



Ark Elvin Academy

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Dear Year 11 pupils and parents/carers -

I hope you and your families are all well and that you have managed some sort of break over the Easter holidays.

As you know at the end of last term I shared with you the latest information from the government about your GCSEs. There are four key points for you to know and understand:

- You will not be sitting any examinations this summer
- Your GCSE results will be based on predicted grades set by your teachers and then moderated by the government organisation that oversees examinations - this is so all schools do not award every pupil a grade 9!
- We will base your predicted grade on all the work; mocks, classwork and homework you completed throughout Year 10 and Year 11 up until school was closed
- You will receive your GCSE results on GCSE results day which this year will be August 20th 2020.

This means that the work you complete this term is going to be different from what you were doing at home before the Easter holidays. You will no longer be revising for your GCSE exams or completing any further study for your GCSEs. Instead you are going to start preparing for the courses you will be studying in September and your post-16 destinations.

There will be less work for you to complete than if you were working towards your exams but the work that we are setting you is really important. We think it will take a minimum of 7 hours a week to complete but there will always be more for you to do if you are looking for extra stretch and challenge. You will be able to choose the subjects you want to focus on depending on what you want to be doing next year or just follow what interests you. We will share it all with you and you can do as much as you want. This work will be shared with you on Monday.

Throughout this term we are going to stay in touch with you to support you with this learning. Your form tutor will call you once a week to check in with you and your

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families. This week one of us will contact you as well to talk about your post 16 destination and make sure you are clear about your applications and where you are going to be studying next year.

We realise you will have lots of questions and please do not hesitate to get in touch with me directly or speak to your form tutor. We know that you will want to know your predicted grades. That is only natural but just like if you were sitting your exams you are going to have to wait until results day. You all know the predicted grades that were set following your last mocks. These may well be revised either by us or through the government moderation process. So you now need to wait till the summer. But please be reassured that all your hard work over the last two years will be recognised.

We are so proud of each and every one of you and the maturity you have shown through these difficult times. We are excited about your futures and the progress you will make when you start your new courses in September. We will be welcoming many of you back to our sixth form, and to Ark Academy sixth form so you will not be going far. And we will have so much to celebrate when we all come back together for our Reunion Prom in the Autumn term.

In the meantime - take care - stay safe - stay home and keep learning!

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