



Ark Charter Academy

Dear parents/carers,

RE: Year 11 examinations update

Most of you will be following the news in relation to the examinations which were due to take place this academic year. We are monitoring the situation carefully and will keep you updated as and when any significant changes come into play.

There is much speculation suggesting that students may sit some form of 'mini-assessment' later in the summer term in conjunction with other evidence supplied by class teachers, all of which we are awaiting confirmation of.

We are keen to ensure that we are prepared for any eventuality and to that end wanted to draw your attention to the following actions we are taking as an Academy to be ready for any scenario.

- Staff will be tracking student's attendance to remote learning sessions and will be monitoring engagement in these sessions and therefore attendance to all sessions is of high importance.
- Attendance to period 1 and tutor sessions are not optional and attendance to these sessions will also be monitored.
- Staff will be asking students to provide, keep and store records of the work that is being completed from home to support with forming a portfolio of work.

It is important that students are aware that the work they are completing remotely is just as important as any work completed in school. Students should treat each lesson being taught as one which could form part of a portfolio or evidence bank which in turn could be used to support teacher judgements.

Whilst we are still awaiting the final decision on how GCSE grades will be awarded this academic year – we remain committed to ensuring that students are fully engaged with their courses as though traditional exams were going ahead.

We thank you for your continued support in these unsettling times and whilst we are not teaching the students in person we are incredibly grateful for the role you have taken on as coach, teacher and digital support provider.

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