousers/pleated skirt that is to be worn in the high school and can be purchased from many different retail outlets
Plain dark grey school socks	These can be purchased from many different retail outlets
Low heeled black polishable shoes with black soles and black laces	School shoes must not be made from canvas or suede, if shoes have laces they must also be black Trainers/boots may not be worn instead of school shoes