



Ark Evelyn Grace Academy

29th March 2019

Dear parents and carers

I am writing to update you on the process surrounding our sixth form recruitment. As I am sure you are aware, we previously ran a sixth form open evening and invited applications from our current year 11 students for a place in Year 12. We also arranged for a second opportunity for students to speak to subject leads to market their A level subjects to all those interested.

.... I made it clear that I would only run Year 12 in 2019.20 if we had sufficient numbers of students who applied for a place in our sixth form and were eligible to study A levels. Sadly, we did not have enough numbers to make it viable. Subjects had too few applicants and the overall numbers were not enough to justify running year 12.

Given this, I have made the decision to not recruit for year 12 for 2019.20. This will give me time to review our sixth form offer and consolidate our results at Key Stage 4. This is not a final decision, but simply a pause in sixth form provision.

To support our year 11s with their next steps in securing places at good sixth forms and colleges, we will continue with our one to one interviews and we will also run assemblies with other sixth form providers, building on the support offer provided at our recent careers fair.

This decision has not been taken lightly and I understand people will be disappointed but I believe it is the right decision for our students and the academy as a whole. I trust that it will motivate all our students to secure the very highest possible grades in their subjects so that they may secure a place at the best sixth form or college of their choice.

We will be using our recent mock results to target our students for further interventions after school, on Saturdays and during the holidays. We will contact you about these interventions separately. Please support us and your child by speaking to them about their revision and ensuring they come to school every day and attend all interventions they have been invited to attend.

If any of you wish to discuss the contents of this letter then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Your sincerely,

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