



# Ark Charter Academy

8<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We wanted to take this opportunity to write to you with some important updates specific to year 11 and to offer your child our continued support in their next steps in education.

## Year 11 Celebrations

We appreciate that many students were not able to attend the impromptu leavers event we held in March and the prom has been postponed.

At the moment the Government's guideline rules on social distancing and public gatherings mean that we regret that we are unable to hold a leavers event before the summer holidays. We will be hosting a virtual leavers event on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, more details regarding this will be shared with students shortly.

As the Government guidelines are changing as we ease out of lockdown, we are hopeful that we will be able to host a prom for Year 11 later on in the year. We are in discussions with the prom venue to secure a date in the autumn term on a Saturday so that this will not clash with any events/commitments students will have with their college or apprenticeship. We will be able to send you further details regarding this before the end of term.

## Free School Meal Vouchers

If you have been in receipt of FSM for your child, you will receive a £90 voucher to cover the summer holiday period. This will be emailed to you similar to the vouchers you have been receiving this term.

## Next steps

Whilst the School is currently closed to the majority of learners, systems remain in place to advise year 11 students on their future steps and we continue to encourage them to complete the transition projects available through the Flying Start website. We are aware that most students have secured their plans for college courses beginning in September 2020, but if your child would like further advice about applying for courses, please contact Ms Riches, the school's careers lead at: [o.riches@charteracademy.org.uk](mailto:o.riches@charteracademy.org.uk)



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## Results day

GCSE results will be released on Thursday 20 August. There is a consultation underway to determine what arrangements will take place to allow learners to collect their results safely. As always our staff will be on hand to support learners at this time. Your child's tutor will be in contact with you over the course of the next week to discuss this and finalised arrangements will be shared shortly.

We will continue to review our arrangements in light of the changing Government guidelines and will communicate any changes, with as much notice as possible.

## Finally...

We know the last few months have been difficult for some families and friends and we all find ourselves in uncharted waters. It is with great disappointment we cannot say our formal farewells to our wonderful Y11s, who have grown in character, resilience and maturity over the last five years. It has been a pleasure to have known every one of them.

We do wish you and your family the best for the future and thank you for your support.

Kind regards

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