



Archway

23 March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

After a couple of weeks back, it feels very much like a school back in full operation, albeit without the usual programme of extra-curricular activities. It is still very heart warming to see a full school once again.

Virtual Work Experience (Years 10 and 11)

The world of work is rapidly changing and a number of opportunities for gaining experience of the workplace are available in the virtual world. Please see our website for a sample of what is out there: [Virtual Work Experience Y10/11 - Archway School](#). This is your chance to stand out from the crowd!

Year 11 update

The Year 11 students are currently busy, working with their teachers on their final pieces of assessment which will help form the final grades given to the students. The next few weeks up to and beyond Easter will be an important time for these students and we will do all we can to help support each and every student to gain the grades they deserve. Some students have been asking about the finishing date for Year 11. We are currently in discussion with other local schools to decide upon the best 'final day' of school for Year 11 this year to ensure some consistency of approach, if possible. The latest date that schools can send grades to exam boards is 18th June 2021. A final decision on whether or not a Prom can take place is also yet to be made.

Behaviour in the Community

Now that the students are back in the community it is time to remind ourselves that the rest of the country is still in lockdown. Students should not congregate in crowds outside the school and they must be wary of maintaining social distancing between themselves and members of the community. Crowds have been gathering outside Tesco Express and the Post Office after school which should not happen. When using public transport students must wear a mask. I am prompted to put this reminder out after the school received communications recently about these issues. Please remind your children of the importance to be respectful of COVID-19 rules and polite when moving to and from school.

Safety on School Site

I respectfully remind all parents to drop off students at the designated zone and not on the roundabout. Also, it is essential that vehicles on school site travel slowly and cautiously.

Free School Meals at Easter

Vouchers for free school meals are available over the Easter period. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

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COVID-19

You may have picked up from our Twitter feed that we completed over 3200 lateral flow tests with no positive cases picked up. This is encouraging, but with a third wave appearing in parts of Europe, we must be cautious and maintain good hygiene. Please see the attached letter from the Gloucestershire County Council. Please continue to assist your child in the testing process at home and to record results on both the NHS Test and Trace system as well as through our website.

Visitors to School

I would like to remind all parents that visits to school are still restricted; only pre-planned, authorised visits to the school site are currently permitted.

New School Phone Message

We have included a Sixth Form absence option through our school switchboard. Please ensure that you Press '1' to report an absence in the Sixth Form and '2' for an absence in Years 7 to 11.

Yours faithfully



Kieron Smith
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