



Archway

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Dear Parents/Carers

### **Year 11, 12 and 13 Grading**

Our senior students in years 11, 12 and 13 are in the midst of their assessments at present and by mid-May the vast majority will have been completed. There are a variety of different methods being applied to get an accurate grade for each student and a rigorous moderation process will take place in early June before the final grades are submitted for scrutiny by the exam boards in the summer. Thank you for all the support and encouragement that you have given your child and for being understanding of the need for confidentiality when it comes to discussing of grades. Teachers are not allowed to discuss grades with students which I know is frustrating, but it is essential to ensure the process is applied correctly. If you would like to read the school policy on the awarding of grades, this can be found on our website:

<https://www.archwayschool.net/attachments/download.asp?file=785&type=pdf>

### **Year 11 and 13 Leaving Dates**

We can now confirm the final days in school for our Year 11 and 13 students. Year 13 will leave on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May and Year 11 on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Year 11/13 Celebrations**

We are planning social events for the two year groups. Dates are currently Thursday 24 June for Year 11 and Thursday 8 July for Year 13 and they will only be allowed to take place should the COVID regulations allow. For this reason these events will be lower key than normal, but it is important that the students have an opportunity to mark the end of important stages in their education.

### **Sixth Form Induction Days and Stroud College Induction**

After half term, Year 11 students will be invited in for 3 days of Sixth Form induction on 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of June. This will be an opportunity for students to get a taste of life in the Sixth Form, collect important materials to prepare them for BTECs and A Level studies and for them to bond as a group with team-building activities. More information about these days will be forthcoming. Stroud College are also planning similar activities, but dates have yet to be confirmed.

### **School Food – Caterlink update**

From next week, it will no longer be possible for students to run up a debt on their Caterlink account. Should students run out of money, the school will need parental permission before awarding a temporary (one day) allowance of the equivalent of the cost of a hot meal but this must be cleared within 24 hours. Please check the status of your child's account and top up if they are negative. Year 11 and 13 students will need to reduce their balance to zero on the day they leave to avoid the lengthy process of getting a refund.

### **COVID-19 Update**

Our students are doing an excellent job by adhering to the one-way system, keeping in their bubbles and wearing masks. Thank you for continuing to test your child on a weekly basis; new kits have been issued to your child this week. Arrival times are still 08:30 for Years 7, 8 and 9 and 08:45 for other year groups. This is currently being reviewed and may change after half term, but I shall write to you if the timings change.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher