



Candidate information pack



Ark John Keats
Academy



Principal's welcome

I am delighted to welcome you to our community here at Ark John Keats Academy: an all-through school in Enfield with a mixed comprehensive intake. Our mission is to ensure our pupils lead a life of genuine choice and can drive their own destinies because they have a rigorous academic curriculum, which is well taught, and because they know that kindness, effort, aspiration and tenacity lead to success.

We are a member of the successful network of Ark schools and are proud to serve the young people and families in our community here in Enfield.

We opened our doors to our first reception classes in September 2013 and our first cohort of Year 7 pupils joined us in September 2014. We currently have over 1800 pupils enrolled from Reception to Year 13 and are oversubscribed in every year group. Our teaching staff are experts in their subject areas and all staff at the academy have a commitment to upholding the highest expectations.

We have created an academy renowned for its calm, orderly and purposeful environment, where pupils behave maturely and respectfully and enjoy the rich experiences that we offer. As a result, our students secure excellent academic outcomes, become kind and well-rounded young people, and go on to impressive destinations.

The academy was graded good in all areas in our Ofsted inspection of January 2023, and we are committed to building on this foundation to ensure that every aspect of our school is truly excellent.

Our aim is to make Ark John Keats Academy a great school, that gives our young people what they need to live happy and fulfilled lives. Welcome to our team, where you will be joining a group of talented and dedicated staff who are committed to this and to making a positive contribution to the lives of young people. It is exciting to have you with us.



Daniel Conant
Principal

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Working at Ark John Keats means becoming part of a community that you truly care about. Over time, relationships with students, families and colleagues deepen, and there is a real sense of pride in belonging to a school that you help shape and grow. Being able to love a community and feel genuinely part of it is a privilege.

Jenny Bates
Vice Principal

Why join Ark John Keats?

A mission-driven team

Ark John Keats exists to serve a diverse and aspirational group of young people and families in Enfield. Our vision is for students to lead a life of genuine choice and to drive their own destinies, and this vision is rooted in the conviction that excellent outcomes are achievable for all children, regardless of background. You would be joining a team of staff unified by shared purpose, who are proud to work in this context and deeply committed to pursuing excellence for every child in our care.

A high-performing school

We are incredibly proud of the outcomes that our students achieve academically, both in terms of their progress and attainment. Our outcomes in all key stages meet and exceed national averages and we are closing the disadvantage gap. We are also very proud of our excellent attendance which consistently exceeds national averages in all key stages, reflecting a strong culture of commitment and high expectations.

A rich and purposeful school experience

Life at Ark John Keats extends beyond the classroom. Weekly enrichment opportunities provide pupils with broader learning, fostering new interests and developing essential character attributes. The school is committed to delivering an ambitious curriculum designed to equip students with the knowledge, skills and habits needed for future success, alongside a broad range of joyful experiences that make this a happy place to be a young person.

A place to build your career

Ark John Keats Academy is a school where people do not simply work. They grow. Many members of staff have spent their entire careers here, developing from early roles into positions of leadership and influence. This is an academy that believes deeply in its people and commits to supporting them over the long term. Joining Ark John Keats means becoming part of a professional home where your contribution is valued and your future is taken seriously. Career progression is clear, supported and actively encouraged, with strong internal promotion and long-term pathways for growth. Staff benefit from extensive and high-quality professional development, including whole school CPD, bespoke development groups and sustained coaching and mentoring. As your career evolves, so does the support around you, ensuring that you are continually challenged, trusted and invested in.



Life at Ark John Keats

Ark John Keats Academy is a thriving 3–18 all-through school in Enfield, welcoming pupils from Nursery through to Year 13. Since opening our doors to our first Reception cohort in 2013 and our first Year 7 cohort in 2014, the academy has grown into a highly successful and oversubscribed school community, now serving over 1,800 pupils. Our size, structure and all-through model allow staff to see the long-term impact of their work, supporting pupils across key transition points and through to impressive post-16 destinations.

Life at Ark John Keats is shaped by a shared belief in the potential of every child.

Our core values – Kindness, Effort, Aspiration, Tenacity and Success – underpin everything we do. We are proud to be recognised for our calm, orderly and purposeful environment, where pupils behave maturely, take responsibility for their actions, and engage fully in the opportunities and enrichment on offer. As a result, our pupils go on to ambitious academic destinations and progress to ambitious post-16 destinations, with over 65% of students regularly going to a top-third UK university.

Staff at Ark John Keats benefit from working within a highly academic, knowledge-rich curriculum designed to open doors for children for life.

Our curriculum is aligned with Ark Curriculum Programmes and carefully adapted to meet the needs of our pupils.

Teachers are supported through clear curriculum documentation, high-quality centralised resources, and protected weekly co-planning time within departments. This approach allows teachers to focus on intellectual preparation, subject mastery and meeting the needs of their classes, rather than creating materials from scratch.

Teaching and professional learning are central to daily life at the academy.

We recognise that excellent teaching is a career-long pursuit, and staff are supported through a research-informed CPD programme, regular coaching and feedback, and a strong open-door culture. Teachers at all stages of their careers are encouraged to reflect, collaborate and continually refine their practice, with development pathways that support both classroom excellence and leadership progression.

Ark John Keats Academy was graded Good in all areas at its January 2023 Ofsted inspection.

We are committed to building on this strong foundation to ensure every aspect of the school continues to improve. For staff, this means working in a mission-driven environment that values expertise, collaboration and long-term professional growth, while making a meaningful difference to the lives of young people and the wider community.

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Ark John Keats is a place where pupils are encouraged to be proud of who they are. Students feel confident talking about their culture and background, and that openness creates an inclusive and respectful environment.

As a member of staff, it is inspiring to work in a school that actively celebrates diversity and identity.

Jenny Bates
Vice Principal



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There are real opportunities to grow at Ark John Keats. Career pathways are clear and flexible, allowing staff to develop in different directions depending on their interests and strengths.

You are supported to build a long-term career here, with the confidence that your development is taken seriously.

Anastasia Georgiou
Head of SEND

Joining the Ark network

Joining Ark means there are plenty of diverse opportunities to progress your career, choosing the direction you want to take it in. Whether that be in one of our new or transition schools, a school in another region in the UK, as part of our dedicated network team or by working for one of our innovative Ark Ventures.

Benefits and rewards

As part of the Ark network, you'll have access to:

- Salaries 2.5% higher than the national main pay scale
- Twice as many training days as standard
- Generous pension scheme
- Access to Ark Rewards – savings from over 3,000 major retailers
- Interest-free loans up to £5,000 for season tickets or bicycle purchases
- Gym discounts up to 40%
- Access to the Employee Assistance Programme – free, confidential counselling, legal advice, and support

Safeguarding

Ark is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people in our academies. To meet this responsibility, we follow a rigorous selection process. This process is outlined [here](#) but can be provided in more detail if requested. All successful candidates will be subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.

World-class training and development

At Ark we are committed to providing you with high-quality professional learning throughout your career. The development of our staff is one of our top priorities – at every level and in every role. That's why for school staff we offer twice the number of training days as standard. Staff at Ark have access to a variety of training sessions and experiences, including nationally accredited development programmes and exposure to other schools and teams. Whether you're just starting your career or you're an experienced senior leader, we'll support you to be the best that you can be.

A commitment to encouraging diversity

Ark is committed to eliminating discrimination and encouraging diversity amongst our employees. Our aim is that our workforce will be truly representative of all sections of society and that each employee feels respected and able to give their best.

To that end we are committed to provide equality and fairness for all in our recruitment and employment practices and not to discriminate on grounds of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage/civil partnership status, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation. We oppose all forms of unlawful and unfair discrimination.





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How to find us

By overground and rail

Ark John Keats is a fifteen-minute walk from Turkey Street (Weaver line) and Enfield Lock (National Rail) stations, and a twenty-minute walk from Brimsdown Station (National Rail), with regular connections to London Liverpool Street.

By car

We are easily reached by car from the A10 and M25, with most of North-East London accessible within 30 minutes. There is free onsite parking for staff.

By bus

The 191 bus stops outside the school on Bell Lane (stop Albany Park Avenue), and the 121 and 279 buses stop nearby on Hertford Road (stop Ingersoll Road) around an eight-minute walk away.

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At Ark John Keats there is a shared belief that our children always deserve the very best.

Staff are encouraged to reflect, learn and continually improve, knowing that every small step forward can make a meaningful difference for pupils. The drive to get better together is what keeps the work purposeful and rewarding.

Ellie Lacey
Assistant Principal

