



Ark Elvin Academy

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Dear Year 11 pupils and parents/carers,

I know that you will have seen the news headlines over the last few days and I am sure you are feeling excited and nervous in equal measure about your results. I am writing to you today to reassure you and help you understand what will happen on Thursday.

What will happen on Thursday?

This has not been a normal year and results day will not be normal either! So as previously explained we have set up times for you to come in and receive your results on Thursday. You will meet with a teacher to go through your grades, make sure you understand them and then support you in securing the right post 16 course for you.

There are a few really important things to know about these results meetings:

- You must arrive 5 minutes before your meeting time and make sure you are not late
- You may bring one family member with you
- You must maintain a 2-metre distance from anyone not in your household at all times and wear a mask on the school site
- You must not attend your meeting if you are self-isolating and if you or anyone else in your household has any covid symptoms
- If you are not able to attend your results meeting on Thursday for any reason please email Ms Clancy directly on c.clancy@arkelvinacademy.org. Please explain why you cannot attend the meeting and in the email you must say that you give your consent for the school to email your results directly to you. We cannot send you your results if we have not got written consent from you. We can then arrange for a member of staff to call you to discuss your grades.

How were the grades you will receive awarded?

As you are all aware because you were unable to sit your GCSE exams this year the government made the decision to ask schools to award a centre assessed grade instead. These were shared with the exam boards back in May. The government then said that they would need to moderate these grades to ensure that no school over inflated their pupils predicted grades. We know that at Elvin we awarded very accurate centre assessed grades. Your teachers know you well and have reviewed your performance across Key Stage 4 to help decide your final centre assessed grades. We

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believe these are the best indication of how well you might have done if you had been able to sit an exam.

The A Level results last week highlighted some big concerns with the way the government decided to moderate the centre assessed grades. Like us, schools across the country were angry that this moderation process was unfair and yesterday the government changed its mind and said that the results you will receive on Thursday will be your centre assessed grades.

We know that many of you will still feel disappointed that you didn't get the chance to sit your final exams but we will be there to support you on Thursday and help make sure you get a place on the best possible course for you in our sixth form, at Ark Academy or in a college or sixth form of your choice.

None of us can change what has happened this year but we can start exciting new courses in September that will build the bright futures each and every one of you deserves. We are very proud of you and are with you every step of the way.

Onwards and upwards!

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