



Dear Parent and Carers of Year 11 and Year 13 students,

Following the cancellation of GCSE examinations this year we have been developing a robust system to ensure students get a fair grade for their qualification and wanted to update you on the progress so far.

Students in year 11 and 13 have been working hard throughout the past year, despite the lockdowns and bubble closures and the work completed up to this point will be taken into consideration when calculating the students' final grade. We also have the opportunity for student to demonstrate their knowledge during the start of the summer term before grades are submitted to the exam boards. We will be using this time to prepare student for, and to conduct a variety of, in class assessments. Further details of these assessments and what they will cover will be shared with students before the Easter break. We will be working with all year 11 teachers in the school and across the Ark network of secondary schools to ensure that student grades are a fair reflection of their work and in-line with national expectations.

All we ask is that students work hard, listen to what the teachers are telling them, act on the feedback and complete all the work set.

We propose to hold a parent evening for year 11 on Wednesday 31st March 4pm – 7pm and one for year 13 before Easter both of which will be conducted virtually. This will be an opportunity for you to learn where your son/daughter is at and what they need to do to achieve a higher mark. Information on how to access the virtual parent evening is attached.

Year 11 appointments can be booked from 3:00pm on Monday 22nd March by visiting:

<https://arkalexandra.schoolcloud.co.uk>

We look forward to meeting you at these events and will be able to answer any queries you may have.

Regards,

Liam Collins
Principal

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