



12 May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Update: Tuesday 12.05.20

I hope that you and your families are keeping safe and well. I have a few reminders/updates today:

- **Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday:** We would like to clarify that the school remains closed to all students, other than those children whose parents are key workers, those children with an EHCP or those with a Social Worker. If you are a non-key worker and planning to return to work, we are not currently in a position to allow your child into school. Further detail was released late last night, while it seems clear that there will be no return for secondary school students in the near future, there is mention of preparing for some 'face to face provision for students in Years 10 and 12'. As we work through the guidance and plan for the coming weeks we will update you with any changes to the current arrangements.
- Work that students complete should, where possible be submitted through the Show My Homework site. This helps us to make sure that work is being completed and you can check that your child has completed the work set. Enquiries and difficulties with this should be directed to dominicsalmon@archwayschool.net.
- **Sealyham trip:** We have received confirmation from our insurers that a refund will be issued for this trip. We will reimburse the monies paid as soon as we receive the refund from the insurance company.
- **Italy trip:** We were finally able to cancel this trip last week and have put a claim into the insurers for the deposit that has already been paid. We have been able to issue a refund for any monies paid that were in addition to the deposits. We will let you know as soon as we have more information about the refund of the deposits from the insurance company.
- **Year 10 examinations:** At the end of last week we received confirmation that examination grades will be issued to those students that were entered for examinations in Year 10. For our students this applies to GCSE Statistics. The Maths department are now using their professional judgement to make a fair and objective judgment of the grades they believe the students would have achieved. They have been advised that they need to take into account a full range of evidence when they grade students.
- **GCC emergency living fund:** Gloucestershire County Council have asked that we share the following information with you:
'We are pleased to confirm that the GCC emergency living fund is now live. This provides enhanced support for families on welfare and is a part of a 40% increase in funding that GCC is providing to support people through the COVID-19 outbreak. More information on eligibility and application can be found by using the link below.'
<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/gloucestershire-welfare-support-scheme>

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- The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has announced an online initiative that aims to inspire school pupils to work in the cyber security sector through a range of extracurricular activities including online classes. This provides the opportunity to learn and develop the important skills required for jobs in areas like cyber security from home. Further details of this can be found using the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-virtual-cyber-school-gives-teens-chance-to-try-out-as-cyber-security-agents-from-home>

- GCSEPOD are supporting home learning by providing parents with the opportunity to sign up for a free webinar. Registration is vital to secure a place on the webinar of your choice. To book just click the link to the right of the webinar. For more info on the webinars that are running (and to view samples of the ones that have ran so far) click here -

<https://www.gcsepod.com/news-gcse-learning-revision/podup-presents-webinars/>

WEBINAR LIST:

May 13th 17:00:00

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UIwWCH1NR6mA-pv_HyZgSg

May 15th 12:30:00

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_D8c9SAfqQHyW2hBHXpMV0A

- On Monday this week we began our 'keeping in touch' phone calls to all parents again. I know many of you have appreciated these calls last time.

Please do remember that you can contact us at any time via:

admin@archwayschool.net (general queries)

dominicsalmon@archwayschool.net (Show My Homework)

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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