



24 April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

**COVID-19 Update: Friday 24.04.20**

I want to update you on just a few things at the end of the week.

- A reminder of the link from Monday's letter which takes you to the transition information for Year 11 students looking at sixth form places:  
<https://www.archwayschool.net/attachments/download.asp?file=441&type=pdf>. This was also emailed directly to all year 11 students and made available on Show My Homework, but if there is any difficulty accessing it or any other sixth form queries, please contact Matt Redman via [mattredman@archwayschool.net](mailto:mattredman@archwayschool.net).
- There are many questions about how results will be awarded this year for those who were due to take external examinations. As schools we have been asked to use our professional judgement to make a fair and objective judgment of the grades we believe the students would have achieved. We have been advised that we need to take into account a full range of evidence when we grade students. This will include any non-examined assessments, the results of homework, mock exams and any other records of the students' performance over the whole course of their study. For students who would have had access arrangements (extra time, etc.) we have been asked to judge the grade they would have most likely achieved if they had been able to sit their exam with the access arrangements in place. Results should be published on the usual days 13<sup>th</sup> August for A Level/BTEC L3 and the 20<sup>th</sup> August for GCSE/BTEC L2.
- Sealyham Trip: We are still pursuing the insurance company over this and we will be in contact once we have more information from them. There is much speculation about the re-opening of schools. We have not had any indication of when this might be or the way in which it will be done. I can assure you however, that the Local Authority have set up a working group with Headteachers to plan for this. It will be a County co-ordinated plan, rather than being left to individual schools.
- On Monday this week we began our 'keeping in touch' phone calls to all parents. I know many of you have appreciated those this week and we will have completed them by the end of next week. It is our intention to keep these going on a fortnightly basis until we re-open. Please do remember that you can contact us at any time via [admin@archwayschool.net](mailto:admin@archwayschool.net) (general), [dominicsalmon@archwayschool.net](mailto:dominicsalmon@archwayschool.net) (Show My Homework) [safeguarding@archwayschool.net](mailto:safeguarding@archwayschool.net) (safeguarding concerns).

I hope that you and your families are well and thank all of you who are helping us all to get through these challenging times.

Yours faithfully

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