



RE: Year 11 Assembly Follow up Letter

19/03/2020

Dear Year 11 Parents,

Thank you once again for your support with the Year 11 assembly this morning. We are incredibly proud of your children and how they have coped during this difficult period. It was right and proper that we gave them a good send off and the whole school guard of honour was a fitting tribute for all their hard work.

The aims of the assembly were to offer some reassurance to parents and students, to attempt to clarify the Government's position on exams and set out the basis of the ongoing support that will be in place for Year 11 students over the coming months. Clearly, we also wanted to give the students a good send off and make them feel special and valued.

The UK Government has stated that GCSE examinations are cancelled and that students will receive the qualifications that they need. We are absolutely committed to supporting our students to secure the post-16 provision that they deserve. In the coming weeks we hope to be able to support students with post-16 preparations by putting them in touch directly with sixth form providers. We are yet to receive further guidance from the Government on how the process of GCSE assessment will take place. We will update you as soon as we receive any information. Ms Reddy (Assistant Headteacher) will be your first port of call for questions around post-16 application process: [sreddy@arkgreenwich.org](mailto:sreddy@arkgreenwich.org).

We intend to keep in regular contact with students throughout this period of uncertainty. Please remind your child that we are on hand to support them should they need us. Students can use the following information to receive support:

- The school phone number and email address, which will be monitored throughout the closure period. You can call the school on 0208 319 3692, or email [info@arkgreenwich.org](mailto:info@arkgreenwich.org). If you would like to speak to a specific member of staff, the reception team will forward your communication.
- Students are trained to use the Sharp System if they have a safeguarding concern. <https://gfs.thesharpsystem.com/>
- Childline can be contacted on 0800 1111 or via <https://www.childline.org.uk/>
- In an emergency you should always call 999.

I am confident that our students possess the strength of character to face this latest challenge head on. They are capable of standing shoulder to shoulder with any student in the country if they believe in themselves. I know that with your ongoing support they will each go on to achieve great things in the future.

It has been absolute pleasure to educate your children this last 5 years. We are immensely proud of the well rounded individuals that they have become. I look forward to seeing each of them at the Year 11 Prom sometime in the not too distant future.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Rhys Spiers  
Headteacher