



5th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have always ensured that the student voice helps to inform our progress and improvements. As Head of Sixth Form I have recently conducted some Year 11 focus groups to ascertain student views of the Sixth Form so that I may be able to improve the offer and better meet their needs.

The focus groups provided me with some useful information. Consequently, after consultation with the Executive Headteacher we have decided to make some changes to the Sixth Form for 2020/21 to better match the expectations of our current Year 11 cohort.

Firstly, we are going to move away from compulsory study periods in the Sixth Form for the students who remain on target. This means that students will have far greater control of their time and as such will have greater autonomy over the management of their working day.

However, this privilege will have to be earned and will be reviewed on a half termly basis via judgements on their academic progress. If a student is below target in any of their respective subjects, they lose this right and revert back to being required on site for the duration of the school day.

Secondly, we are going to review the facilities in the Sixth Form. This will involve a full audit of the common room area, study spaces and catering facilities. I can't comment much more on this at present as I have to fully cost the investments that we intend to make, however, suffice to say that we have a strong intention to improve the facilities for the students for the September 2020 intake.

If you have any questions about the proposals, then please feel free to contact me on j.hamilton@arkalexandra.org.

Yours faithfully

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