

23 March 2020

Dear Y11 Parent / Carer,

CC Y11 Students

Please note these key updates from today:

GCSE Grades

Students / parents should not email teachers about this. As explained, the government is putting in place a fair system for awarding grades, and when we know what that is we will communicate it. Grades will not necessarily be the same as Dec mock results or predictions, so don't worry. They will instead reflect the improvement we would normally expect to see from Y11 in the final terms of this year. Just focus on completing KAA@Home work and more information will follow in the coming days / weeks.

March Y11 Mock Exams

As you know, because these can't take place as normal we are going to have to do the best possible version of them at home. They may form a part of the teacher assessment we eventually submit for your GCSE grade, but will not be the whole picture, so you **try your best** but *do not worry too much* (e.g. if things are difficult at home at present). Some departments have already communicated how they want them to be done, but I am asking Miss Jordan to send one email to all of you clarifying everything in one place, which she will do shortly. We have posted some hard copies of papers to parents but have decided today to do these 100% electronically, so please treat hard copies as practice papers only.

Also please complete mocks in timed, exam conditions under supervision from an adult, otherwise it invalidates the data. Communicating with others during a mock or using the internet is strictly forbidden and will result in a mark of zero.

Other issues

- 1) We are moving to a voucher system for Free School Meals as soon as possible but for now students will need to visit school to collect a free lunch. Collection is at 1 p.m. If you are self-isolating, please ask a friend / relative to collect for you.
- 2) Please ask your child to maintain formality and proper behaviour online at all times.
- 3) If you are having issues with access to internet or laptops please email info@kaa.org.uk. We believe we are nearly at 100% coverage now with Y11, but if issues are still there please say.

Thank you for all your help today getting KAA@Home off to a successful start. We may reduce the frequency of these updates now, but you can always contact your child's Form Tutor, Director or Learning or info@kaa.org.uk with questions. We are thinking of all our KAA students and families at this difficult time, and are hoping to provide further information shortly about local support for families in self-isolation. Also please do reinforce with your children that they should not be leaving the home at this time if they do not have a good reason, and if they do should be maintaining a clear 2-3m distance from other people at all times.

With best wishes,



David Benson
Principal